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CONCERN FOR DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG

Dear Mr. Møller,

We, the Global Solidarity with Hong Kong in Copenhagen, represent a number of Hong Kong residents in Denmark who are of strong concern to the latest pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. We are writing to bring our concerns to the Danish Parliament and to solicit our host country Denmark's support for the development of democracy in Hong Kong.

Large scale protests and sit-ins have been staged in Hong Kong since 22 September 2014 to demand for universal suffrage to elect the chief executive in Hong Kong without the pre-approval of candidates by China. While the mass civil disobedience movement is still underway, regrettably, the Hong Kong government has not yet directly addressed protesters' demands through constructive dialogues. At the same time there have been continuous allegations that the local police has exercised excessive violence and questionable ways of law enforcement in handling the protests.

Our group, as part of a global campaign organized by overseas Hongkongers in around 60 cities, aims to raise support for the democratic movement in Hong Kong from the international community. On 1 October 2014 we organized a rally, which was joined by around 100 participants in Nytorv, Copenhagen, to show support for Hong Kong's pursuit of democracy and universal suffrage. A total of 1,275 signatures supporting our cause were also collected at the event.

We know we are not alone in our pursuit of democracy and freedom. Denmark has set leading examples in establishing one of the most successful democratic states in the world and in promoting and safeguarding citizens' human rights and freedom. As temporary or permanent residents or even citizens in Denmark, here we have experienced first-hand how such rights and freedoms can indeed be integrated into the everyday life, realising the ideals shared by humanity. We therefore sincerely hope The Danish Parliament would kindly consider the following:

1. Review the current state of political affairs in Hong Kong in full,
2. Discuss within the Danish Parliament the potential impacts of political instability in Hong Kong on Denmark, and
3. Demonstrate official support for Hong Kong's pursuit of democracy and universal suffrage, where appropriate.

Should you have any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact Yan-Fung Wong (yan.fung.wong@sund.ku.dk) or Marco Siu (marcosiu.kwanyeung@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and we look forward to receive a response from you.

Yours sincerely,

Global Solidarity with Hong Kong in Copenhagen

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