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*The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
The Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region*

As members of different parliaments we have come together to denounce in the strongest possible terms the unprecedented and completely frivolous threats from relevant authorities of the People's Republic of China against two of our Danish colleagues, Katarina Ammitzboell, MP, and Uffe Elbaek, MP.

PRC authorities have signalled they are considering issuing international arrest warrant against the two parliamentarians Ammitzboell and Elbaek for their role in inviting Hong Kong democratic activist Ted Hui to Denmark. Ted Hui had been in Denmark before. He was invited to an event, and he travelled with his official passport. In Denmark he declared his self-exile and his withdrawal from the Democratic Party which he had represented in Hong Kong's Legislative Council from 2016 to 2020 and in the Central and Western District Council. Ted Hui is now living in the United Kingdom.

We are proud of our two Danish colleagues for inviting Ted Hui and effectively giving him the opportunity to decide for himself whether he wanted to return to a life under CCP oppression in Hong Kong or live as a free person.

We are deeply critical of the imposition of the so-called National Security Law that has been imposed on Hong Kong by Beijing authorities in breach of Hong Kong's Basic Law, of the Sino-British Joint Declaration and of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In article 38 of this Law, the PRC has threatened any person wherever they may live, whether they have ever been to Hong Kong or not, and whichever citizenship they may enjoy with criminal persecution for any action which the Chinese party state might consider running counter to its authoritarian Hong Kong policy.

The issuing of international arrest warrants against the two Danish parliament members would demonstrate an extremely aggressive application of the above mentioned article. That the PRC targets two democratically elected representatives of the people is particularly provocative. We consider this an attack against democracy itself. We stand in full solidarity with our colleagues. We demand that the PRC refrains from this measure. We also demand the repeal of the National Security Law. We insist that Beijing honour the high level of autonomy that had been guaranteed to Hong Kong and its citizens before that promise was brutally broken last year.

We call upon the EU member states' governments to stand ready to sanction the issuing of arrest warrants in this case by applying the EU's Global Human Rights Sanctions mechanism against the Chinese officials responsible.

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