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**Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to  
the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Tuesday, 6 March 2018, at 4:45 pm  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP  
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Hon Alvin YEUNG  
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding  
Hon SHIU Ka-fai  
Hon CHAN Chun-ying  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
- Members absent** : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP  
Hon LUK Chung-hung
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Rita LAI  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Mr Raymond LAM  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Ms Gloria TSANG  
Council Secretary (2)1

Ms Kiwi NG  
Legislative Assistant (2) 1

Miss Lulu YEUNG  
Clerical Assistant (2) 1

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## **I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Ms YUNG Hoi-yan were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee respectively.

## **II. Meeting arrangements and items for discussion**

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. With reference to the work plan of the Subcommittee endorsed by the House Committee, members agreed that the Subcommittee should discuss the following issues:

- (a) a review of the existing arrangement for immigration control to reduce the incentives and opportunities for "economic refugees" to come to Hong Kong for lodging non-refoulement claims;
- (b) a review of the unified mechanism for screening non-refoulement claims to expedite the screening procedures, increase its transparency and prevent abuse of such procedures;
- (c) a review of the publicly-funded legal assistance scheme, including but not limited to considering setting out the scope and limits on the provision of such assistance as appropriate;

- (d) the feasibility of setting up holding centres to properly accommodate and manage non-refoulement claimants, and considerations in selecting sites;
- (e) the prosecution policy and preventive initiatives targeting at syndicates and individuals involved in the smuggling of illegal immigrants into Hong Kong to lodge non-refoulement claims, as well as non-refoulement claimants committing crimes in Hong Kong;
- (f) various family-oriented arrangements for the provision of humanitarian assistance; and
- (g) the overall situation and management of Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre.

### **III. Any other business**

4. The Subcommittee agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for 27 March 2018 at 10:45 am to meet with the Administration.

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:04 pm.

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<i>Agenda item I - Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman</i>			
000000 - 000523	Mr James TO Mr CHAN Chun-ying Mr CHAN Hak-kan Dr Elizabeth QUAT	Election of Chairman	
000524 - 000557	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-fai Mr CHAN Chun-ying Ms YUNG Hoi-yan	Election of Deputy Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II - Meeting arrangements and items for discussion</i>			
000558 - 001702	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr SHIU Ka-fai Mr LAU Kwok-fan Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr Alvin YEUNG	<p>The Chairman invited members' views on issues for discussion by the Subcommittee.</p> <p>Discussion on the need for the Subcommittee to study the feasibility of setting up of holding centres for accommodating and managing non-refoulement claimants. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr Alvin YEUNG opposed the setting up of holding centres while Mr SHIU Ka-fai, Mr LAU Kwok-fan, Mr CHAN Hak-kan and the Chairman considered that holding centres should be an option. Members agreed that the Subcommittee could make a recommendation, if any, after discussion.</p> <p>In respect of the work plan of the Subcommittee endorsed by the House Committee, Dr Fernando CHEUNG suggested and members agreed that items (b) and (f) be slightly revised.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that the latest situation and management of Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre should be discussed as well.</p>	
001703 - 002251	Chairman Mr Alvin YEUNG Dr Fernando CHEUNG Deputy Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing	<p>Date and agenda items of next meeting.</p> <p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Subcommittee should receive public views on some aspects relating to the unified screening mechanism for non-refoulement claims.</p>	

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<i>Agenda item III - Any other business</i>			
002252 - 002334	Chairman	Closing remarks.	

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