# 立法會 Legislative Council

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## Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Bill

# Minutes of the first meeting held on Friday, 17 May 2002 at 4:30 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

**Members**: Hon LAU Kong-wah (Chairman)

**Present** Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Hon Margaret NG

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

Hon Howard YOUNG, JP Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

**Members**: Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

**Absent** Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

**Public Officers**: Mr Timothy TONG

**Attending** Deputy Secretary for Security

Ms Mimi LEE

Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (Narcotics)

Mr Johann WONG

Principal Assistant Secretary for Security

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Mrs Wendy CHOI Assistant Secretary for Security

Mr Geoffrey FOX Senior Assistant Law Draftsman Law Drafting Division

Mr John HUNTER Deputy Principal Government Counsel Treaties and Law Unit International Law Division

Mr Lawrence PENG Senior Government Counsel Law Drafting Division

Clerk in : Ms Doris CHAN

**Attendance** Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

Staff in : Ms Bernice WONG Attendance Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Miss Mary SO

Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8

Ms Janet SHUM

Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 9

#### I. Election of chairman

Mr LAU Kong-wah was elected chairman of the Bills Committee.

# II. Meeting with the Administration

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- 2. <u>The Bills Committee</u> deliberated (**Annex**).
- 3. At the request of the Bills Committee, the Administration undertook to provide a response to the following issues raised by members at the meeting -

- (a) To specify in the Bill that a person would have the right to claim damages from the Government in the event that his application to the court under clause 16 of the Bill to revoke the notice by the Chief Executive (CE) under clause 4 or the notice made by the Secretary for Security (S for S) clause 5 of the Bill had been successful;
- (b) To consider that CE should, before publishing by notice in the Gazette to specify a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property, first apply to the court for an injunction against a person or property whom/which CE had reasonable grounds to believe was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property and allow the person to apply to the court to set aside the injunction within a specified time. If the person concerned failed to apply to the court to set aside the injunction against himself within the specified time, CE could then proceed to publish by notice in the Gazette that the person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property. In the meantime, S for S could issue notice to freeze the funds and property of the person concerned; and
- (c) To ascertain whether the definition of "terrorist act" referred to in clause 2(1) of the Bill would undermine an individual's civil and political rights.

### III. Dates of next meetings

4. <u>Members</u> agreed to hold the next nine meetings on the following dates to continue discussion on the Bill -

3 June 2002 at 8:30 am
5 June 2002 at 10:45 am
10 June 2002 at 2:30 pm
12 June 2002 at 8:30 am
14 June 2002 at 8:30 am
17 June 2002 at 2:30 pm
20 June 2002 at 8:30 am
25 June 2002 at 8:30 am
27 June 2002 at 8:30 am

Members also agreed to invite deputations to give views on the Bill on 3 June 2002.

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

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#### Annex

# Proceedings of the first meeting of the Bills Committee on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Bill on Friday, 17 May 2002 at 4:30 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000940	Mr Eric LI	Election of Chairman	
000940 - 000943	Chairman	Welcoming remarks	
000943 - 001942	Administration	Briefed members on the major proposals of the Bill	
001942 - 002103	Mr James TO	Specification of terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property should not be made administratively, but should be made by the court	
002103 - 002258	Administration	Ditto	
002258 - 002525	Mr James TO	Reason for specification of terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property to be made administratively	
002525 - 002616	Administration	Ditto	
002616 - 002624	Mr James TO	Ditto	
002624 - 002630	Administration	Ditto	
002630 - 002659	Mr James TO	Ditto	
002659 - 002758	Administration	Ditto	
002758 - 002802	Chairman	Ditto	
002802 - 003004	Administration	Ditto	
003004 - 003122	Mr James TO	Ditto	
003122 - 003132	Chairman	Ditto	
003132 - 003153	Mr James TO	Ditto	

003153 - 003532	Administration	Ditto	
003532 - 003817	Mr Albert HO	The Chief Executive (CE) should, before publishing by notice in the Gazette to specify a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property, first apply to the court for an injunction against a person or property whom/which CE had reasonable grounds to believe was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property and allow the person to apply to the court to set aside the injunction within a specified time. If the person concerned failed to apply to the court to set aside the injunction against himself within the specified time, CE could then proceed to publish by notice in the Gazette that the person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property. In the meantime, S for S could issue notice to freeze the funds and property of the person concerned.  A person should have the right to claim damages from the Government in the event that his application to apply to the court under clause 16 of the Bill to revoke the notice by CE under clause 4 or the notice made by the Secretary for Security (S for S) clause 5 of the Bill had been successful.	
003817 - 004133	Administration	Ditto	
004133 - 004440	Mr Albert HO	Ditto	
004440 - 004833	Administration	Ditto	
004833 - 004935	Mr Albert HO	Ditto	

004935 - 005041	Administration	The Administration agreed to consider Mr HO's views	✓ (Admin provide
			written respons
005041 - 005053	Mrs Selina CHOW	Shared Mr HO's views	
005053 - 005538	Miss Margaret NG	Specification of a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property should be made by the court	
005538 - 005836	Administration	Ditto	
005836 - 010120	Miss Margaret NG	Ditto	
010120 - 010139	Chairman	Ditto	
010139 - 010234	Miss Margaret NG	Ditto	
010234 - 010539	Administration	Ditto	
010539 - 010557	Chairman	Ditto	
010557 - 010853	Administration	Ditto	
010853 - 011621	Mrs Selina CHOW	Echoed members' view and considered the definition of "terrorist act" referred to in clause 2(1) of the Bill was too wide	
011621 - 012026	Administration	Reiterated the necessity to empower CE to specify a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property by notice in the Gazette	
012026 - 012213	ALA	A paper on comparison of overseas anti- terrorism legislation on listing process would be provided to members	
012213 - 012551	Mr Eric LI	Disclosure of knowledge or suspicion that property was terrorist property	
012551 - 013029	Administration	Ditto	
013029 - 013145	Mr Eric LI	Ditto	
013145 - 013501	Administration	Ditto	

013501 - 013908	Ms Audrey EU	Relationship between clauses 4 and 5, and the right of innocent people to take back their funds frozen by S for S under clause 5	
013908 - 013913	Chairman	Ditto	
013913 - 014704	Administration	Ditto	
014704 - 015042	Ms Audrey EU	CE should disclose the reasons for specifying that a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property	
015042 - 015749	Administration	Ditto	
015749 - 020147	Chairman, Administration	Reason for using "any person" referred to in clause 5(1) of the Bill	
020147 - 020206	ALA	Drew members' attention that CE could specify a person or property was a terrorist, terrorist associate or terrorist property if CE had reasonable grounds to believe so, whereas S for S could freeze funds held by any person if she had reasonable grounds to suspect that such funds were terrorist property	
020206 - 020253	Ms Audrey EU	What were the overseas legislation enacted to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR)1373	
020253 - 020310	ALA	Referred members to an analysis on overseas legislation enacted to implement UNSCR 1373 prepared by the Legal Services Division at the request of the Panels on Security and Administration of Justice and Legal Services at their joint meeting held on 30 November 2001	
020310 - 020418	Administration	Clause 5 was based on certain provisions of the United Kingdom Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Order 2001	
020418 - 020506	Miss Margaret NG, Chairman	Whether the power of S for S under clause 5 was greater than that of CE under clause 4	

020506 -	Administration	Ditto	
020537			
020537 -	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Whether the definition of "terrorist act"	
020730	-	referred to in clause 2(1) would	
		undermine an individual's civil and	
		political rights	
020730 -	Administration	Ditto	
020834			
020834 -	Chairman	Ditto	
020844			
020844 -	Administration	Ditto	
021008			
021008 -	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Ditto	
021147			
021147 -	Administration	The Administration would ascertain	<b>√</b>
021153		whether the definition of "terrorist act"	(Admin to provide a
		referred to in clause 2(1) of the Bill	written
		would undermine an individual's civil	response)
		and political rights	
021153 -	Mr CHAN Kam-lam	What were overseas anti-terrorism	
021310		legislation on listing process and the	
		reason for stipulating that summary	
		proceedings for an offence under this	
		Bill, being an offence alleged to have	
		been committed outside Hong Kong,	
		might be commenced at any time not	
		later than 12 months from the date on	
		which the persons charged first entered	
		Hong Kong after committing the offence	
		under clause 14(11) of the Bill	
021310 -	ALA	A paper on overseas anti-terrorism	
021334		legislation on listing process would be	
		provided to members	
021334 -	Administration	Clause 14(11) was based on provisions	
021410		in the United Nations Sanctions	
		Ordinance	
021410 -	Chairman	Dates of next meetings	
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