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LegCo Panel on Security

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000
at 9:00 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LAU Kong-wah (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
- Members absent** : Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM
Assistant Secretary General 2
- Mrs Queenie YU
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)4
- Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)5
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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Albert HO, Member of the highest precedence in the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel. He called for nominations for chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Mr LAU Kong-wah was nominated by Mr James TO and the nomination was seconded by Mr Howard YOUNG and Mr IP Kwok-him. Mr LAU Kong-wah accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Albert HO declared Mr LAU Kong-wah elected as Chairman of the Panel. Mr LAU Kong-wah then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

4. Mr James TO was nominated by Miss Margaret NG and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Mr James TO accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr James TO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2000-2001 session

5. Members noted the proposed agenda for the meeting, the list of issues to be considered and the list of follow-up actions required of the Administration tabled at the meeting.

6. Members agreed that future meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm. Members noted that the first Thursday of April 2001 would be a public holiday and that the regular meeting in April 2001 would be re-scheduled.

III. Discussion items for the next two meetings

7. Members agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on Thursday, 2 November 2000 at 2:30 pm.

8. On the agenda for the meeting, Mr James TO suggested that the following items be considered -

- (a) the case of LIN Qiaoying;

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- (b) the riot at the Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre on 4 June 2000;
- (c) the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Identity Card Project;
- (d) the "26 June 2000 incident" where the Police was accused of using excessive force and pepper spray to remove demonstrators from the Central Government Offices; and
- (e) the case of YU Man-hon.

Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong pointed out that there were some other outstanding issues of the previous legislative session, such as genetic test arrangements for verification of parentage of persons claiming right of abode in HKSAR and the case of SU Zhi-yi, which should also be discussed.

Clerk

9. In view of the large number of items proposed, members agreed that a special meeting be held on 24 October 2000 from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm, in addition to the regular meeting scheduled for 2 November 2000 at 2:30 pm. Members also agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Administration to confirm whether the items were ready for discussion and consult the Chairman on the agendas for the two meetings.

IV. Any other business

10. Mr Andrew WONG considered that in the last term, the Panel had focussed too much attention on individual incidents of public concern. He said that the cases of LIN Qiaoying and YU Man-hon for instance reflected problems with working procedures of the Immigration Department and not its policies. He considered that the Panel should be more proactive in discussing policy issues and making recommendations relating to such issues to the Administration. Mr James TO said that important issues, such as issues relating to Article 23 of the Basic Law, should be discussed at regular intervals.

11. Miss Margaret NG suggested that more discussions on a particular issue could be held among members without inviting the Administration to join the discussions. The Panel could then make recommendations to the Administration after members had concluded their deliberations.

12. The Chairman shared the view that the Panel should be more proactive in addressing policy issues and making recommendations, where

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appropriate, to the Administration.

13. The meeting ended at 9:25 am.

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