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**Amendments to motion on
“Supporting the development of the securities industry”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 166/12-13 issued on 22 November 2012, six Members (Hon WONG Kwok-hing, Hon Kenneth LEUNG, Hon Ronny TONG, Hon SIN Chung-kai, Hon NG Leung-sing and Hon Martin LIAO) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Christopher CHEUNG’s motion on “Supporting the development of the securities industry” scheduled for the Council meeting of 5 December 2012. As directed by the President, the respective 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 Christopher CHEUNG to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Christopher CHEUNG’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the six Members who intend to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:

- (i) Hon WONG Kwok-hing;
 - (ii) Hon Kenneth LEUNG;
 - (iii) Hon Ronny TONG;
 - (iv) Hon SIN Chung-kai;
 - (v) Hon NG Leung-sing; and
 - (vi) Hon Martin LIAO;
- (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 Christopher CHEUNG to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the six Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon WONG Kwok-hing to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment;
- (i) after Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other five amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Christopher CHEUNG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Christopher CHEUNG'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**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Supporting the development of the securities industry”
to be held at the Council meeting of 5 December 2012**

1. Hon Christopher CHEUNG’s original motion

That, given the great contribution of local securities firms to Hong Kong’s financial market and their unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong’s financial safety and supporting its financial development, this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to support the development of the local securities industry.

2. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, ~~given the great contribution of~~ *while Hong Kong is one of the world’s important financial centres*, local securities firms ~~to Hong Kong’s financial market and their~~ *have contributed greatly to the Hong Kong market with* unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong’s financial safety and supporting its financial development; this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to support the development of the local securities industry, *and attach importance to the views of local small and medium securities firms and employees in the industry, including:*

- (a) *to review and perfect the consultation procedure and mechanism of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (‘HKEx’), so that local securities dealers and employees in the securities industry can fully express their views, thus enabling HKEx to accurately and comprehensively grasp the overall stance of the industry on the matters under consultation;*
- (b) *to expeditiously assess the impact of HKEx’s plan of extending trading hours on the industry, particularly the inconvenience caused by the shortening of lunch break to local securities dealers and employees in the industry, and at the same time, negotiate with the industry and its employees again for a more appropriate arrangement in relation to the plan; and*
- (c) *to conduct a comprehensive assessment of and consultation on the after-hours futures trading which HKEx intends to introduce,*

including contemplating the potential risks brought about by the plan to the local market, collecting the views of all employees in the industry, etc., and introducing the plan on a trial basis only after the industry has forged a consensus.

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

3. Motion as amended by Hon Kenneth LEUNG

That, ~~given the great contribution of local securities firms~~ *have contributed a lot* to Hong Kong's financial market and ~~their unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong's financial safety and supporting its financial development,~~ *but due to changes in the market environment, the securities industry is facing entirely new challenges and may need to consider changing its modus operandi in pursuit of innovation and changes, so as to lower its overall operating costs and further enhance its services; in view of this,* this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to ~~support the development of the local securities industry~~ *provide the necessary assistance to securities firms in need of transformation, such as in-service training for staff, technical support and low-interest loans, so as to assist securities firms in upgrading service quality and increase the overall competitiveness of the local securities industry.*

Note: Hon Kenneth LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Ronny TONG

That, ~~given the great contribution of local securities firms~~ *as Hong Kong is an international financial centre where the local securities industry has contributed greatly* to Hong Kong's financial market and ~~their~~ *with* unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong's financial safety and supporting its financial development, this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures, *including formulating stringent standards for corporate governance and information disclosure to protect investors' rights and interests,* to support the development of the local securities industry.

Note: Hon Ronny TONG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai

That, ~~given~~ *with* the great contribution of local securities firms to Hong Kong's financial market and their unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong's financial safety and supporting its financial development, this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to *ensure fair competition and* support the development of the local securities industry; *at the same time, the Government should also uphold the high degree of independence of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and various financial regulators, regulate companies listed in Hong Kong in accordance with Hong Kong laws, and bolster the image of the Hong Kong securities trading market as being transparent, fair and effective in regulating, so as to attract investors from various places to use the Hong Kong securities market; besides, the Government should actively develop the Hong Kong bond market to assist the securities industry in developing different types of businesses and provide Hong Kong people with more investment choices; specific measures should include:*

- (a) *to encourage various statutory bodies to first issue bonds to raise capital from Hong Kong people on a priority basis when seeking financing, and increase the types and quantity of bonds;*
- (b) *to enlarge the platform and network for bond trading, increase trading channels, and popularize bond trading;*
- (c) *to seriously implement a market-making system for bonds, and set up central bond settlement similar to possession of scrips for the convenience of ordinary retail bond investors; and*
- (d) *to consider the establishment and management of Hong Kong Dollar denominated bond funds by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited, so that members of the public may indirectly purchase sovereign bonds of foreign countries and corporate bonds, subject to the condition that the management fees must be determined on the basis of actual expenses rather than for profit-making.*

Note: Hon SIN Chung-kai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon NG Leung-sing

That, given the great contribution of local securities firms to Hong Kong's financial market and their unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong's financial safety and supporting its financial development, this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to support the development of the local securities industry; *as the financial co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong continues to strengthen, this Council also urges the Government to, while supporting local securities firms to develop local businesses, actively assist them in expanding into the Mainland market.*

Note: Hon NG Leung-sing's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

7. Motion as amended by Hon Martin LIAO

That, given the great contribution of local securities firms to Hong Kong's financial market and their unrivalled importance in safeguarding Hong Kong's financial safety and supporting its financial development, this Council urges the Government to adopt specific measures to support the development of the local securities industry; *specific measures should include:*

- (a) *to co-operate with the Mainland to introduce an interconnected system, and actively strengthen the co-operation between the two places in the area of asset management;*
- (b) *to conduct detailed studies on developing the bond market;*
- (c) *to develop recognized rating agencies;*
- (d) *to increase the existing categories of overnight futures contracts, and extend the trading hours to fully cover the winter-time and summer-time trading hours of the United States stock market; and*
- (e) *to introduce more investment products.*

Note: Hon Martin LIAO's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.