

**Commission on Strategic Development
Committee on Governance and Political Development**

Strategic Issues to be Discussed

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note the priority strategic issues to be discussed at future meetings of this Committee.

Background

2. At the first meeting of this Committee held on 29 November 2005, Members discussed Paper Ref. CSD/GC/3/2005 on “Strategic Issues that may be Discussed at Future Meetings”. In concluding the discussion, the Chairman said that the Secretariat would consolidate Members’ views and prepare a list of priority issues that should be tackled by this Committee.

Priority Strategic Issues to be Discussed at Future Meetings

3. Having carefully considered Members’ views and the Chairman’s suggestion at the last meeting, we have drawn up the following strategic issues, in descending order of priority, for discussion at future meetings :

- (a) principles and concepts of universal suffrage
- (b) design of the universal suffrage system for both the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council
- (c) nurturing political talent
- (d) development of political parties
- (e) review of the role, functions and structure of the District Councils

The order in which the last three items, i.e. (c) to (e), are to be discussed by this Committee should be determined around the end of 2006, when discussion on the first two items on universal suffrage is about to finish, having regard to the circumstances at that time.

Advice Sought

4. Members are invited to note the list of strategic issues for this Committee's discussion as set out in paragraph 3 above.

Secretariat to the Commission on Strategic Development
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