

Extract from the minutes of the House Committee meeting on 25 June 2004

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VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(f) Report of the Subcommittee on the United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2003

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43. Miss Margaret NG, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had provided an interim report to the House Committee on 28 May 2004.

44. Miss NG further said that the Subcommittee had recently received the views of Professor Yash GHAI from the Department of Law of the University of Hong Kong on the legal and constitutional issues arising from the existing arrangements for implementing resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong. Professor GHAI was of the view that there were major problems in the existing arrangements, and the Subcommittee had requested the Administration to provide a written response to Professor GHAI's views.

45. Miss NG said that the Subcommittee considered that as the existing arrangements for implementing UNSC resolutions in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong had far-reaching implications, the matter should be followed up in the next LegCo term, when the Administration had responded to Professor GHAI's submission.

46. Miss NG added that the Subcommittee recommended that the House Committee in the next term be invited to consider setting up a subcommittee to follow up the arrangements for implementing UNSC resolutions in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong. Dr YEUNG Sum expressed support for the suggestion.

47. The Chairman said that it would be for the House Committee in the next term to consider the Subcommittee's recommendation.

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