

(Translation)

**Motion on “Gender equality”
moved by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 December 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye

“That the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted by the United Nations specifically requires States parties to take all appropriate measures to ensure the full development and advancement of women in political, social, economic and cultural aspects for the purpose of guaranteeing women the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms on a basis of equality with men; however, as women in Hong Kong at present still face many barriers politically, economically and socially, etc, and are denied equal opportunities for development, this Council urges the Government to adopt more proactive measures to cater for their needs, so that both sexes can enjoy equal opportunities for development; such measures should include:

- (a) eliminating discrimination and prejudices which are based on sex or stereotyped roles for men and women, and giving full respect and development opportunities to women;
- (b) appointing more women to advisory and statutory bodies to encourage their participation in community affairs;
- (c) increasing resources to support women from the grassroots, including new arrivals and single mothers;
- (d) enhancing training to help women in need to upgrade their skills, and launching adaptation programmes to help women who have left the employment market to re-enter it;
- (e) improving child care services to encourage women to go out for work;
- (f) actively promoting the Capacity Building Mileage Programme to help women equip themselves in different aspects, so that they can meet different challenges;
- (g) allocating more resources to curb domestic violence and support the victims of such violence;
- (h) allocating more resources to support victims of sexual violence; and
- (i) providing more women-friendly facilities in the community, such as more water closet cubicles for female.”