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LegCo Panel on Home Affairs

**Subcommittee to study
discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 10 January 2001 at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members Present : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Member Attending : Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Clerk in Attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in Attendance : Mr Stanley MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Miss Cyd HO was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. Members welcomed Mr MAK Kwok-fung who was not a member of the Panel on Home Affairs to join the discussion of the Subcommittee.

Action

II. Way forward

3. The Chairman said that she hoped that the Subcommittee would be able to make a report on its work to the Panel by the end of the current session so that the latter could report accordingly to the Council. She invited members' views on whether the Subcommittee should focus its discussion about discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation on the following areas -

- (a) development of potential (e.g. education and employment);
- (b) social security (e.g. housing, medical services and retirement scheme);
and
- (c) complaints mechanism and review on legislation.

4. Mr CHAN Wai-yip was of the view that given the time constraint, the Subcommittee should adopt a more focused approach by targeting at discrimination problems on the ground of sexual orientation in specific areas. Other members shared his view. Miss Emily LAU and Mr MAK Kwok-fung suggested that the Subcommittee could explore the major concerns of non-heterosexuals to facilitate future discussion.

5. At the Chairman's suggestion, members agreed that the Subcommittee should initially discuss the Administration's response to the written submissions of and views expressed by deputations at the Panel meeting on 12 December 2000 at the next meeting. Members also agreed that a copy of the Administration's response should be forwarded to the deputations attending that Panel meeting once available; and that deputations would be invited to observe the Subcommittee's future meetings and make further submission to the Subcommittee if they wished to do so.

Dates of future meetings

6. Members agreed that the Subcommittee should normally hold future meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:45 am. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 27 February 2001 to discuss with the Administration.

7. The meeting ended at 2:30 pm.

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