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立法會 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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石禮謙議員 The Honourable Abraham Shek Lai Him GBS, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king Chairman of the House Committee

Dear Chairman, Starry

Bills Committee on Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019

Pursuant to the House Committee ("HC")'s guidelines provided to the Bills Committee in accordance with Rule 75(8) of the Rules of Procedure which were adopted by the Bills Committee, I have directed that the third meeting of the Bills Committee be held on Saturday, 11 May 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. While I shall be responsible for presiding at the election of the chairman of the Bills Committee, I had been obstructed roughly from performing such duty during that meeting. Members are probably aware that I have directed that the meeting be suspended on two occasions and subsequently closed at 11:54 am in order to prevent any further disruptions and accidents on that day.

In the light of the HC's guidelines, I have further directed that the fourth meeting of the Bills Committee be held on Tuesday, 14 May 2019 from 8:30 am to 10:15 am. Notwithstanding that I have attempted to start the proceedings of the meeting this morning, I was unable to even reach the floor of the chairman but had to close the meeting at 8:42 am to avoid any unnecessary commotion and likely injuries.

The whole situation has made all citizens of Hong Kong very disappointed and tainted the image of the Legislative Council. the view that it would not be feasible to elect the chairman of the Bills Committee even if a fifth meeting of the Bills Committee is to be held. Hence, I would like to report the latest developments to HC and seek its advice on the way forward.

Yours sincerely,

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《2019年逃犯及刑事事宜相互法律協助法例(修訂) 條例草案》委員會

按照內務委員會("內會")根據《議事規則》第75(8)條向 法案委員會提供並獲法案委員會採納的指引,我指示法案委員 會第三次會議於2019年5月11日(星期六)上午9時至下午1時 舉行。我負責主持法案委員會主席的選舉,惟在該會議期間被 粗暴地阻礙履行此職責。議員或會知悉,我在當天兩次指示會議 暫停,其後於上午11時54分結束會議,以防止會議再受干擾 及發生意外。

鑒於內會的指引,我進一步指示法案委員會第四次會議 於 2019 年 5 月 14 日(星期二)上午 8 時 30 分至 10 時 15 分舉行。 儘管今早我已嘗試開始會議程序,但我甚至無法到達主席台, 而須於上午 8 時 42 分結束會議,以避免發生任何不必要的混亂 及可能造成的損傷。

整個情況已令全港市民非常失望,並玷污立法會的形象。我認為即使舉行法案委員會第五次會議,也不可能選舉法案委員會主席。因此,我謹向內會匯報最新發展,並就未來路向尋求意見。

(石禮謙議員)

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