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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Formulating a roadmap for a low carbon economy”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 145/08-09 issued on 13 November 2008, Hon KAM Nai-wai and Hon CHAN Hak-kan have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee’s motion on “Formulating a roadmap for a low carbon economy” scheduled for the Council meeting of 26 November 2008. As directed by the President, Hon KAM Nai-wai’s and Hon CHAN Hak-kan’s 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 the two amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee moves her motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the two Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon KAM Nai-wai; and
 - (ii) Hon CHAN Hak-kan;

- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) joint debate on the motion and the two amendments follows thereafter;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee to speak for the second time on the two 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 two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon KAM Nai-wai to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on the amendment;
- (i) after Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Hon CHAN Hak-kan's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee'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
“Formulating a roadmap for a low carbon economy”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 26 November 2008**

1. Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee’s original motion

“That, as the Chief Executive has proposed in his Policy Address to build a low carbon economy, i.e. promoting the development of an economy based on low energy consumption and low pollution, yet he has failed to put forward a specific policy framework, strategies, proposed plans, targets and a timetable to set out the specific steps and measures to be taken for achieving a low carbon economy, this Council urges the Government to study the formulation of a timetable and a roadmap for a low carbon economy, including:

- (a) setting interim and long-term targets for the reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong;
- (b) making reference to overseas examples and studying the formulation of strategies and legislation on climate change;
- (c) providing economic incentives and formulating measures to encourage energy conservation by the public;
- (d) expeditiously drawing up proposed plans for grid access;
- (e) expeditiously formulating standardized arrangements for grid connection and encouraging the use of renewable energy power facilities by various sectors of the community; and
- (f) tightening the current standards of the Air Quality Objectives to expeditiously align them with the World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines, and formulating an implementation timetable in this regard.”

2. Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai

“That, as *the problem of global warming is aggravating*, the Chief Executive has proposed in his Policy Address to build a low carbon economy, i.e. promoting the development of an economy based on low energy consumption and low pollution, yet he has failed to put forward a specific policy framework, strategies, proposed plans, targets and a timetable to set out the specific steps and measures to be taken for

achieving a low carbon economy, this Council urges the Government to study the formulation of a timetable and a roadmap for a low carbon economy, including:

- (a) setting interim and long-term targets for the reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong;
- (b) making reference to overseas examples and studying the formulation of strategies and legislation on climate change;
- (c) providing economic incentives and formulating measures to encourage energy conservation by the public;
- (d) expeditiously drawing up proposed plans for grid access;
- (e) expeditiously formulating standardized arrangements for grid connection, ***allowing electricity trading between users and power companies***, and encouraging the use of renewable energy power facilities by various sectors of the community; ~~and~~
- (f) ***studying cooperating with Guangdong Province in developing wind farm projects to promote the use of renewable energy;***
- (g) ***installing solar power facilities on the roofs of newly built public housing blocks and covered pedestrian walkways, and encouraging private developers to introduce related facilities;***
- (h) ***implementing the promotion of the first stage of 'low emission zones' in Hong Kong in 2010;***
- (i) ***setting up a data bank on energy efficiency of vehicles covering the data on greenhouse gas emissions; and***
- (j) tightening the current standards of the Air Quality Objectives to expeditiously align them with the World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines, ~~and formulating an implementation timetable in this regard~~ ***raising them to the standards adopted by the European Union by 2012, and implementing the standards prescribed by the World Health Organization by 2015.***

Note: Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan

“That, as ***in facing the impact and challenges brought about by climate change***, the Chief Executive has proposed in his Policy Address to build a low carbon economy,

i.e. promoting the development of an economy based on low energy consumption and low pollution, yet he has failed to put forward a specific policy framework, strategies, proposed plans, targets and a timetable to set out the specific steps and measures to be taken for achieving a low carbon economy; *as such*, this Council urges the Government to study the formulation of a timetable and a roadmap for a low carbon economy, including:

- (a) setting interim and long-term targets for the reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong;
- (b) making reference to overseas examples and studying the formulation of strategies and legislation on climate change;
- (c) *considering bringing carbon dioxide emissions from local thermal power plants into the regulatory ambit;*
- (d) *actively collaborating with the neighbouring regions, including formulating agreements and relevant legislation, as well as setting up a trading platform to develop a mechanism for local and cross-border carbon trading;*
- (e) providing economic incentives and formulating measures to encourage energy conservation by the public;
- (f) *discussing with power companies the inclusion of carbon emissions of users in their electricity bills, so as to assist users in conducting carbon audit;*
- ~~(d)~~(g) expeditiously drawing up proposed plans for grid access;
- ~~(e)~~(h) expeditiously formulating standardized arrangements for grid connection and encouraging the use of renewable energy power facilities by various sectors of the community; ~~and~~
- (i) *raising the current tax concession rates and caps under the first registration tax concession scheme for environment-friendly vehicles to provide additional incentive for the public to switch to environment-friendly vehicles; and*
- ~~(f)~~(j) tightening the current standards of the Air Quality Objectives to expeditiously align them with the World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines, and formulating an implementation timetable in this regard.”

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