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LegCo to vote on the Electoral Reform Package

The Legislative Council will hold a meeting this Wednesday (June 23) at 11 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building. During the meeting, Members will debate and vote on two government motions concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive and the Amendment to the Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council and its Voting Procedures.

The first motion, to be moved by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive, states: "Pursuant to Article 7 of Annex I to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of Article 7 of Annex I and Article III of Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China of 6 April 2004, and the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Issues relating to the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and for Forming the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the year 2012 and on Issues relating to Universal Suffrage of 29 December 2007, the "(Draft) Amendment to Annex I to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" appended to this Motion is hereby

endorsed by this Council by a two-thirds majority of all Members.

Annex

(Draft) Amendment to Annex I to the Basic Law
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China Concerning the
Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

1. The Election Committee to elect the fourth term Chief Executive in 2012 shall be composed of 1200 members from the following sectors:

Industrial, commercial and financial sectors	300
The professions	300
Labour, social services, religious and other sectors	300
Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of members of the District Councils, representatives of the Heung Yee Kuk, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, and representatives of Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	300

The term of office of the Election Committee shall be five years.

2. Candidates for the office of Chief Executive may be nominated jointly by not less than 150 members of the Election Committee. Each member may nominate only one candidate."

The second motion, to be moved by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council and its Voting Procedures, states: "Pursuant to Article III of Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of Article 7 of Annex I and Article III of Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China of 6 April 2004, and the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Issues relating to the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and for Forming the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the year 2012 and on Issues relating to Universal Suffrage of 29 December 2007, the "(Draft) Amendment to Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China Concerning the Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its Voting Procedures" appended to this Motion is hereby endorsed by this Council by a two-thirds majority of all Members.

Annex

(Draft) Amendment to Annex II to the Basic Law
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China Concerning the
Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and its Voting
Procedures

The fifth term Legislative Council in the year 2012 shall be composed of 70 members, and the composition shall be as follows:

Members returned by functional constituencies 35

Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections" 35

On Members' motions, Members will debate a motion on legislating for 'standard working hours'. The motion, to be moved by Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau, states: "That, as Hong Kong is in general an affluent and civilized society, yet some employees still need to work long hours, adversely affecting their personal health and family life and giving rise to many social problems, this Council urges the Government to legislate for 'standard working hours' according to the principles of fairness, flexibility, and having regard to the business environment and competitiveness of Hong Kong."

Hon WONG Sing-chi, Hon IP Wai-ming, Hon LI Fung-ying, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung and Hon LEE Cheuk-yan will move separate amendments to Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau's motion.

Members will also debate a motion on assisting the sustainable development of small and medium enterprises. The motion, to be moved by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, states: "That, given the weak economies and high unemployment rates of Europe and the United States, as well as the various concerns and uncertainties in the external economic environment and the failure of Hong Kong's economy to make a full recovery, coupled with factors such as fierce market competition and soaring costs, etc., the small and medium enterprises ('SMEs') in Hong Kong are facing an operating environment which is becoming increasingly difficult when they operate their businesses in the local, Mainland or overseas markets; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to formulate strategies and measures to comprehensively improve the business environment, and assist SMEs in various aspects such as reducing expenses on operating costs, financing, continuously developing the local, export and China's domestic sales markets, upgrading and transformation, product exploration, brand development

and manpower training, etc., with a view to fostering the sustainable development of Hong Kong's economy and increasing employment opportunities for the community."

Hon Jeffrey LAM, Hon Vincent FANG and Hon Albert CHAN will move separate amendments to Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai's motion.

Meanwhile, Hon Miriam LAU will move a resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to extend the period for amending the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Notice 2010, laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 26 May 2010, to the meeting of 14 July 2010.

Hon Miriam LAU will also move a resolution under Rule 49E(2) of the Rules of Procedure to make the Council take note of Report No.14/09-10 of the House Committee laid on the Table of the Council on 23 June 2010 in relation to the Fugitive Offenders (South Africa) Order.

On bills, the Supplementary Appropriation (2009-2010) Bill will be introduced into the Council for First and Second Readings. Second Reading debate on the bill will be adjourned.

During the meeting, Members will ask the Government 20 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies. The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the Legislative Council InfoFax Service (Tel: 2869 9568) or the Legislative Council web site (<http://www.legco.gov.hk>).

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Legislative Council Chamber. They may reserve seats by calling 2869 9399 during office hours. Seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public can also listen to the meeting via the web broadcast system on the Legislative Council homepage.

Ends/Monday, June 21, 2010

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