

(Translation)

Motion on
“Actively responding to the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009”
moved by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 2 December 2009

Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, Hon Tanya CHAN, Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou and Hon KAM Nai-wai

That the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2007 adopted a resolution to launch a negotiation process on the new greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan after the expiry of the Kyoto Protocol in 2012 and expressly require that the negotiations should be completed by the end of 2009; as such, this Council appeals to the governments of various countries to strive to reach a new agreement on addressing climate change at the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009, and urges the Hong Kong Government to grasp this critical moment to shoulder responsibility and put forward comprehensive policies and plans to address climate change, the reduction targets for total greenhouse gas emissions as well as the relevant legislative programme and financing preparation, and study how to assist developing countries in implementing the measures and financing arrangements for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change; at the same time, the Hong Kong Government must formulate more measures, including:

- (a) to actively promote green economy and green lifestyle;
- (b) to implement the establishment of a carbon trading platform and enact relevant legislation, so as to further promote carbon emissions trading between Hong Kong and the Mainland as well as the whole world, and encourage professionals in Hong Kong to participate in the work relating to the Mainland’s Clean Development Mechanism;
- (c) to actively promote the development of green information technology (‘IT’), study the energy consumption of IT systems, require all government departments to implement green IT procurement, and support the research and development of green IT in the territory;
- (d) to study the establishment of mandatory minimum energy efficiency standards for products, so as to ensure that energy-consuming products such as motor vehicles and electrical appliances are in compliance with the energy efficiency requirements; and
- (e) to expeditiously introduce to this Council legislation for the mandatory implementation of the Building Energy Codes; and

- (f) to give a detailed account of its preparatory work before attending the Climate Change Conference and report the outcome of the Conference afterwards; and
- (g) the representatives of the Hong Kong Government participating in the Conference to give the Legislative Council and Hong Kong people an account of the Hong Kong Government's participation in the Conference and how the implementation of the relevant agreement will be specifically promoted in Hong Kong; and
- (h) to follow the paper on 'Implementation of the Bali Roadmap – China's position on the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference' released by the National Development and Reform Commission and appeal to various countries to ensure the full, effective and sustained implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and, in upholding the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibilities', make corresponding arrangements in terms of mitigation, adaption, technology transfer and financial support, etc, so as to enhance the role of developing countries in the domain of climate change;
- (i) to regulate the emission of carbon dioxide from power plants; and
- (j) to formulate a bill on climate change.