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Follow-up to special meeting on 13 December 2001

At the special meeting on 13 December 2001, the Administration was requested to explain the legal basis for the protection of the dignity of President JIANG Zemin during the FORTUNE Global Forum.

2. The Administration's response has now been received and is reproduced below for members' information -

"The Internationally Protected Persons (IPPs) and Taking of Hostages Ordinance (Cap. 468) and the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against IPPs oblige the Police to take action to protect an IPP from attack on their persons, freedom or dignity. It is clarified that in the Fortune Global Forum, President JIANG Zemin was a prominent leader of the Central People's Government but was not an IPP under the Convention. As regards the protection of President JIANG Zemin, based on the prevailing threat assessment on terrorist attack and public order risk, the Police had a statutory duty to preserve the public peace, maintain law and order, and regulate processions and assemblies in public place in accordance with section 10 of the Police Force Ordinance (Cap. 232)."

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