In relation to media enquiries arising from a report by Reuters dated April 14, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, issued the

following statement today (April 15):

Since taking office in 2010, the Chief Justice has not at any stage encountered or

experienced any form of interference by the Mainland authorities with judicial

independence in Hong Kong, including the appointment of judges. Judicial independence

is guaranteed under the Basic Law and is a main component of the rule of law in Hong

Kong.

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