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In view of the fact that Law no. 3/98/M, i.e., “Declaration and Public Monitor of Incomes and Properties”, also known as the “Sunshine Law”, has been in practice for 4 years since its promulgation on 29 June 1998, a review of its implementation was included in the agenda of 2002. For this purpose, the CCAC formed an internal working group to analyze the minutes of the relevant Legislative Assembly meetings during the period of legislation of the “Sunshine Law”, proposals, comments and opinions of the public. The group also proceeded with an in-depth study of the relevant provisions, declaration forms and, with emphasis on rationalizing and clarifying those from which problems and conflicts were caused. At the same time, on the basis of the text essence and spirit of the existing law, revisions were introduced with the aim at facilitating those completing the declaration forms and those organs collecting them and at filling up loopholes. A comparative analysis was also made on the systems of declaration of incomes and properties of other regions and countries, such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, the mainland China, Singapore, the United States, Canada and Portugal. After 18 meetings in over 5 months, the group completed an initial proposal for revisions in early September. Immediately after this, together with representatives of the Court of Final Appeal and of the Office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice, a joint working group was formed, to follow up the work on the basis of the above revisions.

Having met 10 times over a period of more than 3 months, the joint working group reached consensus and concluded the draft for revisions, including recommendations on the revision of the articles of the existing law, recommendations on the revision of the declaration forms, and explanations for the recommendations. Moreover, while the joint working group was working on the

revisions, the internal working group of the CCAC was making corresponding efforts to cooperate by completing the report on the “Summary Analysis on the Systems of Declaration of Incomes and Properties of Various Regions and Countries”. This report provides important references for the preparation and revisions of the “Sunshine Law” as well as for the CCAC in the study and research regarding the fostering of integrity and honesty in the personnel of public functions.