

## CHAPTER 5

### A CONCLUDING NOTE

#### **Section 1 : Acknowledgements**

5.1 With the completion of this delineation exercise, the EAC would like to express its gratitude towards the following government departments for their contributions: the AHSB for its provision of the population projections; the DOs of the 18 districts for providing the factual information regarding the local characteristics, geographical and transport situations of their respective districts; 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 two public forums and its assistance to distribute the consultation documents and publicity posters.

5.2 The EAC is particularly thankful to the EAC Secretariat for their dedicated and concerted efforts in the preparation and support for the delineation exercise.

5.3 Last but not least, the EAC 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 in conducting the delineation exercise. The EAC has made every effort to observe the requirements of the population quota and permissible range as far as practicable. At the same time, the EAC will accept the suggestions from members of the public on grounds of community identities, local ties or geographical factors if the suggestions are supported by overwhelming reasons and do better comply with the statutory criteria and working principles for the delineation exercise as compared with the provisional recommendations. As always, the EAC has paid no regard to any suggestions with political implications or those which are not relevant to the statutory requirements.

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