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### 編定恢復二讀辯論的政府法案

謹請議員注意，立法會主席已接納政府當局在2016年3月8日致立法會秘書的函件(只備英文本)中有關更改立法會會議審議政府法案的次序的下述建議：

- (a) 在 2016 年 3 月 16 日的立法會會議及本屆立法會餘下任期內的其後所有立法會會議的議程上，將《2014 年版權(修訂)條例草案》列為所有政府法案的最後一項；及
- (b) 不論 2016 年 3 月 16 日的立法會會議審議政府法案的進度，在 2016 年 4 月 13 及 20 日的立法會會議及其後任何審議《2016 年撥款條例草案》的立法會會議的議程上，將該條例草案列為所有政府法案的第一項。

2. 隨文附上政府當局的來函，供議員參閱。

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*Dear Kenneth,*

### **Government Bills Scheduled for Resumption of Second Reading Debate**

I write to inform you of the Government's proposed priority of Government bills scheduled for resumption of second reading debate at the Legislative Council (LegCo).

#### **Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014**

The processing of the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014 straddled over eight Council meetings but still could not be completed at the Council meeting of 2 March 2016. Apart from the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014, there are five government bills pending resumption of second reading debate on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 2 March 2016. The Government has also given notice to resume second reading debate on the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2015 and the Interception of Communications and Surveillance (Amendment) Bill 2015 at the Council meeting of 16 March 2016. The prolonged deliberation of the Copyright

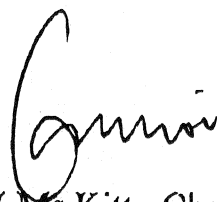
(Amendment) Bill 2014 has affected the timely processing of other Government bills in the pipeline. Having reviewed the overall situation, the Government has decided to place the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014 as the last bill amongst all Government bills on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 16 March 2016 and all subsequent Council meetings in the remainder of the current LegCo term.

### **Appropriation Bill 2016**

The Council meetings of 13 April 2016 and 20 April 2016 are the second and third Budget meetings respectively. As you are aware, the Appropriation Bill is time-critical in nature and its timely passage is of utmost importance. Taking into account the spending pattern of the interim funding under the Vote on Account resolution during the past few years, the Appropriation Bill has to be passed by the middle of May to ensure that all payments due to be made in the first week of June will not need to be deferred. We therefore propose that, irrespective of the progress of the Government bills at the Council meeting of 16 March 2016, the Appropriation Bill 2016 be placed as the first bill amongst all Government bills on the Agenda of the Council meetings of 13 April 2016 and 20 April 2016 as well as any subsequent meeting or meetings in which the said Bill is put on the Agenda.

I should be grateful if you could relay our proposals to the President for his consideration.

*Yours sincerely,*



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