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to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions
of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions
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Dear Mr Lam,

Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions

At the meeting of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions on 14 June 2016, the Administration was requested to -

- (a) advise the Subcommittee whether Yemen was one of the Belt and Road countries; and
- (b) provide information on whether the countries being sanctioned are Belt and Road countries in future Legislative Council Briefs on regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) ("UNSO").

Our responses are set out below –

According to the "Vision and Actions on Jointly Building the Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road" issued by the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce, the Belt and Road covers - but is not limited to - the area of the ancient Silk Road. The Initiative is open to engagement by all countries as well as international and regional organisations. While there is not a definite list of Belt and Road countries, Yemen is usually being regarded as one of the many countries along the Belt and Road.

To facilitate members' understanding of the countries being sanctioned by the Security Council of the United Nations, the Administration will provide information to indicate whether the countries being sanctioned are usually considered as Belt and Road countries in future Legislative Council Briefs on regulations made under the UNSO.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development