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Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions

Minutes of the fifth meeting on Friday, 29 November 2013, at 9:30 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)

Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Hon Dennis KWOK

Members absent: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Kenneth LEUNG

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP

Public officers attending

Agenda item II

Ms Carol YUEN, JP

Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic

Development (Commerce and Industry) 1

Mr Raymond WU

Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) 2

Ms Alice CHOY

Senior Government Counsel (Treaties & Law) 1

Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance: Ms Annette LAM

Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance: Mr Bonny LOO

Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Connie HO

Senior Council Secretary (1)3

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)358/13-14

-- Minutes of meeting held on 11 October 2013)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2013 were confirmed.

II. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(1)166/13-14(01)

-- United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2013

LC Paper No. LS8/13-14

-- Legal Service Division Report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 25 October 2013 (L.N. 165) for the House Committee meeting on 1 November 2013)

- 2. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Appendix**).
- 3. <u>The Subcommittee</u> completed the study of the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2013.

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III. Any other business

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:46 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
15 January 2014

Proceedings of the fifth meeting of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions on Friday, 29 November 2013, at 9:30 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

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Agenda It	Agenda Item I - Confirmation of minutes of meeting						
000000 - 000252	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of the meeting on 11 October 2013					
Agenda It	Agenda Item II - Meeting with the Administration						
000253 – 000315	Chairman	Opening remarks					
000316 – 000616	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2013 ("the Amendment Regulation") In response to the Chairman's enquiry on the timeframe of the legislative process of the Amendment Regulation, the Administration advised that following the receipt of the relevant instruction from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on 16 August 2013, the Amendment Regulation was gazetted on 25 October 2013 and came into effect on the same day.					
000617 – 001720	Chairman Administration Mr IP Kwok-him	Study of the mark-up versions of the Amendment Regulation (Annex E to LC Paper No. CB(1) 166/13-14(01)) Part 1: Section 1 — Interpretation Members noted the deletion of the definitions of "(Resolution 1744)"/"《第1744號決議》" and "(Resolution 1772)"/"《第1772號決議》", and the addition of the definition of "(Resolution 2111)"/"《第2111號決議》" of the Security Council of the United Nations (UNSC) in the English and Chinese texts respectively. Part 3: Section 8 — Licence for supply, sale, transfer or carriage of certain goods In response to the Chairman's enquiry, the Administration advised that the substitution of "the United Nations Political Office for Somalia or its					

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		successor mission" by "United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia", and "聯合國索馬里政治事務處或接替它的特派團" by "聯合國索馬里援助團" respectively in the English and Chinese texts of section 8(2)(g) was made in accordance with paragraph 10(a) of UNSC Resolution 2111.	
		Part 3: Section 9 – Licence for provision of certain advice, assistance or training	
		In reply to the Chairman's enquiry, the Administration responded that the amendments to section 9(2)(b) were made in line with paragraph 11(a) of UNSC Resolution 2111.	
		Part 3: Section 10 – Licence for making available funds, etc. to certain persons or entities or dealing with funds, etc. of certain persons or entities	
		In response to the Chairman's enquiry, the Administration advised that:	
		(i) a new section 10(2)(d) was added to the United Nations Sanctions (Somalia) Regulation (Cap. 537AN) to reflect new exceptions to the financial sanctions against Somalia as per paragraph 22 of UNSC Resolution 2111; and	
		(ii) a new section 32(2) was added to Cap. 537AN to specify that the exceptions to the financial sanctions against Somalia under section 10(2)(d) would expire at midnight on 24 October 2014.	
		Mr IP Kwok-him enquired about the reasons for specifying a time limit for the aforementioned new exceptions to the financial sanctions against Somalia. The Administration responded that it was not uncommon for the UNSC to specify an expiry date for the sanctions imposed or exceptions. The reasons for setting the prescribed time limit were usually not stated in the relevant resolutions. Normally, the UNSC would review the relevant sanctions or exceptions prior to their expiry and decide on whether they should be further extended in light of the prevailing circumstances.	

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		Members raised no objections to the Amendment Regulation.	
001721 – 001739	Chairman	Meeting arrangements	

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