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Panel on Home Affairs

Subcommittee on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms

**Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 23 March 2007, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Member absent : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Alice LEUNG
Senior Council Secretary (2)1

Miss Kiwi NG
Legislative Assistant (2)2

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Albert HO was elected as Chairman of the Subcommittee for the session 2006-2007.

Action

II. Work plan of the Subcommittee

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1389/06-07(01), CB(2)1014/06-07(03), (04) and (05), CB(2)1069/06-07(01), IN04/06-07, IN05/06-07 and IN06/06-07]

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
3. Members agreed that there was no need to revise the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee.
4. Members further agreed that the Subcommittee would focus its study on three major areas -
 - (a) the existing framework for the protection of human rights in Hong Kong;
 - (b) the setting up of a human rights commission in Hong Kong; and
 - (c) the implementation of the recommendations made in the Concluding Observations or Concluding Comments issued by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies.
5. Members agreed that the Subcommittee should discuss with the academics who had responded to the enquiries of the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat and representatives of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor their views on the existing human rights framework in Hong Kong at its next meeting. Members also agreed that the Administration should be requested to provide a written response to the views of these academics and attend the next meeting.
6. Members further agreed that the Subcommittee would complete its study and provide a report to the Panel on Home Affairs in June 2008.
7. Members noted that the Clerk would draw up a work plan of the Subcommittee for endorsement by circulation which would be submitted to the Panel on Home Affairs and the House Committee for information.

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Clerk

III. Any other business

Dates of future meetings

8. Members agreed that, subject to the availability of the invited parties, the Subcommittee would hold its next two meetings on -
 - (a) Saturday, 28 April 2007 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am; and
 - (b) Saturday, 12 May 2007 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Clerk

Action

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:12 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of Subcommittee on
Human Rights Protection Mechanisms
on Friday, 23 March 2007, at 2:00 pm
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 000316	Mr Albert HO Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr James TO Miss CHOY So-yuk	Election of Chairman	
000317 - 000609	Chairman Clerk Mr James TO	<p>Discussion on the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee.</p> <p>View of the Chairman and Mr James TO that the main purpose of setting up the Subcommittee was to allow adequate time for members to listen to the views of the academics in person and to discuss their views more thoroughly.</p> <p>The Chairman's suggestion that the Subcommittee should focus its study on the effectiveness of the existing framework for the protection of human rights in Hong Kong and the implementation of the recommendations made in the Concluding Observations or Concluding Comments issued by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies.</p>	
000610 - 001159	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr James TO Miss CHOY So-yuk Clerk	<p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG's suggestion of studying various human rights issues (e.g. rights of child, racial discrimination and discrimination against women etc.), examining the effectiveness of the existing human rights framework and considering the need for establishing a Human Rights Commission in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Discussion on how to proceed with the first round of meetings for the examination of the existing human rights framework in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Mr James TO's suggestion that the Subcommittee should arrange meetings to listen to the views of the academics in person.</p>	

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		<p>Ms CHOY So-yuk's suggestion that the Subcommittee should only invite the academics who had responded to the enquiries of the Research and Library Services Division [LC Paper No. IN06/06-07].</p> <p>Suggestion of the Chairman and Mr James TO that Mr LAW Yuk-kai, Director of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor and the Administration should also be invited to the next meetings of the Subcommittee.</p> <p>The Chairman's request for the Administration's response to the views of the academics.</p> <p>Arrangement for inviting the parties concerned</p> <p>Dates for the next meetings</p>	<p>The Clerk to follow up with the arrangements for the next meeting (para. 5 & 8 of minutes)</p>
001200 - 001211	Chairman	End of meeting	

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