

(Translation)

**Hon Elizabeth QUAT's motion on
“Enacting legislation to combat false information on the Internet”**

Wording of the Motion

That, in the age of growing popularity of Internet usage, rapid information flow may cause significant impacts; the prevalence of false information on the Internet not only misleads members of the public, but even brings about severe adverse impacts on the safety, stability and development of the international community; false information on the Internet has already become an issue of concern of the international community which warrants serious and immediate action; during the occurrence of the ‘black-clad violence’ incidents in Hong Kong in 2019, some individuals or organizations used voluminous false information on the Internet to incite public hatred against the Police, advocate violence and create social dissension in an endeavour to confront the Central Government and SAR Government; during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic, there has been lots of false information spreading maliciously on the Internet with an intent to hinder anti-epidemic work; in July this year, some people being suspectedly ‘self-radicalized’ under the influence of false information on the Internet hurled inflammable objects at the Government House and attacked police officers with sharpened objects, and some other people subsequently took advantage of these cases to disseminate false information to incite hatred and advocate terrorist activities, various sectors of the community therefore consider that the Government must formulate effective measures to address false information; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously enact legislation to combat acts of spreading false information on the Internet.