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**Proposed amendment to motion on
“Comprehensive review of the accountability system”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 618/08-09 issued on 21 May 2009, Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye has given notice to move an amendment to Hon WONG Yuk-man’s motion on “Comprehensive review of the accountability system” scheduled for the Council meeting of 3 June 2009. As directed by the President, Hon Miriam LAU’s amendment will be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. For Members’ ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Comprehensive review of the accountability system”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 3 June 2009**

1. Hon WONG Yuk-man’s original motion

That the Government of the Special Administrative Region has made countless blunders in the implementation of policies, since TUNG Chee-hwa introduced the so-called accountability system in 2002, accountability of Directors of Bureau is only empty talk; subsequently, Donald TSANG Yam-kuen adds a wretched sequel to the accountability system by appointing the so-called Under Secretaries and Political Assistants at his own discretion; this provides convenience for authoritarians to hand-pick their deputies, which results in a total collapse of the accountability system and is detrimental to the well-being of the people; this Council urges the Government to conduct a comprehensive review of the accountability system so as to implement fundamental reforms to restore its ability to govern; such reforms include:

- (a) establishing a political system which is truly accountable to the people, and expeditiously implementing dual universal suffrage for the Legislative Council and the Chief Executive elections;
- (b) formulating a political parties law to promote the development of party politics, so as to induce political parties to be truly accountable to their constituents;
- (c) establishing an impeachment mechanism for replacing those officials under the accountability system who are derelict of their duties; and
- (d) clearly defining the roles, functions and powers among the Chief Executive, officials under the accountability system and civil servants.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye

~~That the Government of the Special Administrative Region has made countless blunders in the implementation of policies, since TUNG Chee-hwa~~ *since the Government* introduced the so-called accountability system in 2002, ~~accountability of Directors of Bureau is only empty talk; subsequently, Donald TSANG Yam-kuen adds a wretched sequel to the accountability system by appointing the so-called Under Secretaries and Political Assistants at his own discretion; this provides convenience for authoritarians to hand-pick their deputies, which results in a total collapse of the accountability system and is detrimental to the well-being of the people~~ *the system has not been working satisfactorily*; this Council urges the Government to conduct a

comprehensive review of the accountability system so as to implement fundamental reforms to restore its ability to govern; such reforms include, *including*:

- (a) ~~establishing a political system which is truly accountable to the people, and~~ *improving the accountability system step by step and ensuring that it is fully implemented and, in line with the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on issues relating to universal suffrage,* expeditiously implementing dual universal suffrage for the Legislative Council and the Chief Executive elections;
- (b) *considering* formulating a political parties law to promote the development of party politics, ~~so as to induce political parties to be truly accountable to their constituents;~~
- (c) ~~establishing an impeachment mechanism for replacing those~~ *enhancing the accountability mechanism for* officials under the accountability system ~~who are derelict of their duties~~ *as well as the transparency of the mechanism;* and
- (d) clearly defining *further* the roles, functions and powers among the Chief Executive, officials under the accountability system and civil servants.

Note: Hon Miriam LAU's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.