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By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation to Comment on

International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) Exposure Draft, Proposed Revisions to the Code Addressing Tax Planning and Related Services

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2023 inviting our comments on the IESBA Exposure Draft.

The proposed revisions in the IESBA Exposure Draft are to respond to public interest concerns about tax avoidance and the role played by consultants, including professional tax advisers. The proposals strengthen the ethical expectations for professional accountants in business and in public practice when performing tax planning activities for employing organizations or providing tax planning services to clients, respectively. Insofar as tax administration is concerned, we have no comments on the IESBA Exposure Draft. That said, we expect all taxpayers to pay their fair share of tax and will tackle any artificial transaction that serves little or no purpose, other than for avoidance of tax.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide our comments on the Exposure Draft.

Yours faithfully,

(Ms CHAN Ut-chan)

for Commissioner of Inland Revenue

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