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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 25 October 2017

**Motion on
“Reform of two-tier Councils and statutory bodies”**

Hon CHU Hoi-dick has given notice to move the attached motion on “Reform of two-tier Councils and statutory bodies” at the Council meeting of 25 October 2017. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Reform of two-tier Councils and statutory bodies”
to be moved by Hon CHU Hoi-dick
at the Council meeting of 25 October 2017**

Wording of the Motion

That the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China adopted on 31 August 2014 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 Forming the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Year 2016 (‘the 31 August Decision’), and the constitutional reform of Hong Kong has since remained stagnant; the subsequent social movement also failed to change the constitutional situation of Hong Kong for the time being; some critics have denounced civil resistance as ‘internal attrition’, yet that is actually one of the most important democratic ideologies and debates since the handover of sovereignty in 1997; the voter turnout rates and the numbers of voters of the District Council Election in 2015 and the Legislative Council Election in 2016 were evidences of Hong Kong people’s commitment to political participation; apart from focusing on striving for selecting the Chief Executive and forming the Legislative Council by universal suffrage, Hong Kong people should also grasp the opportunity of the democratic ideology to review the roles, compositions, powers and functions of various tiers of the existing political system which is executive-led in name but centralization of power in reality, so as to provide the important conditions for selecting the Chief Executive and forming the Legislative Council by universal suffrage; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to reform the existing relationships among the Legislative Council, District Councils and statutory bodies and their respective roles, and the specific proposals include:

- (1) amending Article 74 of the Basic Law and reforming the Private Bills Ordinance to relax the requirements of introducing bills by Legislative Council Members, so that the Legislative Council can have real legislative power;
- (2) reforming the Public Finance Ordinance to further affirm the roles of the Legislative Council in amending government financial proposals and budgets;

- (3) giving District Councils real powers of district administration, so that District Councils can have the powers of the former Urban Council/former Regional Council in formulating estimates of expenditure and managing municipal affairs;
- (4) conferring the right of community planning on District Councils, and instructing the democratized Town Planning Board to handle ‘appeal’ cases involving community planning by District Councils, so as to monitor the work of District Councils in respect of community planning; and
- (5) reviewing the powers, functions and compositions of various statutory bodies (including introduction of elected members or directors) to enhance their information transparency and accountability.