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Motion on "Proactively implementing the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation" moved by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Motion as amended by Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, Hon WONG Kwok-kin and Hon Miriam LAU Kin-vee

That, in April this year, witnessed by state leaders, the Governments of Hong Kong and Guangdong have signed the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation which defines the direction of joint socio-economic development in both places and the major initiatives for 2010; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to formulate and implement the specific policies and measures outlined in the Framework Agreement as early as possible, so as to build an international financial centre with Hong Kong taking the lead with its financial systems, build a modern services base, build a world-class modern economic circulation sphere, develop a high quality green living area which incorporates a regional environment protection regime, complement the training of talents, promote technology and innovation, develop high-end industries, and support Hong Kong-invested enterprises in opening up the Mainland domestic market, so that Hong Kong's market population and geographical scope of services can be expanded to the Pearl River Delta metropolitan circle, thereby facilitating the promotion of a diversified range of industries and economy in Hong Kong and making available more quality job opportunities for Hong Kong people; at the same time, the SAR Government also has to provide those Hong Kong people who, because of the Framework Agreement, have to work and live on the Mainland or travel frequently between the two places over a long period of time with adequate support and personal protection, such as assistance in distress, legal services, emergency medical services as well as welfare protection, etc., with a view to catering for the closer and more integrated way of living and development between Hong Kong and Guangdong in the future; this Council also urges the SAR Government to expeditiously set up a Dongguan Liaison Unit under the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong and submit progress reports on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on a regular basis.