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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 3 December 2008

Motion on
“Alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor and
assisting the grassroots in facing up to economic adversities”

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee has given notice to move the attached motion on “Alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor and assisting the grassroots in facing up to economic adversities” at the Council meeting of 3 December 2008. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor and
assisting the grassroots in facing up to economic adversities”
to be moved by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 3 December 2008**

Wording of the Motion

“That, as the growth in Gross Domestic Product for the third quarter has slackened to 1.7%, the effects of the financial tsunami have gradually surfaced, the risk of the economy entering into recession has substantially increased, layoffs and pay cuts take place one after another, the unemployment rate has rebounded but there is no notable downward adjustment in the prices of goods, causing people’s livelihood to become more difficult; moreover, a latest report of the United Nations points out that Hong Kong ranks first among all Asian cities in the disparity between the rich and the poor, with the Gini Coefficient which reflects the inequality of income distribution rising to a record high of 0.533, indicating that the disparity between the rich and the poor is increasingly serious, this Council therefore urges the Government to re-establish the Commission on Poverty to explore and recommend focused measures to assist the grassroots in facing up to economic adversities and to formulate comprehensive and long-term policies to effectively allocate community resources and narrow the gap between the rich and the poor, thereby protecting the basic livelihood of the grassroots and promoting harmonious social development.”