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Ms Anita Fung Chairman The Hong Kong Association of Banks Room 525, 5/F Prince's Building Central Hong Kong By email and by hand

Dear Ms Fung,

Consultation on Leverage Ratio ("LR") Standard Disclosure Templates

I am writing to consult the Association on the enclosed draft LR standard disclosure templates (and their accompanying explanatory notes) to be used by locally incorporated authorized institutions ("AIs") for making disclosure of their LRs and related information.

Similar to the draft Liquidity Coverage Ratio standard disclosure template which we issued on 15 January, the enclosed templates form part of the disclosure requirements associated with the second phase of the Basel III standards, to be implemented in Hong Kong by the Banking (Disclosure) (Amendment) Rules 2014 (which are currently undergoing negative vetting by the Legislative Council). The disclosure requirements are scheduled to take effect from AIs' interim or annual financial disclosures for reporting periods ending on or after 31 March 2015.

The LR standard disclosure templates are substantially similar in content to those prescribed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision ("BCBS") (as described in *Basel III leverage ratio framework and disclosure requirements* released by the BCBS in January 2014).

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter and its enclosures to all members of the Association, and let us have any comments by 28 February.

If you have any questions on this letter and its enclosures, please feel free to contact Mr Richard Chu (2878-8276) or Miss Theresa Kwan (2878-1093).

I am writing in similar terms to The DTC Association.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Kemp Executive Director (Banking Policy)

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