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Council meeting of 8 September 2021

**Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG's motion on
"Mending the social rift and fostering social cohesion"**

Wording of the Motion

That the enactment of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 has quickly restored stability in Hong Kong society and also brought unlimited opportunities for Hong Kong's future development; however, the disturbances arising from the opposition to the proposed legislative amendments in 2019 have plunged Hong Kong into a serious political rift, with many social problems remaining to be resolved, including that many people, organizations and business operators supporting the Government and law enforcement by the Police have been subjected to boycotts, doxxing, criminal intimidation and even assaults; people arrested for breaking the law under the influence of radical ideas are yet to receive rehabilitation education and reintegrate into society, among whom thousands are students and minors; many family members, neighbours in the community or work partners have turned against each other because of differences in political views; to resolve the social conflicts, it is necessary to not only resolve political and livelihood issues, but also untie the emotional knots in society, so this Council urges the Government to mend the social rift, foster social cohesion and promote restoration of social harmony such that Hong Kong can restore the spirit of agreeing to disagree and seeking common ground while reserving differences, reunite as one, and focus its efforts on seizing the opportunities from the Outline of the National 14th Five-Year Plan, the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the 'Belt and Road' Initiative, thereby contributing to the development of the country.