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Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Chairman of the Legislative Council House Committee
Legislative Council Building
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Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms LAU

The House Committee will discuss, at its meeting on 12 May this year, the letter from Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing to you regarding “value for money audits” procedures, which is copied to Chairman and members of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). After discussion, PAC would also like to discuss the following relevant proposal under this agenda item.

Recently, the community is widely concerned that the conclusions made by the Government-appointed Independent Committee of Inquiry (ICI) on the Sai Wan Ho Development on Inland Lot No. 8955 in its report published on 9 May this year are not in total accord with those made by PAC in its report laid on the table of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 15 February this year regarding the development of a site at Sai Wan Ho. In this connection, PAC has held meetings to discuss how such situation should be dealt with. After deliberations, PAC decided that a motion with no legislative effect should be moved by me, as PAC Chairman, on the issue at the LegCo meeting on 17 May 2006, so as to enable all LegCo Members to express their views on the issue and reaffirm LegCo’s support for the conclusions and recommendations of PAC. The wording of the proposed motion is attached.

Members of PAC understand that two motion debates have already been scheduled for the LegCo meeting on 17 May, and now notice cannot be given in time for moving a motion for debate at that Council meeting. However, the public is confused about the different conclusions made in the reports of ICI and PAC. To avoid the dignity and credibility of PAC and LegCo being undermined, PAC considers it necessary to have an open debate on this matter at a LegCo meeting as soon as possible, so as to reaffirm LegCo’s position.

Given the special circumstances mentioned above, PAC would like to seek House Committee's support under Rules 13(a) and 14A(h) of the House Rules for me to move the third motion at the LegCo meeting on 17 May, and for my request for the President's permission to waive the notice requirement.

(Philip WONG Yu-hong)
Chairman
Public Accounts Committee

c.c. All Legislative Council Members

2006年5月17日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
黃宜弘議員就
“支持政府帳目委員會
就西灣河土地發展項目所作的結論及建議”
提出的議案

議案措辭

“鑒於近期社會廣泛關注政府所委派的西灣河內地段第8955號發展項目獨立調查小組在本年5月9日所發表的報告的結論，與政府帳目委員會(‘帳委會’)於本年2月15日就西灣河土地發展項目提交立法會省覽的報告中作出的結論不盡相同，本會重申支持帳委會的結論及建議，並促請政府全面落實帳委會的建議。”

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Supporting the conclusions and recommendations of the
Public Accounts Committee on the development of a site at Sai Wan
Ho”
to be moved by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 17 May 2006**

Wording of the Motion

“That, as recently the community is widely concerned that the conclusions made by the Government-appointed Independent Committee of Inquiry on the Sai Wan Ho Development on Inland Lot No. 8955 in its report published on 9 May this year are not in total accord with those made by the Public Accounts Committee (‘PAC’) in its report laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 February this year regarding the development of a site at Sai Wan Ho, this Council reaffirms its support for the conclusions and recommendations of PAC and urges the Government to fully implement the recommendations of PAC.”