

Subcommittee on Children's Rights

Response to motions of the Meeting on 4 November 2017

Establishment of a Commission on Children

The Government plans to set up a Commission on Children in mid-2018 to amalgamate the efforts made by relevant bureaux/departments and child concern groups, and focus on addressing children's issues as they grow. To this end, the Government established in September 2017 a Preparatory Committee chaired by the Chief Executive, with the Chief Secretary for Administration as the Vice-chairperson. Members include the Policy Secretaries of relevant bureaux, experts in children affairs, such as members of the healthcare, education, social welfare and legal sectors; as well as academics and representatives of ethnic minorities and parents.

2. The Preparatory Committee is conducting a public engagement on the establishment of a Commission on Children from 13 November 2017 to 31 January 2018, and has planned a series of public engagement activities, including forums for children, parents, children's rights groups, the social welfare sector, the education sector, the healthcare sector and the general public, to canvass views from the community extensively including those of children, in particular their views on such issues as the expected role, functions, composition, structure, work priorities and directions of the Commission, so as to ensure that the functions and the work of the new Commission will have the support of the community. We take note of the motion passed under the agenda item "Human rights of children under poverty" on establishment of the Commission on Children at the meeting of the Subcommittee on Children's Rights on 4 November 2017.

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