Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill Twenty-sixth meeting on 9 March 2004

List of follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

- 1. Having noted the various submissions annexed to the paper on "Report on Consultation on Revisions to Conversion Mechanism and Rectification Provisions" (LC Paper No. CB(1)1230/03-04(04)), members invite the Administration to copy to the Bills Committee its written responses to the parties concerned.
- Referring to the submission dated 2 March 2004 from Heung Yee Kuk 2. New Territories (HYK) (annexed to the paper on "Report on Consultation on Revisions to Conversion Mechanism and Rectification Provisions" (LC Paper No. CB(1)1230/03-04(04)), a member highlights the view of HYK that "a flexible mechanism should be provided for the Daylight Conversion mechanism, i.e. the law should allow title owners to apply to the court to decide their interests if they have lost their interests to properties without notice of the title registration conversion mechanism due to certain special circumstances or reasons within the 12-year period so that their opportunities to decide their interests would not be taken away". The member points out that one of the special circumstances may be the owner's absence from Hong Kong during the 12-year incubation period. In this regard, the Administration agrees to address HYK's concerns by providing it with a paper setting out the extent of protection for owners in respect of interests in land that would be enforceable in personam and in rem under the Daylight Conversion mechanism.
- 3. Given that the Bills Committee will commence clause-by-clause examination of the Bill at its meeting on 13 April 2004, the Administration is invited to provide a written response to the outstanding policy issues raised at previous meetings for the Bills Committee's consideration at its next meeting on 2 April 2004. The Administration is invited to refer to the "Summary of follow-up actions by the Administration" attached to the letter dated 3 March 2004 from the Clerk to Bills Committee.

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