



# PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF HONG KONG

The Hon. Carrie Lam  
Chief Executive  
Government of the Hong Kong SAR  
Office of the Chief Executive  
Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Mrs. Lam,

We the undersigned are alarmed by the excessive use of force by Hong Kong police against protesters.

Since early June, thousands of people turned out in opposition to an extradition bill that would allow the handover of persons in the territory of Hong Kong to mainland China and subsequently demonstrated against the police excessive use of force on protesters. The police have been using tear gas, guns firing bean bags and rubber bullets, batons, pepper spray, and water cannon to disperse the crowds. In at least one instance, police fired multiple rounds of tear gas and pepper ball projectiles were fired within a short range inside a train station against protesters, sometimes aiming at their heads and upper bodies.

Law enforcement officials must be able to carry out their duty to protect the public. However, any heavy-handed policing approach will only increase tension and provoke hostility, leading to the overall escalation of the situation.

Although the government has withdrawn the extradition law amendments, I urge you to ensure people's right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and that any use of force by law enforcement officials during assemblies is only made if this measure is strictly unavoidable and is in line with the principles of necessity and proportionality. Furthermore, we call on you to immediately take necessary measures to establish a fully independent mechanism mandated to effectively conduct investigations into inappropriate use of force or other abuse by Hong Kong police against protesters.

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