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Subcommittee on Arbitration (Appointment of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision on Number of Arbitrators) (Amendment) Rules 2019

Minutes of the first meeting held on Friday, 31 May 2019, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Clerk in attendance: Mr Lemuel WOO

Chief Council Secretary (4)6

Staff in attendance : Mr Alvin CHUI

Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Ms Macy NG

Senior Council Secretary (4)6

Miss Katherine CHAN Council Secretary (4)6

Ms Emily LIU

Legislative Assistant (4)6

<u>Action</u>

I. Election of Chairman

<u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u>, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Subcommittee present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee.

- 2. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> nominated Dr Priscilla LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Tony TSE. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> accepted the nomination.
- 3. As Dr Priscilla LEUNG was nominated for the office, <u>Mr Dennis KWOK</u>, the member present who had the highest precedence among the members not nominated for the office, presided over the election of chairman. There being no other nominations, <u>Mr Dennis KWOK</u> declared Dr Priscilla LEUNG elected as the Chairman of the Subcommittee. <u>Dr LEUNG</u> then took the chair.
- 4. <u>Members</u> agreed that there was no need to elect a Deputy Chairman.
- 5. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings in **Annex**).

II. Any other business

Legislative timetable

6. <u>Members</u> agreed that the Chairman would move a motion at the Council meeting of 5 June 2019 to extend the scrutiny period of the Arbitration (Appointment of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision on Number of Arbitrators) (Amendment) Rules 2019 ("Amendment Rules") to the Council meeting of 10 July 2019.

Invitation of written submissions

7. The Chairman suggested and members agreed that invitations should be issued to 18 District Councils and a notice should be posted on the Legislative Council ("LegCo") website for written submissions on the Amendment Rules. Some members suggested that the two legal professional bodies and relevant arbitral institutes should also be invited for providing written submissions on the Amendment Rules.

(*Post-meeting note*: The notice for written submissions on the Amendment Rules was posted on the LegCo website on 31 May 2019. Invitations were also sent to 18 District Councils and the two legal professional bodies on 3 and 4 June 2019. Members were invited via LC Paper No. CB(4)964/18-19 on 31 May 2019 to suggest other organizations to be invited for written submissions.)

Date of next meeting

8. <u>The Subcommittee</u> agreed that a further meeting should be scheduled to study the Amendment Rules on a date having regard to members' availability.

(*Post-meeting note*: Members were informed via LC Paper No. CB(4)963/18-19 on 31 May 2019 that the next meeting was scheduled on 4 June 2019 at 10:45 am.)

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:08 pm.

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Annex

Proceedings of the first meeting of Subcommittee on Arbitration (Appointment of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision on Number of Arbitrators) (Amendment) Rules 2019 on Friday, 31 May 2019, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda item I –Election of Chairman			
000611	Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Holden CHOW Mr Tony TSE Mr Dennis KWOK	Election of Chairman	
Agenda item II – Any other business			
000612 – 001134	Chairman	Legislative timetable Invitation for written submissions Date of next meeting	

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