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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Amendments to motion on
“Setting up a commission on children”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 143/13-14 issued on 6 November 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Hon Claudia MO have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG’s motion on “Setting up a commission on children” scheduled for the Council meeting of 20 November 2013. As directed by the President, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN’s and Hon Claudia MO’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the two amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the two Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN; and
 - (ii) Hon Claudia MO;

- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG to speak for the second time on the two amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (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 Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment;
- (i) after Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Hon Claudia MO's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Hon Claudia MO's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' 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
“Setting up a commission on children”
to be held at the Council meeting of 20 November 2013**

1. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG’s original motion

That at its meeting of 6 June 2007, the Legislative Council passed a Members’ motion urging the Government to set up a commission on children to fulfill the obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, safeguard the well-being of children, and ensure that children’s perspectives were fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies; subsequently, the Government only established the Family Council in response to the demands, but the Family Council does not focus on children’s rights and well-being as its major areas of work; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously set up a commission on children, so as to ensure that children’s well-being and perspectives are fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies.

2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN

That, *in the process of formulating public policies, children’s perspectives are very often neglected*; at its meeting of 6 June 2007, the Legislative Council passed a Members’ motion urging the Government to set up a commission on children to fulfill the obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, safeguard the well-being of children, and ensure that children’s perspectives were fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies; subsequently, the Government only established the Family Council in response to the demands, but the Family Council does not focus on children’s rights and well-being as its major areas of work; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously set up a commission on children, so as to ensure that children’s well-being and perspectives are fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies, *protect the legitimate rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and convene summits annually on children development policies and strategies.*

Note: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Claudia MO

That *the SAR Government has the responsibility to protect children's rights*; at its meeting of 6 June 2007, the Legislative Council passed a Members' motion urging the Government to set up a commission on children to fulfill the obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, safeguard the well-being of children, and ensure that children's perspectives were fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies; subsequently, the Government only established the Family Council in response to the demands, but the Family Council does not focus on children's rights and well-being as its major areas of work; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously set up a commission on children, so as to ensure that children's well-being and perspectives are fully taken into account in the process of formulating policies; *in addition, as education policy is an important aspect of children affairs, and language learning has far-reaching impact on children's development and well-being, this Council also urges the Government to expeditiously review the current rigid pedagogy which tends to emphasize on grammar in children's learning of English, and provide instead a dynamic learning environment that encourages children to listen and speak more, with a view to increasing their interests in learning English and upgrading their language ability, thereby further protecting children's well-being.*

Note: Hon Claudia MO's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.