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**Subcommittee on International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities)
(ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office) Order**

**Minutes of the first meeting held on
Wednesday, 16 March 2016, at 10:30 am
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon Dennis KWOK

Member attending : Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP

Clerk in attendance : Mr Anthony CHU
Chief Council Secretary (4)1

Staff in attendance : Miss Joyce CHAN
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Ms Wendy JAN
Senior Council Secretary (4)7

Ms Carmen HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

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I. Election of Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, the member present who had the highest precedence, presided at the meeting and called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee. Mr Alan LEONG nominated Ms Cyd HO and the nomination was seconded by Dr Kenneth CHAN. Ms Cyd HO accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ms Cyd HO was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee. Members agreed that election of a deputy chairman was not required.

II. Any other business

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| (File Ref: G10/34/9C | -- | Legislative Council Brief |
| L.N. 35 of 2016 | -- | International Organizations
(Privileges and Immunities)
(ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic
Research Office) Order |
| LC Paper No. LS36/15-16 | -- | Legal Service Division Report |
| LC Paper No. CB(4)720/15-16(02) | -- | Background brief prepared by the
Legislative Council Secretariat) |

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
3. The Administration was requested to provide the following information to facilitate members' discussion at the next meeting:
 - (a) relevant extracts of the Agreement Establishing ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office ("AMRO Agreement") relating to the legal status of, and privileges and immunities on the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office ("AMRO") and its personnel;
 - (b) details of the privileges and immunities on AMRO and its personnel under the International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities)(ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office) Order ("the Order"), including the scope, the applicability, the implementation of the privileges and immunities and the implications for law enforcement in Hong Kong;
 - (c) whether similar privileges and immunities had been conferred on other organizations in Hong Kong, apart from those in respect of

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consular agreements, and if yes, the relevant details of such organizations;

- (d) how would the public and law enforcement agencies be informed of those organizations/personnel which/who have been granted privileges and immunities mentioned in paragraph (c) above, and the details of such privileges and immunities; and
- (e) a comparison between the legal status and implementation of AMRO Agreement and the Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions in Hong Kong.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration's supplementary information was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)769/15-16(02) on 23 March 2016.)

Date for the next meeting

- 4. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 24 March 2016 (Thursday) at 4:30 pm to meet with the Administration.

Invitation of submissions

- 5. Members also agreed that the Subcommittee would invite written views from the social science and business faculties of local universities on the Order.

Legislative timetable

- 6. Members noted that the Chairman of the House Committee would move a motion at the Council meeting of 16 March 2016 to extend the scrutiny period from the Council meeting of 16 March to 13 April 2016. Subject to the passing of the motion, the deadline for giving notice to amend the Order would be 6 April 2016.

(Post-meeting note: The motion was subsequently included in the agenda of the Council meeting of 16 March 2016. However, the motion could not be dealt with owing to the heavy agenda for the meeting.)

- 7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:40 am.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda item I – Election of Chairman			
000140 - 000235	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr Alan LEONG Dr Kenneth CHAN	Election of Chairman	
Agenda item II – Any other business			
000236 - 000415	Chairman Clerk	Date of next meeting Extension of the scrutiny period	
000416 - 001003	Chairman Dr Kenneth CHAN Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Invitation for written views from local universities The Administration was requested to provide information to facilitate members' discussion at the next meeting	Clerk Clerk