

CHAPTER 5

A CONCLUDING NOTE

Section 1 : Acknowledgements

5.1 With the completion of this delineation exercise, the Commission would like to express its gratitude towards the following government departments/units for their contributions: the AHSB for its provision of the population forecasts; the DOs of the 18 districts for their information on the basis of their district knowledge; the LandsD for its production of the various maps and boundary descriptions for the conduct of the consultation exercise and production of the report; the ISD for its contribution to the publicity programme relating to the consultation exercise, the Government Logistics Department for the printing of the consultation materials and this report, and the HAD for the provision of venues for holding the three public forums.

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5.3 Last but not least, the Commission is most grateful to those members of the public for their representations, put forth in writing or orally in the public forums.

Section 2 : Conclusion

5.4 As in previous delineation exercises, the EAC has adopted a pragmatic approach. The EAC has made every effort to observe the requirements of the population quota and permissible range as far as practicable, and at the same time to accommodate the suggestions from members of the public which are supported by overwhelming reasons and would bring about notable and substantial improvement on community and development considerations. As always, the Commission has paid no regard to any suggestions with political implications.

5.5 Delineation of the DCCA boundaries is an integral part of an ordinary election. The Commission is committed to conducting each and every election under its supervision in an open, fair and honest manner. The Commission has all the time held on to this important principle in this delineation exercise.