(Translation)

Motion on
"Establishing a scheme for sexual offences records checks
for child-related work"
moved by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 10 March 2010

Motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing and Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

That the occurrence in recent years of a number of incidents in which persons who engaged in child-related work committing sexual offences against children has aroused widespread concern; as employers at present do not have any channel for checking the past sexual offences conviction records of applicants when recruiting personnel for posts which have close contact with children, the Law Reform Commission ('LRC') released a report in February this year, putting forward interim proposals for, as an interim measure, the establishment of a scheme for sexual offences records checks for child-related work, and this Council notes the contents of the report; in view of the highly controversial nature of LRC's proposals, this Council urges the Administration to expeditiously consult various sectors and, after balancing the views of various parties, implement as soon as possible reasonable and practicable administrative and legislative measures, so as to enhance protection for children against sexual assault, and safeguard the human rights of former sex offenders and facilitate their rehabilitation.