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on 19 January 2001**

Selection of Members for parliamentary visits

Purpose

This paper invites Members to endorse the recommendations of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee on the size of Legislative Council delegations on parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee and the criteria for selecting Members to join these delegations.

Background

2. At the meeting held on 3 December 1999, the House Committee of the first term of the Legislative Council endorsed the recommendation of the then Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee that a Legislative Council delegation should be formed to visit London, Strasbourg and Berlin from 13 to 20 February 2000. The House Committee also decided that the delegation should comprise up to eight Members and the cost of the visit should be fully funded by the Legislative Council Commission.

3. By the deadline for indication of interest in joining the delegation, 17 Members had indicated interest. The Subcommittee then recommended to the House Committee that a delegation of this nature should comprise Members representative of the groupings in the Council, and that parties or groupings with more than one Member interested in joining the delegation should each select one Member to join the delegation.

4. In response to the views expressed by a Member regarding the selection criteria at its meeting held on 17 December 1999, the House Committee discussed the following options for selecting participants in future Legislative Council delegations:

- (a) by drawing lots;
- (b) according to Members' groupings, with those groupings with small numbers of Members being grouped under one category;

- (c) all interested Members should be allowed to join a delegation. Where the total number of such Members exceeds the agreed size, all delegation members should share amongst themselves the additional expenses incurred; or
- (d) interested Members not selected may still join a delegation at their own expenses.

5. Following discussion, Members agreed that the subject should be considered further at a later stage.

The Subcommittee's recommendations

6. The Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee considered the matter at its meetings held on 24 November 2000, 13 December 2000 and 11 January 2001.

7. The Subcommittee noted the decision made by The Legislative Council Commission in 1997 that, as a matter of principle, Members going on an overseas duty visit in their capacity as delegates of the Council should be fully sponsored. For the purpose of budget control, the number of delegates sponsored for each overseas trip should, under normal circumstances, be limited to no more than six for a parliamentary visit, and Members not selected may join the delegation on a self-financing basis.

8. After deliberations, the Subcommittee considers that a delegation formed for the purpose of parliamentary visits should be made up of Members who are representative of the groupings in the Council.

Size of the delegation

9. With the benefit of the experience in the past three years, the Subcommittee recommends that a Legislative Council delegation on a parliamentary visit should comprise eight Members who are fully sponsored, in order that it can be representative of the groupings in the current Council.

Criteria for selecting Members to join the delegation

10. The Subcommittee recommends that:

- (a) either the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee should be a member of the delegation, if he or she so wishes; and

- (b) for the purpose of allocating the eight places, Members should be divided into six different groups, having regard to their affiliation and the number of Members in each grouping. The eight places should then be allocated among the six groups of Members on a pro-rata basis in the manner set out in the **Appendix**. Each group of Members will decide its own way to nominate the participating Member(s).

Arrangement for participation by interested Members not selected for a delegation

11. The Subcommittee recommends that interested Members not selected may still join a delegation at their own expenses. However, the number of such Members in a delegation will be limited to two. Where there are more than two such Members, participation will be determined by drawing lots. If the approved budget of a visit is not exceeded, the additional expenses incurred due to the addition of the two self-financing Members, other than those that can be attributed to them individually (e.g. air passage, airport tax, hotel accommodation, travel insurance and visa application fee), will be sponsored.

Decisions sought

12. Members are invited to:
- (a) endorse the Subcommittee's recommendations in paragraphs 8 to 11 above; and
 - (b) recommend to the Legislative Council Commission that the number of fully-sponsored members on a parliamentary visit be set at eight.

Legislative Council Secretariat
17 January 2001

Appendix

Allocation of places among different groups of Members

<u>Group</u>	<u>Members' grouping</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>No. of place(s) to be allocated</u>
A	Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee	1. Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah 2. Hon Emily LAU	1
B	Democratic Party	1. Hon Albert HO 2. Hon Martin LEE 3. Hon Fred LI 4. Hon James TO 5. Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong 6. Hon SIN Chung-kai 7. Dr Hon YEUNG Sum 8. Hon Andrew CHENG 9. Hon SZETO Wah 10. Hon LAW Chi-kwong 11. Hon Albert CHAN 12. Hon WONG Sing-chi	2
	Confederation of Trade Unions	13. Hon LEE Cheuk-yan 14. Hon LAU Chin-shek	
	The Frontier	15. Hon Cyd HO	
	Neighbourhood and Workers Service Centre	16. Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung	
	Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood	17. Hon Frederick FUNG	
C	Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong	1. Hon CHAN Kam-lam 2. Hon WONG Yung-kan 3. Hon Jasper TSANG 4. Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung 5. Hon LAU Kong-wah 6. Hon CHOY So-yuk 7. Hon TAM Yiu-chung 8. Hon IP Kwok-him	1
D	Liberal Party	1. Hon Kenneth TING 2. Hon James TIEN 3. Hon Mrs Selina CHOW 4. Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG 5. Hon Howard YOUNG 6. Hon LAU Wong-fat 7. Hon Mrs Miriam LAU 8. Hon Tommy CHEUNG	1

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E	Hong Kong Progressive Alliance	1. Hon David CHU 2. Hon HUI Cheung-ching 3. Hon Ambrose LAU 4. Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong	1
	Federation of Trade Unions	5. Hon CHAN Kwok-keung 6. Hon CHAN Yuen-han 7. Hon LEUNG Fu-wah	
F	No declared affiliation (not including Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President)	1. Dr Hon Raymond HO 2. Hon Eric LI 3. Hon David LI 4. Hon NG Leung-sing 5. Prof Hon NG Ching-fai 6. Hon Margaret NG 7. Hon Bernard CHAN 8. Hon Andrew WONG 9. Dr Hon Philip WONG 10. Hon Timothy FOK 11. Hon Abraham SHEK 12. Hon Henry WU 13. Hon Michael MAK 14. Dr Hon LO Wing-lok 15. Hon LAU Ping-cheung 16. Hon Audrey EU	2
	Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions	17. Hon LI Fung-ying	