

Submission of report by HKSAR under United Nations treaty

The second report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) was submitted to the United Nations (UN) on January 14, 2005.

A government spokesman said that the report described the developments of civil and political rights in Hong Kong since the hearing on the initial report in November 1998.

“It also responds to the concerns and recommendations of the Human Rights Committee – the UN Treaty Monitoring Body for the ICCPR – after the hearing of the initial report”, the spokesman said.

“In accordance with established practice, we sought the views of Members of the Legislative Council, non-governmental organisations and other interested parties on the implementation of the treaty in Hong Kong, before preparing the report. The report takes their comments into account and responds to them as far as practicable.

“A Hong Kong delegation will attend the eventual hearing of the report, which we understand is tentatively scheduled for March, 2006.”

The report was submitted to the UN by China’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva. The full text, in Chinese and English, is now available on the Home Affairs Bureau’s homepage (<http://www.hab.gov.hk>). Copies of the report are available at Home Affairs Department Public Enquiry Service Centres.

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