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# Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions

# **Proposed Work Plan**

# **Purpose**

This paper proposes a work plan for the Subcommittee.

#### Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee

2. At its meeting on 15 April 2005, the Subcommittee adopted its Terms of Reference as follows:

"To examine the legal and constitutional issues arising from the current arrangements for implementing in Hong Kong resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to sanctions as provided under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap. 537) with reference to Regulations made under section 3 of the Ordinance."

## **Proposed time-frame**

### Current position

3. The Subcommittee was formed on 29 October 2004 to examine the current arrangements for implementing in Hong Kong the sanctions imposed through resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. It has held meetings with the Administration, considered the expert views submitted by Professor Yash GHAI of the University of Hong Kong and made reference to the Regulations made under section 3 of the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance (Cap.537). The Subcommittee has prepared a draft report and forwarded it to

the Administration on 9 February 2006 for consideration and comments by the Secretary for Justice (S for J).

4. Since the Administration's response to the issues raised by the Subcommittee was still outstanding, members agreed at the House Committee meeting on 25 January 2007 that the Chairman of the House Committee should raise the matter with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS). CS has undertaken to convey the Subcommittee's concern for an early response to S for J.

## Proposed time-frame for completion of work

5. The Administration has indicated in December 2006 that it would hope to give a substantive response before the end of March 2007. As the substantive part of the work of the Subcommittee has been completed, subject to receipt of the Administration's response and members' further views on how the various issues and recommendations are to be taken forward, the Subcommittee would aim to submit its report to the House Committee in May 2007.

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