

Extract from the minutes of the House Committee meeting on 9 January 2004

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IV. Business for the Council meeting on 14 January 2004

(d) Government motions

(iii) Two proposed resolutions to be moved by the Secretary for Security under the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance relating to:

the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Ukraine) Order; and

the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Singapore) Order

*(Wording of the proposed resolutions issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 273/03-04 dated 27 December 2003.)**(LC Paper No. LS 34/03-04)*

43. The Legal Adviser explained that the purpose of the proposed resolutions was to seek LegCo's approval for the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Ukraine) Order and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Singapore) Order.

44. The Legal Adviser said that the Legal Service Division had requested the Administration to clarify some drafting points and certain provisions in the Orders which were different from those in similar orders previously approved by LegCo. The Legal Adviser further said that the Legal Service Division was studying the Administration's response which had just been received.

45. Mr James TO suggested that a subcommittee be formed to study the two Orders.

46. The Chairman proposed that a subcommittee be formed. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Miss Margaret NG, Mr James TO, Mr Jasper TSANG and Ms Miriam LAU.

47. The Chairman said that the Secretary for Security would be requested to withdraw his notice for moving the proposed resolutions.

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