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Subject: B1 What is the most appropriate legislative procedure for amending the methods for selecting the CE and forming the LegCo set out in Annexes I and II:


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To change the CE after 2007 can be done according to Annex I and II but without the consent of the CE. It's illogical to change the CE only with his approval. A 2/3 majority of the Legco is sufficient to send the change to CPG for its approval.

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B2. Do we need to follow the procedures set out in Article 159 of the Basic Law, if we amend the Subject: methods for selecting the CE or forming the LegCo as specified in Annexes I and II of the Basic Law


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We have section 159 as the prevailing procedure to amend the method of selecting the CE. While it is the "bible" for us to follow there may be some rooms for amendment to reflect the real wishes of the Hong Kong people. S.159 appears to be too much one sided in favor of the CPG in that it may not give what the people of Hong Kong want.

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Subject: B3. How should any amendment relating to the methods for selecting the CE and for forming the LegCo be initiated

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Members of the Legco and the Delegates to the People's Congress should have some common understanding as to how to initiate the change to the method of selecting the CE.

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B4. Whether the method for formation of the third term LegCo could be used for the fourth term
Subject: LegCo, if no consensus were reached on whether to amend the method for forming the LegCo
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Improvements to the method of selecting the CE for the third term should be looked into now and the CPG should provide guideline for Hong Kong to start the process of dialogue. If no consensus be reached for the fourth term, the CPG can always use the third term method as an interim measure until a consensus is reached.

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If by 2007 we are still a deadlock over the issue, 2007 should not be included. Democracy is a slow process as long as we are heading towards the right direction. One year is not going to make such big difference.

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