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Dear Ms HO,

Council meeting of 12 May 2010

**Application for moving a motion
for the adjournment of the Council**

You wrote to me on 5 May 2010 seeking my permission for you to move at the Council meeting of 12 May 2010 the following motion for the adjournment of the Council under Rule 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

“That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of debating the following issue: The constitutional convention that the President of the Legislative Council remains politically impartial.”

Rule 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure provides that a motion for the adjournment of the Council may be moved with the permission of the President, if the President is satisfied that the adjournment is for the purpose of discussing a specific issue of urgent public importance.

In considering whether the issue raised by you is of urgency, I had made reference to the two established principles for consideration in the handling of the same type of motion debate applications, namely:

- (a) if the debate is not carried out at the Council meeting specified by the Member concerned, whether there will be any irreversible consequences; and
- (b) if the issue is not debated at that Council meeting, whether the Council will not debate the issue in the foreseeable future?

After careful consideration of the reasons for holding the debate as stated in your letter, I am of the view that even if the issue raised by you is not debated at the Council meeting of 12 May 2010, there will not be any irreversible consequences. Besides, I am also not satisfied that if the issue cannot be debated at the meeting on that date, Members will lose the opportunity to express views on that issue in Council meetings.

Based on the above reasons, I am not satisfied that the issue raised by you is so urgent that it must be debated at the Council meeting of 12 May 2010. Therefore, I am unable to grant permission to your request.

Yours sincerely

(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing)
President
Legislative Council

c.c. All other Legislative Council Members