

**Consultation in topics to be covered by the HKSAR's
Third report on the Convention Against Torture**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to raise one point which may be included under section 20 of the consultation paper dealing with Article 3 of the Convention. Again and again I come across persons who have been accepted as refugees by the UNHCR, but have not been granted resettlement in any country. These people live in Hong Kong, sometimes for years, without the right to work, the possibility to study or the prospect of resettlement in the foreseeable future. The report should outline what the government of the SAR intends to do for these people.

Similarly there may be persons in the future whose claims under the Convention have been certified. However, as long as the government shirks any decision on their future, they will be unable to leave Hong Kong or to build a life in our city. The report should comment on the government's intentions regarding these people.

Yours sincerely,

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