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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Alleviating the burden of fuel costs on the public and relevant trades”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 99/08-09 issued on 30 October 2008, three Members (Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee’s motion on “Alleviating the burden of fuel costs on the public and relevant trades” scheduled for the Council meeting of 12 November 2008. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. To assist Members in debating the above motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee moves her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon CHAN Hak-kan;
 - (ii) Hon WONG Kwok-hing; and
 - (iii) Hon Fred LI Wah-ming;

- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) joint debate on the motion and the amendments follows thereafter;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon CHAN Hak-kan to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment;
- (i) after Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee's motion, or her motion as amended, as the case may be.

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

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Alleviating the burden of fuel costs on the public and relevant trades”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 November 2008**

1. Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye’s original motion

“That, as the drop in international oil prices has accelerated recently, yet the local fuel retail prices have only been reduced to a limited extent, resulting in fuel prices remaining persistently high, which causes people to query whether oil companies are ‘quick in raising prices but slow in reducing them’ and engaging in ‘price cheating’; in order to safeguard the interests of the public and relevant trades, and to alleviate their burden of fuel costs, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) press oil companies to immediately reduce the local fuel prices according to the level of reductions in international oil prices;
- (b) introduce a fair competition law to enhance the monitoring and effective regulation of the auto-fuel market, so as to prevent market monopoly and ensure that fuel retail prices are fair and reasonable;
- (c) request oil companies to re-introduce petrol of 95 octane rating, so as to provide more choices for consumers and reduce their unnecessary burden;
- (d) strive to explore more supply sources of processed oil to enable real competition in the market;
- (e) publish more detailed data on the prices of international oil products and the import prices of local oil products, so that the public can more effectively monitor the changes in oil prices;
- (f) actively consider implementing the introduction of price regulation in the tendering of petrol filling station sites; and
- (g) reduce the duty on unleaded petrol to alleviate the burden on car owners.”

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan

“That, as the drop in international oil prices has accelerated recently, yet the local fuel *oil and gaseous fuel* retail prices have only been reduced to a limited extent, resulting in fuel *oil and gaseous fuel* prices remaining persistently high, which causes people to query whether oil companies are ‘quick in raising prices but slow in reducing them’ and engaging in ‘price cheating’; in order to safeguard the interests of the public and

relevant trades, and to alleviate their burden of fuel *oil and gaseous fuel* costs, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) press oil companies to immediately reduce the local ~~fuel~~ prices *of auto-fuel, marine fuel and industrial fuel as well as gaseous fuel* according to the level of reductions in international oil prices;
- (b) introduce a fair competition law to enhance the monitoring and effective regulation of the ~~auto-fuel~~ *fuel oil and gaseous fuel* market, so as to prevent market monopoly and ensure that fuel *oil and gaseous fuel* retail prices are fair and reasonable;
- (c) request oil companies to re-introduce petrol of 95 octane rating, so as to provide more choices for consumers and reduce their unnecessary burden;
- (d) strive to explore more supply sources of processed oil *and assist the development of the local biofuel industry* to enable real competition in the market;
- (e) publish more detailed data on the prices of international oil *and gaseous fuel* products and the import prices of local oil *and gaseous fuel* products, so that the public can more effectively monitor the changes in oil *and gaseous fuel* prices;
- (f) actively consider implementing the introduction of price regulation in the tendering of petrol filling station sites; and
- (g) reduce the duty on unleaded petrol to alleviate the burden on car owners. ”

Note: Hon CHAN Hak-kan’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

“That, as the drop in international oil prices has accelerated recently, yet the local ~~fuel~~ retail prices *of fuel oil and auto liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)* have only been reduced to a limited extent, resulting in fuel *oil and LPG* prices remaining persistently high, which causes people to query whether oil companies are ‘quick in raising prices but slow in reducing them’ and engaging in ‘price cheating’; in order to safeguard the interests of the public and relevant trades, and to alleviate their burden of fuel *oil and LPG* costs, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) press oil companies to immediately reduce the local fuel *oil and LPG* prices according to the level of reductions in international oil *and LPG* prices;
- (b) introduce a fair competition law to enhance the monitoring and effective

regulation of the auto-fuel ~~market~~ **and LPG market**, so as to prevent market monopoly and ensure that fuel **oil and LPG** retail prices are fair and reasonable;

- (c) request oil companies to re-introduce petrol of 95 octane rating, so as to provide more choices for consumers and reduce their unnecessary burden;
- (d) strive to explore more supply sources of processed oil to enable real competition in the market;
- (e) publish more detailed data on the prices of international oil products and the import prices of local oil products, so that the public can more effectively monitor the changes in oil prices;
- (f) actively consider implementing the introduction of price regulation in the tendering of petrol filling station sites; ~~and~~
- (g) reduce the duty on unleaded petrol to alleviate the burden on car owners; **and**
- (h) ***increase the number of dedicated LPG filling stations to alleviate the burden on drivers of LPG taxis and public light buses, and increase the number of auto LPG filling nozzles to shorten the queuing time for drivers to refill their LPG vehicles.***

Note: Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

“That, as the drop in international oil prices has accelerated recently, yet the local fuel retail prices have only been reduced to a limited extent, resulting in fuel prices remaining persistently high, ***and at present the pricing information on some fuel products is not transparent enough***, which causes people to query whether oil companies are ‘quick in raising prices but slow in reducing them’ and engaging in ‘price cheating’; in order to safeguard the interests of the public and relevant trades, and to alleviate their burden of fuel costs, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) press oil companies to immediately reduce the local fuel prices according to the level of reductions in international oil prices;
- (b) introduce a fair competition law to enhance the monitoring and effective regulation of the auto-fuel market, so as to prevent market monopoly and ensure that fuel retail prices are fair and reasonable;
- (c) request oil companies to re-introduce petrol of 95 octane rating, so as to provide more choices for consumers and reduce their unnecessary burden;

- (d) strive to explore more supply sources of processed oil to enable real competition in the market;
- (e) publish more detailed data on the prices of international oil products and the import prices of local oil products, so that the public can more effectively monitor the changes in oil prices;
- (f) actively consider implementing the introduction of price regulation in the tendering of petrol filling station sites; ~~and~~
- (g) reduce the duty on unleaded petrol to alleviate the burden on car owners; *and*
- (h) *request oil companies to publish the pricing criteria for central liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and domestic cylinder LPG, and review their prices once a month, so as to increase the transparency of the prices of LPG products.*”

Note: Hon Fred LI Wah-ming’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.