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### **Council meeting of 5 November 2003**

# **Proposed resolution under section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance**

I forward for Members' consideration a proposed resolution which the Secretary for the Civil Service will move at the Council meeting of 5 November 2003 under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance relating to the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 2) Statutes 2003. The President has directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in both English and Chinese versions, which the Secretary for the Civil Service will deliver when moving the proposed resolution, is also attached.

(Ray CHAN) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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#### INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE

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#### RESOLUTION

(Under section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

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## STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) STATUTES 2003

RESOLVED that the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong
(Amendment) (No. 2) Statutes 2003, published in the
Gazette as Legal Notice No. 186 of 2003 and laid
on the table of the Legislative Council on 9 July
2003, be amended in section 7(a) by repealing
everything after "repealing" and substituting
"everything from "to entertain" to "therein" and
substituting "to appoint any person or committee
to entertain and, if appropriate, adjudicate upon,
on its behalf, complaints from members of the
University and persons employed in it and to redress
their grievances";".

#### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) on 5 November 2003

### Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No.2) Statutes 2003

Madam President,

I move that the motion under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance, as printed on the Agenda, be passed. The motion amends section 7(a) of the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No.2) Statutes 2003.

To ensure that its governance and management structures are meeting present day circumstances, and are enhanced having regard to international good practices and the principles of transparency and accountability, the University of Hong Kong has appointed an independent and international panel to review its governance and management structures. The University of Hong Kong has identified a number of statutory amendments necessary for implementation of the recommendations.

One of these is the amendment to paragraph 2(1) of Statute XIX, to enable the Council of the University of Hong Kong to appoint any person or committee to entertain and adjudicate upon complaints and redress grievances on its behalf. This amendment was effected by

section 7(a) of the Amendment Statutes.

In the course of examining the Amendment Statutes, the Subcommittee of the House Committee has suggested, and the University of Hong Kong has agreed, to amend section 7(a) of the Amendment Statutes in respect of paragraph 2(l) of Statute XIX. I therefore move this amendment to reflect more accurately the intention of the University of Hong Kong, which is to enable the Council, on a case by case basis, either to delegate the adjudicating power to a person or committee, or to retain its own adjudicating power and exercise it on the recommendation of a person or committee that has entertained the complaints or grievances.

The Subcommittee set up by the House Committee has examined the Statutes carefully and offered valuable opinions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Tommy Cheung, Chairman, and other members of the Subcommittee, for their support.

Thank you, Madam President.