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Proposed amendments to motion on "Concern about the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong"

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 598/10-11 issued on 18 March 2011, seven Members (Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip, Yuet-mee. Hon Audrey EU Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, Hon WONG Kwok-hing, Hon KAM Nai-wai and Hon James TO Kun-sun) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon WONG Ting-kwong's motion on "Concern about the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong" scheduled for the Council meeting of 30 March 2011. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

- 2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:
 - (a) the President calls upon Hon WONG Ting-kwong to speak and move his motion;
 - (b) the President proposes the question on Hon WONG Ting-kwong's motion;
 - (c) the President calls upon the seven Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Frederick FUNG;

- (ii) Hon Albert CHAN;
- (iii) Hon Audrey EU;
- (iv) Hon Tommy CHEUNG;
- (v) Hon WONG Kwok-hing;
- (vi) Hon KAM Nai-wai; and
- (vii) Hon James TO;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon WONG Ting-kwong to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the seven Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Frederick FUNG to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment;
- (i) after Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other six amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon WONG Ting-kwong to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon WONG Ting-kwong's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.
- 3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Mrs Justina LAM) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

(Translation)

Motion debate on "Concern about the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong" to be held at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 30 March 2011

1. Hon WONG Ting-kwong's original motion

That, since an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

That, since given that an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has and the resultant tsunami and nuclear power crisis have, apart from causing enormous casualties, also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's

confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents; and the SAR Government should also learn a lesson from the worldwide panic caused by the recent nuclear power incident in Fukushima, and completely shelve the proposal of increasing the proportion of imported nuclear power in the fuel mix for power generation to about 50%, and on the premise of conserving energy and developing renewable energy, formulate afresh a future fuel mix for power generation in order to achieve the objective of emission reduction.

Note: Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

That, given that since an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents; this Council also requests that the Central Government should: (a) strengthen in the immediate future the monitoring of nuclear power plants which are in

operation; (b) immediately stop all nuclear power projects which are being planned and nuclear power plants which are being constructed; and (c) in the long run, progressively close down the nuclear power plants which are in operation, so as to immune several hundred million nationals from the threat of nuclear power incidents.

Note: Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

That, since *this Council is deeply sorry that* an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, caused enormous casualties, and the incident has also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend:

- (a) review afresh its nuclear power policy; and starting from primary school, comprehensively step up public education on the general knowledge about nuclear power risks, nuclear power safety and ways to respond to nuclear power incidents; increase the depth and breadth of nuclear power safety drills; study the setting up of fallout shelters, and request the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents;
- (b) express grave concern about our country's acceleration of nuclear power development in the future and its construction of a number of nuclear power plants; and strive for a high degree of transparency for the monitoring and notification mechanisms from our country's

Ministry of Environmental Protection and National Nuclear Safety Administration;

- (c) reflect to the State Council Hong Kong people's worries and anxieties about the construction, within the Guangdong Province, of Yangjiang Nuclear Power Station in western part of Guangdong, Yaogu Nuclear Power Station in Taishan, Tianwei Nuclear Power Station in Lufeng and Lingao Nuclear Power Station Phase 2; urge the Central Government to examine afresh the risks of nuclear power plants; and strive for Hong Kong people's involvement in and discussions on the relevant nuclear power projects; and
- (d) conduct study on improving the notification mechanisms for nuclear power risks and nuclear power safety among the International Atomic Energy Agency and the various governments in East Asia (including Taiwan).

Note: Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type** or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

That, since given that an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also triggered a nuclear leakage crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant and affected the global economy, environment and people's livelihood, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and people's livelihood, stabilize people's confidence and protect employment; at the same time, the SAR Government should closely monitor the impact of the disastrous crisis in Japan on the various industries in Hong Kong, and by making reference to the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme launched in response to the financial tsunami, provide appropriate assistance to Hong Kong's small and medium enterprises which are facing operating difficulties; given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health and nuclear power safety, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the, put in place a permanent mechanism for

conducting sustained safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible continue to announce on a regular basis the details of the relevant surveillance information with a high degree of transparency; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and conduct incident drills with public participation; the Administration should also, by making reference to the contingency arrangements for nuclear power incidents in other places, plan for emergency fallout shelters at appropriate locations in Hong Kong, particularly in the East New Territories region which is relatively close to the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station, and stock up relevant emergency supplies, so as to cope with any possible accidents occurred at the nuclear power station, as well as recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents, and reflect to the Central Government Hong Kong people's concern about the construction of additional nuclear power plants within the province.

Note: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan's amendment is marked in **bold and** *italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, since an thinking of danger in times of safety and taking early precautions are eternal truths; this Council is gravely concerned that the earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also caused enormous casualties and losses, and expresses its deep condolences to the affected Japanese people; given that this severe disaster in Japan has affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's worry and concern about their safety and health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products, beverages, medicines and cosmetic products, etc., imported from Japan, and announce implement as soon as possible the arrangement of announcing the relevant surveillance information as soon as

possible on a regular and timely basis, and upload the surveillance information onto the Internet to increase transparency; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, seriously learn the experience in and a lesson from the severe explosion of the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan and the Japanese government's handling of the incident; comprehensively review and perfect Hong Kong's contingency plan and arrangement for drills in case of nuclear power incidents; adopt proactive and stronger measures to strengthen publicity and education for the public, popularize and enhance people's knowledge about nuclear power generation, and raise the public's understanding of ways to respond to the nuclear power incidents, thereby eliminating irrational fear and reinforcing the knowledge and capability of all members of the public about their safety protection against radiation contamination; and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and of the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station which is near Hong Kong; and further perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents to increase transparency.

<u>Note</u>: Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

7. Motion as amended by Hon KAM Nai-wai

That, since given that an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents; besides, regarding the proposal put forward by the SAR Government in the Consultation Document on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda and in the 2010-11 Policy Address to significantly increase the future proportion of nuclear energy in Hong Kong's fuel mix for power generation from 23% in 2009 to 50% in 2020, this Council requests the Government to immediately shelve the plan of increasing the use of nuclear energy in order to allay people's worries about the use of nuclear power, and to put forward and implement a series of specific and effective measures on energy conservation, so as to reduce energy consumption and electricity consumption by the public.

<u>Note</u>: Hon KAM Nai-wai's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type** or with deletion line.

8. Motion as amended by Hon James TO Kun-sun

That, since given that an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 on the Richter Scale that occurred in Japan on 11 March has, apart from causing enormous casualties, also affected the global economy, this Council urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the latest development of the incident, strengthen the monitoring of the impact of the earthquake in Japan on Hong Kong's financial market, import and export trade, consumer market of Japanese products and tourism industry, and provide timely information and adopt effective measures, so as to lessen the impact of the earthquake in Japan on the Hong Kong economy and stabilize people's confidence; at the same time, given that the problem of nuclear power safety triggered by the earthquake in Japan has aroused Hong Kong people's concern about their health, this Council condemns the Administration for not conducting, out of negligence, any routine incident drills under the Daya Bay Contingency Plan in the past decade, and urges the SAR Government to step up surveillance of the radiation levels in Hong Kong and the safety tests on food products imported from Japan, and announce the relevant surveillance information as soon as possible; moreover, the SAR Government should strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents:

(a) comprehensively review the safety risks of using nuclear power, strengthen public education focusing on nuclear power safety and responses in case of nuclear power incidents, and conduct regular nuclear power incident drills;

- (b) through summarizing the nuclear power crisis triggered by the earthquake in Japan and making reference to the contingency measures for nuclear power incidents adopted by foreign countries, review afresh and update the Daya Bay Contingency Plan; and
- (c) strengthen the publicity of the contingency plan for nuclear power incidents to the public, raise with the Guangdong provincial authorities the issue of jointly reviewing the safety of nuclear power plants within the province and the precautionary measures, and recommend the Guangdong provincial authorities to increase the number of non-routine inspections and perfect the existing notification mechanism for nuclear power incidents.

<u>Note</u>: Hon James TO Kun-sun's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.