

**Subcommittee to Study the Administration's Proposals for the
Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 and
for Forming the Legislative Council in 2008**

Follow up to the meeting on 19 November 2005

At the meeting of the Subcommittee held on 19 November 2005, some Members requested the Government to clarify the points made in paragraph 5 of the paper on "Follow up to meeting held on 15 November 2005". Our reply is as follow.

- (a) The methods for selecting the Chief Executive and for forming the Legislative Council for the terms subsequent to 2012 shall continue to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 45 and Article 68 of the Basic Law, the provisions of Article 7 of Annex I and Article III of Annex II to the Basic Law, and the relevant provisions in the Interpretation adopted by the NPCSC on 6 April 2004.
- (b) If consensus cannot be reached by the Legislative Council, the Chief Executive and the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on the methods for selecting the Chief Executive and for forming the Legislative Council for the terms subsequent to 2012, in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress, the two methods will not go backwards and could only maintain the status quo. In other words, in the event that there is no consensus on making any amendments, the two electoral methods will follow the prevailing provisions.

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