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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Exposure Draft on Treasury Laws Amendment Bill 2024: Multinational Tax Transparency – Country by Country Reporting released by the Australian Government on 12 February 2024, which is open for response until <u>5 March 2024</u>.

Based on the Exposure Draft, for Australia and specified jurisdictions determined by the Minister, public information must be published on an individual jurisdiction basis. 41 specified jurisdictions, <u>including Hong Kong</u>, are now listed on the Determination. The explanatory materials state that the jurisdictions specified in the Determination are those that are typically <u>associated with tax incentives</u>, <u>tax secrecy and other</u> <u>matters likely to facilitate profit shifting activities</u>. The Exposure Draft also provides that the Minister can amend the list of specified countries at any time via legislative instrument.

Hong Kong has all along been supporting international co-operation in combating cross-border tax avoidance and comply with international tax standards. Hong Kong was also removed from the EU watchlist on tax co-operation on 20 February 2024. In this regard, we sincerely suggest that Hong Kong should be removed from the list of specified jurisdiction in the Determination.

Regards, Stephanie Leung Email: