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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 10 October 2002 at 12:00 noon**  
**in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)  
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

**Members Absent** : Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP  
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon WONG Sing-chi

**Clerk in Attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

**Staff in Attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM  
Assistant Secretary General (2)

Miss Lolita SHEK  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)7

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## **I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Mr IP Kwok-him, as presiding member of the meeting, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Mr Andrew CHENG was nominated by Ms CHOY So-yuk and the nomination was seconded by Mr Henry WU. Mr Andrew CHENG accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Mr IP Kwok-him declared Mr Andrew CHENG elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session. Mr Andrew CHENG took over the chair.

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

4. Mr IP Kwok-him was nominated by Mr Henry WU and the nomination was seconded by Dr TANG Siu-tong. Mr IP Kwok-him accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr IP Kwok-him elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2002-2003 session.

## **II. Schedule of meetings for the 2002-2003 session**

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be scheduled for the second Friday of each month at 10:45 am except for the month of July 2003 in which the regular meeting would be held on 14 July 2003 at 10:45 am. Members noted that the next regular meeting would be held on Friday 8 November 2002 at 10:45 am.

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**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

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6. Members noted the list of outstanding items for discussion.

7. Ms Emily LAU pointed out that it would be due for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to submit its next report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by January 2003, and that report would form part of the China's initial report under that Convention for submission to UN. In response to her question raised at the Council meeting on 19 June 2002, the Administration had informed Members that as the Central People's Government (CPG) had not asked HKSAR to submit its contribution to China's initial report, the HKSAR Government had not yet started the preparation work. Ms LAU remarked that it would reflect badly on HKSAR since it was expected to submit its next report to United Nations (UN) after its last report in 2000.

8. Sharing the same concern, Ms Cyd HO pointed out that since the submission of a report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Kingdom Government in 1997, HKSAR had not submitted its report under that Convention pending the instruction of CPG. Ms HO suggested that the Administration should explain the procedure for HKSAR to submit reports to UN under various human rights treaties at the next meeting.

9. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting scheduled for 8 November 2002 –

- (a) Preparation of the second report of the HKSAR under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, position of submission of the initial report of HKSAR under the Convention on the Rights of Child and preparation of other reports under human rights treaties for submission to the UN; and
- (b) Second report to be prepared by HKSAR under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

10. On paragraph 9(b) above, members agreed that deputations should be invited to present their views on the second report to be prepared under CEDAW at the next meeting. An invitation for public views should also be placed on the website of the Legislative Council.

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11. Members also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Administration to enquire when it would revert back to the Panel on the Government's decisions in respect of the Gambling Review.

12. Ms Cyd HO informed members that the Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001, during deliberation of the Bill, had suggested that an intermediary body should be set up for the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments to expedite maintenance recovery and strengthen support for those in financial difficulty, and that the matter should be referred to the Panel on Home Affairs for follow-up. Members agreed that upon receipt of the referral, the subject should be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

**IV. Any other business**

13. The Chairman informed members that two subcommittees had been formed under the Panel, namely, the Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and the Subcommittee on review of the Building Management Ordinance. Members agreed that membership of these two Subcommittees should be re-opened and that it would be up to the Subcommittees to decide whether re-election of Chairman was necessary.

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:20 pm.

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