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## Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation to Implement the Obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

## Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2007, at 2:45 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

| Members<br>present                         | : | Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)<br>Hon James TO Kun-sun<br>Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP<br>Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP   |
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| <b>Public Officers</b><br><b>attending</b> | : | <ul> <li>Miss Shirley YUNG</li> <li>Assistant Director (Administration)<br/>Administration Wing</li> <li>Chief Secretary for Administration's Office</li> <li>Ms Manda CHAN</li> <li>Principal Assistant Secretary for Security</li> <li>Mr Wayne WALSH</li> <li>Deputy Principal Government Counsel (Mutual Legal<br/>Assistance Unit)</li> <li>Ms Francoise LAM</li> <li>Senior Government Counsel</li> <li>Mr Hubert LAW</li> <li>Assistant Secretary for Security</li> <li>Ms Jane LEE</li> <li>Assistant Secretary for Security</li> </ul> |
| Clerk in<br>attendance                     | : | Mrs Sharon TONG<br>Chief Council Secretary (2) 1  |

| Staff in attendance | : | Mr Timothy TSO<br>Assistant Legal Adviser 2      |
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|                     |   | Mr Raymond LAM<br>Senior Council Secretary (2) 5 |
|                     |   | Miss Helen DIN<br>Legislative Assistant (2) 1    |

## I. Election of Chairman

Hon Margaret NG was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at Annex).

#### **II.** Meeting with the Administration

- 3. The Subcommittee requested the Administration -
  - (a) to provide a paper setting out how the obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) had been fulfilled through existing legislation and administrative measures in Hong Kong;
  - (b) to explain the legal effect of including UNCAC in the Schedule to the Fugitive Offenders (Corruption) Order and whether such drafting practice had been adopted for previous similar Orders; and
  - (c) to explain whether the proposed addition of the offences on soliciting or accepting bribes under sections 4(2), 5(2), 6(2) and 9(1) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance to Schedule 2 to the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance was necessary for achieving the confiscation requirements under UNCAC.

#### **III.** Date of next meeting

4. The Subcommittee agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled, pending the availability of the information to be provided by the Administration.

5. The Subcommittee agreed that the Chairman should move a motion at

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the Council meeting on 20 June 2007 to extend the scrutiny period of the Fugitive Offenders (Corruption) Order to the first Council meeting of the next session.

6. The meeting ended at 3:35 pm.

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# Proceedings of meeting of the Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation to Implement the Obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on Tuesday, 12 June 2007, at 2:45 pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

| Time marker        | Speaker   | Subject(s)  | Action<br>Required  |
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| 000000 -<br>000337 | Hon Margaret NG<br>Hon James TO<br>Hon Howard YOUNG<br>Hon LAU Kong-wah | Election of Chairman  | •   |
| 000338 -<br>000520 | Admin   | Briefing on the Fugitive Offenders<br>(Corruption) Order (the Order)  |   |
| 000521 -<br>000800 | Chairman<br>Hon James TO<br>Admin                                       | Extension of scrutiny period for the<br>Order   |   |
| 000801 -<br>000831 | Chairman<br>Admin   | Past practice in respect of the<br>implementation of the obligations<br>under an international convention<br>in Hong Kong   |   |
| 000832 -<br>001653 | Hon James TO<br>Admin   | Why offences on "soliciting or<br>accepting" bribes as defined under<br>sections 4(2), 5(2), 6(2) and 9(1) of<br>Prevention of Bribery Ordinance<br>(POBO) had not been included in<br>Schedule 2 to the Organized and<br>Serious Crimes Ordinance (OSCO) |   |
| 001654 -<br>003521 | Hon LAU Kong-wah<br>Chairman<br>Hon James TO<br>ALA2<br>Admin           | Against Corruption (UNCAC) had<br>been fulfilled in Hong Kong, for<br>instance, how the terms in Article 2<br>of UNCAC were to be interpreted   | Admin to provide a<br>paper setting out how<br>the obligations under<br>the UNCAC had<br>been fulfilled through<br>existing legislation<br>and administrative<br>measures in Hong<br>Kong |
| 003522 -<br>004701 | Hon James TO<br>Chairman<br>Admin                                       | 4(2), 5(2), 6(2) and 9(1) of POBO   | Admin to explain<br>whether the proposed<br>addition of the<br>offences on soliciting<br>or accepting bribes  |

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|                    |          | necessary for achieving the<br>confiscation requirements under<br>UNCAC; effect of section 2 of the<br>Order; reasons for including<br>Articles 5 and 6 of UNCAC in the<br>Order; legal effect of including<br>UNCAC in the Schedule to the<br>Order and whether such drafting<br>practice had been adopted for<br>previous similar Orders | under sections 4(2),<br>5(2), 6(2) and 9(1) of |
| 004702 -<br>004742 | Chairman | Date of next meeting   |  |

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