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The Honourable Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS  
Chief Executive of the HKSAR,  
Tamar,  
Hong Kong.

Dear Chief Executive,

Re: Commission of Inquiry

I refer to the letter from Ronald Cheng, your Private Secretary, dated 14 February 2020 on this subject.

I first apologise for not replying sooner. I have been preoccupied with issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic and how it affects the administration of justice and the livelihood of my members. I will be writing to the Financial Secretary today about what assistance the HKSARG should be offering to barristers as self-employed workers who have been hit hard by the suspension of court business for nearly two months.

I am not re-assured by Mr Cheng's urging that we should all have faith in the IPCC. I adhere to the view that the IPCC is not statutorily equipped to address the many serious issues that arose in protest-related disturbances last year and early this year.

The case for a Commission of Inquiry (COI) is as strong as ever. When the coronavirus crisis recedes I am confident that there will be renewed calls for a COI. They will be fortified by reports like the one prepared by Amnesty International about three weeks' ago 'Hong Kong: Missing Truth, Missing Justice' which makes out a convincing case for a COI (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa17/1868/2020>).

Yours faithfully,

Philip Dykes S.C.  
Chairman

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