

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Section 1 : The Electoral Affairs Commission**

1.1 The Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC” or “Commission”) is an independent and apolitical body established under section 3 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (“EACO”) (Chapter 541 of the Laws of Hong Kong), with the primary objective of upholding fairness and openness in public elections.

#### **Section 2 : Responsibility of the Commission**

1.2 Under section 4(a) of the EACO, one of the functions of the Commission is to consider and review the boundaries of Legislative Council geographical constituencies (“GCs”) for the purpose of making recommendations as to the boundaries and names of GCs for a Legislative Council (“LegCo”) general election.

1.3 For the 2004 LegCo Elections, the EAC is required to submit to the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region a report on the recommendations for the delineation of the GCs and the names proposed for each constituency by 9 September 2003, ie not more than 36 months from the preceding general election held on 10 September 2000, as stipulated in section 18 of the EACO.

### **Section 3 : Scope of the Report**

1.4 The scope and content of this report are based on the requirements stipulated under section 18 of the EACO. The report is published in two volumes. **Volume 1** primarily describes how the proposed delineation of the boundaries of GCs is worked out and sets out the Commission's recommendations on the boundaries and the names of the GCs with the reasons for its recommendations. It also includes a complete record of all the written and oral representations made to the Commission. **Volume 2** contains the list of recommended GCs and maps showing the recommended boundaries and names of the GCs.