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**Proposal for the appointment of a subcommittee under
the House Committee to follow up issues relating to
the three-runway system at the Hong Kong International Airport**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider a proposal on the terms of reference, work plan and time frame of a subcommittee proposed to be appointed under the House Committee ("HC") to follow up issues relating to the three-runway system ("3RS") at the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA").

Background

2. The Panel on Economic Development ("the EDEV Panel") passed the following motion at the meeting on 23 March 2015 –

"That this Panel requests a subcommittee be set up under the Legislative Council to continue to follow up issues relating to 3RS at HKIA."

3. At the HC meeting on 10 April 2015, Members exchanged views on whether the subcommittee should be formed under the EDEV Panel, under the panels concerned or under HC.

4. With the concurrence of Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, Chairman of the EDEV Panel and Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Chairman of the Panel on Environmental Affairs, a joint-panel meeting was held on 27 April 2015 for members to consider the appointment of a joint subcommittee under the two panels. Majority of members who spoke at the meeting supported the appointment of the proposed subcommittee under HC ("the Subcommittee") and raised no objection to seeking the support of HC for priority activation

of the Subcommittee. In accordance with Rule 20(k)(ii)¹ of the House Rules, the two Panels now make a proposal on the Subcommittee for consideration of HC. The proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame of the Subcommittee are set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

Proposed terms of reference of the Subcommittee

5. The proposed terms of reference of the Subcommittee are as follows –

"To study and follow up issues relating to three-runway system at Hong Kong International Airport, including the feasibility of the three-runway system, its scope and design details, financial arrangement, existing capacity of Hong Kong International Airport, environmental impacts, and related matters."

Proposed work plan

6. The Subcommittee will focus its work on the following areas –

- (a) 3RS scope and the associated design details;
- (b) economic returns, financial arrangement and the implementation of revenue-raising measures for 3RS;
- (c) "air wall" constraint and the use and management of airspace in Pearl River Delta region;
- (d) enhancement of existing capacity of HKIA; and
- (e) environmental concerns.

Proposed time frame

7. In view of Members' grave concerns about the 3RS project and the far-reaching implications of its proposed financial arrangements, they considered that the Subcommittee should start its work as early as possible.

¹ Under Rule 20(k)(ii) of the House Rules, a proposal to appoint a subcommittee under HC should contain sufficient information on the proposed terms of reference, time frame, work plan and extent of work involved in the study of the specific issue or project to facilitate the consideration by HC.

At the joint-panel meeting on 27 April 2015, members raised no objection to seeking the support of the HC for a priority slot for the Subcommittee.

8. Pursuant to HR 26(c), the Subcommittee is expected to complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to HC.

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to –

- (a) endorse the appointment of the Subcommittee under HC with the proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame as set out in paragraphs 5 to 8 above; and
- (b) approve the placement of the Subcommittee on the top of the waiting list of "Subcommittee on policy issues".

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