

**Summary of Views of Organizations/Individuals which/who met with the Constitutional Development Task Force**  
**Issues of Principle and Legislative Process in the Basic Law relating to Constitutional Development**

**B. Issues on Legislative Process**

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<p>B1. What is the most appropriate legislative procedure for amending the methods for selecting the CE and forming the Legislative Council (LegCo) set out in Annexes I and II:</p> <p>(a) amendments to Annexes I and II and local legislation; or                      (b) local legislation only ?</p>	<p>The Chamber has not come to a conclusion on the questions of legislative procedure. However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Hong Kong people must be knowledgeable of Beijing’s own sensitivities and the legal boundaries of the Basic Law and whether amendments are necessary.” (Section 1 Overview in the Chamber submission)</li> </ul>
<p>B2. Do we need to follow the procedures set out in Article 159 of the Basic Law, if we amend the methods for selecting the CE or forming the LegCo as specified in Annexes I and II of the Basic Law?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Chamber’s understanding of the Basic Law and its Annexes leads us to conclude that any change to the method of electing officials in Hong Kong must involve consultation with the Central People’s Government. While there are likely some changes that might be considered which would not necessarily require amending the Basic Law or its Annexes, any significant modification of the means by which leaders are chosen has to be enacted with Beijing’s blessing.” (Section 3 Legal Issues in the Chamber submission)</li> </ul>
<p>B3. How should any amendment relating to the methods for selecting the CE and for forming the LegCo be initiated ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moreover, “We believe the entire process should be conducted with dignity, transparency and broad consultation, and put Beijing, the SAR government, and the community in a good light.” (Section 1 Overview in the Chamber submission)</li> </ul>

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B4. Whether the method for formation of the third term LegCo could be used for the fourth term LegCo, if no consensus were reached on whether to amend the method for forming the LegCo after 2007 ?	The Chamber has not taken a view on these questions. However, as pointed out in the Chamber submission:  “At this time, we make no judgment as to what, if any, change should be implemented for the 2007 and 2008 elections, but wish to stress the need for progress to be <i>seen</i> to be made before then.” (Section 5 Considerations of Stability)
B5. Whether the phrase “subsequent to the year 2007” should be understood to include 2007 ?	

Note : Please see the submission of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, February 2004 at Annex A.