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The Decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) was adopted at the fourth session of the 13th NPC today (March 11), implementing the "patriots administering Hong Kong" principle.

The Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, welcomes and fully supports the NPC's Decision. He will lead the disciplinary forces to fully co-operate and continue to fulfil resolutely the responsibility of safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, and ensuring the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

Mr Lee said that frequent chaotic scenes were witnessed in the Legislative Council (LegCo) for quite some time, including some LegCo members blatantly advocating "Hong Kong independence" during oath-taking. In particular since 2019 when violent riots emerged in society, some LegCo members impeded the operation of the LegCo on purpose and obstructed LegCo staff in their execution of duties; some supported violence, called rioters "brothers in arms", colluded with foreign forces, begged foreign countries for sanctioning against Hong Kong and acted as foreign proxies; and some even associated with subversive forces with an intention of bringing "mutual destruction" to Hong Kong, and sabotaged the governance of the HKSAR Government, with a view to compelling the Central People's Government and the HKSAR Government. These people wanted Hong Kong to jump off a cliff with them and pushed Hong Kong people into the abyss. Such attempts have severely undermined Hong Kong's safety, order and stability, violating the Basic Law and the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) as well as relevant Hong Kong laws.

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Upon the implementation of the National Security Law, chaos has stopped and order is restored in Hong Kong. However, there are still loopholes and deficiencies in our electoral system, posing threats to Hong Kong's social stability and national security. The Decision is a forceful measure in handling and preventing such risks. "Patriots administering Hong Kong" will put an end to the absurd period that caused destruction in Hong Kong, and usher in a new era of development for the city, thereby enabling effective governance by the HKSAR Government, improvement to people's livelihoods and development of the economy, and bringing back Hong Kong's vibrancy.

Mr Lee said, "I welcome and fully support the NPC's Decision which implements the principle of 'patriots administering Hong Kong'. The Decision helps improve our electoral system, plug its loopholes and rectify its deficiencies, thereby preventing security risks and ensuring the smooth and continuous implementation of 'one country, two systems', as well as Hong

Kong's long-term prosperity, order and stability."