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Advisory Council on the Environment Comments on the Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2008

The Advisory Council on the Environment discussed the proposal to amend the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (APCO) (Chapter 311) in late 2007. The Council supported the proposal to amend the APCO and considered that the proposal would –

- (a) ensure a smooth, timely and transparent implementation of the emission caps for the power sector which was crucial for the achievement of the 2010 emission reduction targets;
- (b) facilitate the use of emissions trading as a cost-effective alternative for power plants to achieve the emission caps; and
- (c) ensure the independence and impartiality of the Appeal Board under the APCO.

In respect of the issue on inclusion of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the proposed emission caps for the power sector, the Council considered that it was not opportune to impose a cap on CO₂ emission on power plants given the technical constraints and fuel mix considerations. Nonetheless, the setting of emission reduction target on CO₂ should be pursued in the long run, with regard to international development. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions should be pursued by a multi-pronged approach in the long run.