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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 8 November 2006

**Motion on
“Opening up the airwaves”**

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip has given notice to move the attached motion on “Opening up the airwaves” at the Council meeting of 8 November 2006. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Opening up the airwaves”
to be moved by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 8 November 2006**

Wording of the Motion

“That, while the airwaves should be the common asset of all people, only two sound broadcasting licences have so far been issued by the Government, subjecting the public’s speech to unreasonable restrictions and rendering many organizations and individuals unable to disseminate their messages through the airwaves; with the forum for speech diminishing, some members of the public have even set up community radio stations on their own in recent years, but these radio stations have been shut down by the Administration; furthermore, many members of the community have over the years requested the early establishment of public access radio and television channels, so that the public’s right to access the airwaves will not be deprived; in view of the above, this Council urges the Government to amend the Broadcasting Ordinance expeditiously to implement the following measures:

- (a) opening up the airwaves to allow the public to operate radio stations on their own, so as to make available diversified broadcasting services;
- (b) opening up public access television channels at an early date; and
- (c) fully implementing digital broadcasting at an early date to increase the number of broadcasting channels.”