

**Motion to be moved by Hon Starry LEE  
under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong  
Special Administrative Region of the  
People's Republic of China**

**Wording of the Motion**

That with immediate effect until 30 September 2021 or until an earlier date as the Council may by resolution determine, the procedure set out in the Schedule be adopted to enable Panels (or their subcommittees), Bills Committees and subcommittees appointed by the House Committee to continue to meet during the COVID-19 pandemic in the performance of their functions under the Rules of Procedure and the House Rules of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region while ensuring social distancing.

**Procedure for committee meetings conducted  
by video conference hosted on a platform approved by the House Committee**

- (1) Any Panel (or its subcommittee), Bills Committee or subcommittee appointed by the House Committee (“relevant committee”) may, as its chairman determines, meet remotely by video conference hosted on a platform approved by the House Committee (“virtual meeting”) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (2) Where a virtual meeting is held:
  - (a) the chairman of a relevant committee or any other member presiding shall chair the virtual meeting in a venue within the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Complex, while other members and persons invited or summoned to attend the meeting may participate in the meeting remotely pursuant to paragraph (1) above;
  - (b) members of a relevant committee attending a virtual meeting shall be counted as present for the purpose of constituting the quorum for the meeting;
  - (c) voting at a virtual meeting will be conducted by a show of hands via the approved video conferencing platform referred to in paragraph (1) above. Before a matter is voted upon, if the Chairman orders or upon request of a member, members will be notified of the impending voting by a message through the Short Messaging Service subscribed by the LegCo Secretariat. The voting shall be held five minutes after the message has been issued; and
  - (d) virtual meetings of a relevant committee are deemed to be held in public if records of their proceedings are made available to members of the press and of the public by webcast via the LegCo website or a publicly accessible social media platform.
- (3) Members of the press and of the public may observe the proceedings of a relevant committee in a virtual meeting via either the LegCo website or a publicly accessible social media platform.
- (4) Save as otherwise provided above, the existing provisions of the Rules of Procedure and the House Rules applicable to meetings of a relevant committee shall also apply to virtual meetings of that committee where appropriate.