

## Brief for the New Governor

### Localisation and Adaptation of Law

#### Localisation of Laws

The aim of this exercise is to replace necessary UK enactments currently applying to Hong Kong by local enactments that will remain in force after 1997.

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2. At present, the main problem area lies with Civil Aviation legislation, and we do not expect to reach agreement until the matter of Air Service Agreements (ASAs) is resolved.

3. Our target date for completing this exercise is 1994.

#### Adaptation of Laws

4. Under Articles 8 & 160 of the Basic Law, only those Hong Kong Laws that do not contravene the Basic Law can continue in force after 1997. Our aim is to reach

agreement with the Chinese on any necessary "adaptation" of existing legislation.

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6. Branches are now reviewing all existing laws to decide what needs to be adapted. We aim to complete the review this year. We have so far identified two items which are suitable for early adaptation (the Post Office Ordinance and the concept of the "Crown as landlord", scattered in a number of land related ordinances) and we plan to consult the Chinese later this year.

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## Annex A

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## Annex B

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