

CHAPTER 5

A CONCLUDING NOTE

Section 1 : Acknowledgements

5.1 With the completion of this demarcation exercise, the Commission would like to express its gratitude towards the following parties for their contributions: the AHSG, for its provision of the population forecasts; the District Offices of the HAD, for their input on the basis of their local knowledge; the LandsD, for their production of the various maps for the conduct of the consultation exercise and production of the report; the Information Services Department for their 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 CMAB for their advice.

5.2 The REO, being the executive arm of the Commission, has provided the manpower required for carrying out the exercise. The Commission is particularly thankful to the staff of the REO for their dedicated and concerted efforts in the preparation work.

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

voiced them personally at the public forum.

Section 2 : The Important Principle

5.4 As in previous demarcation exercises, the EAC has adhered to the statutory requirements and its working principles as far as practicable. The EAC has made every effort to strike a balance between observing the population quota requirement and at the same time accommodating suggestions from the public with reference to the community considerations. As always, the Commission has paid no regard to any suggestions with political implications.

5.5 Delineation of constituencies is an integral part of an election. The Commission is committed to conducting each and every election under its supervision in an open, fair and honest manner. The Commission has faithfully held on to this important principle in this demarcation exercise.