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**Proposed Dialect Allowance for  
Interpreter (Simultaneous Interpretation) Grade**

At the Commission's 291<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1996, Members considered your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> August 1996 in which you proposed a dialect allowance for the Interpreter (Simultaneous Interpretation) Grade and subsequent letters dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 1996 and 24<sup>th</sup> September 1996 in which you provided further information in response to our requests.

I have been asked by the Commission to convey to you their unanimous decision that -

- (a) the dialect allowance should not be granted to the Interpreter (Simultaneous Interpretation) Grade; and
- (b) the Administration should review the case of all Senior Chinese Language Officers, Court Interpreters and Police Interpreters, if any, whose salaries are above MPS Point 33 and who are currently receiving the dialect allowance(s) to see if they should stop receiving the said allowance(s).

An extract of the relevant minutes of the Commission's 291<sup>st</sup> meeting is attached for your information. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Secretary General