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**Amendment to Hon Starry LEE's motion on
"Reforming the accountability system for principal officials"**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 650/20-21 issued on 8 June 2021, the President has given permission for Hon Alice MAK to move an amendment to Hon Starry LEE's motion, and has directed that the amendment be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the amendment. I set out below the relevant proceedings in which the President will:

- (a) call upon the motion mover to speak and move the motion;
- (b) propose the question on the motion;
- (c) call upon the Member who wishes to move an amendment to the motion to speak, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage;
- (d) call upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) invite other Members to speak;
- (f) call upon the motion mover to speak on the amendment;

- (g) call upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) invite the amendment mover to move her amendment and forthwith propose and put to vote the question on the amendment; and
- (i) call upon the motion mover to reply, and then put to vote the question on the motion, or the motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendment are set out in the **Appendix**.

4. Members are reminded that in accordance with Appendix IIIA to the House Rules, the **maximum duration of this joint debate (including voting) is four hours**. The motion mover will have a total of 10 minutes to make introductory speech and reply, and another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s). The mover(s) of the amendment(s) and other Members may each speak once up to a maximum of five minutes. The public officer(s) will not be subject to any speaking time limit.

(Miranda HON)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Reforming the accountability system for principal officials”**

1. Hon Starry LEE’s original motion

That the Government introduced the accountability system for principal officials in 2002 with the aims to select talents in governance from various sectors of the community, enhance the accountability of principal officials for their respective policy portfolios, better coordinate the formulation of policies and enhance the efficiency of policy implementation, enhance cooperation between the Executive and the Legislature, and better respond to the needs of the community; however, after being implemented for over 18 years, the accountability system for principal officials has failed to fully achieve the above objectives; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, having regard to the latest development, effect positive change in reviewing the accountability system for principal officials to enhance the governance level, thereby resolving the deep-rooted conflicts in the community and better promoting Hong Kong’s development.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Alice MAK

That the Government introduced the accountability system for principal officials in 2002 with the aims to select talents in governance from various sectors of the community, enhance the accountability of principal officials for their respective policy portfolios, better coordinate the formulation of policies and enhance the efficiency of policy implementation, enhance cooperation between the Executive and the Legislature, and better respond to the needs of the community; however, after being implemented for over 18 years, the accountability system for principal officials has failed to fully achieve the above objectives; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to, having regard to the latest development, effect positive change in reviewing the accountability system for principal officials, *including splitting or merging the portfolios of some incumbent principal officials by reorganizing the existing policy portfolios in respect of housing, development, transport and environment into areas under the purviews of a Housing and Development Bureau, a Traffic and Transport Bureau, and an Environment and Works Bureau, as well as establishing a Culture and Sports Bureau*, to enhance *principal officials’ efficiency in policy implementation and decision making, and the Government’s* governance level, thereby resolving the deep-rooted conflicts in the community and better promoting Hong Kong’s development.

Note: Hon Alice MAK’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.