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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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Motion concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

I attach for Members' consideration a motion which the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs will move at the Council meeting of 17 June 2015 concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. Members are invited to note that, pursuant to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ("NPCSC") on Issues Relating to the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by Universal Suffrage and on the Method for Forming the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Year 2016 of 31 August 2014, amendments to the captioned motion shall be introduced by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to the Legislative Council, and such amendments shall obtain the endorsement of a two-thirds majority of all the Members of the Legislative Council.

3. In the light the NPCSC's decision, the President has directed that amendments to the captioned motion, if any, shall be moved by the Government only, and the passage of the motion shall require a two-thirds majority of all the Members of the Legislative Council.

Encl.

Motion to be Put by the HKSAR Government to the Legislative Council Concerning the Amendment to the Method for the Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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 Selection of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by Universal Suffrage and on the Method for the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Forming Special Administrative Region in the Year 2016 of 31 August 2014, 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. Starting from 2017, the Chief Executive shall be selected by universal suffrage upon nomination by a broadly representative Nominating Committee in accordance with democratic procedures and appointed by the Central People's Government.

2. The Nominating Committee 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 Nominating Committee shall be five years. In the event that the office of Chief Executive becomes vacant within the five-year term of office of the Nominating Committee and a by-election is held, the term of office of the new Chief Executive shall be the remainder of the previous Chief Executive.

3. The delimitation of the various sectors of the Nominating Committee, the organizations in each sector eligible to return Nominating Committee members and the number of such members returned by each of these organizations and how to return them shall be prescribed by an electoral law enacted by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with the principles of democracy and openness. Corporate bodies in various sectors shall, on their own, elect members to the Nominating Committee, in accordance with the number of seats allocated and the election method as prescribed by the electoral law.

Members of the Nominating Committee shall discharge their duties in their individual capacities.

4. A person seeking nomination by the Nominating Committee may be recommended jointly by not less than 120 members and not more than 240 members of the Nominating Committee. Each member may recommend only one person.

The Nominating Committee shall, from the persons recommended as aforesaid, nominate two to three persons seeking nomination to become Chief Executive candidates by secret ballot. Each Nominating Committee member shall vote for at least two persons, and may at most vote for all persons seeking nomination by the Nominating Committee. Each candidate must have the endorsement of more than half of all the members of the Nominating Committee. The specific nominating method shall be prescribed by the electoral law.

5. All eligible electors of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region who have registered in accordance with the law shall, from the list of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee, elect one Chief Executive designate by secret ballot. The specific election method shall be prescribed by the electoral law.