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Paper for the House Committee Meeting of the Legislative Council on 19 May 2000

Legal Service Division Report on Resolution under section 7A of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap. 484)

The Chief Secretary has given notice to move a motion, at the Legislative Council's meeting to be held on 31 May 2000, pursuant to section 7A of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap. 484) ("the Ordinance") to seek the Legislative Council's endorsement for the appointment of permanent judges under section 7, non- permanent judges under section 8 and judges from other common law jurisdictions under section 9 of the Ordinance and in accordance with Article 73(7) of the Basic Law.

2. We are seeking clarifications from the Administration on certain technical aspects of the proposed resolution. We are still awaiting reply from the Administration. A further report on the technical aspects of the proposed resolution will be submitted as soon as possible.

3. At the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services held on 16 May 2000, it was decided that the Administration should be asked to provide information on legal and administrative matters relating to the appointment of judges of the Court of Final Appeal. Subject to the notice for moving the motion on 31 May 2000 is withdrawn, the Panel will hold a meeting at 11:00 am on 3 June 2000 to examine the matter.

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