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Subject: RE: Invitation for written submission on changes to extradition laws
(See attached file: *Invitation for written submission Canada.pdf*)

Dear Sir/Madame,

In response to the subject enquiry, please find below relevant information for the Secretariat's distribution to Legislative Council members.

Canada

On May 30, 2019, Canada and the United Kingdom issued a Joint Statement on Hong Kong's Extradition Law:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2019/05/joint-statement-by-canada-and-the-united-kingdom-on-hong-kongs-extradition-law.html>.

On May 24, 2019, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rob Oliphant, stated in response to media enquiries:

- Ottawa's strong concerns about the bill were not related to the tensions between Canada and China.
- "It's solely about businesses, assets which could be frozen, and individuals who could be extradited to a system without the rule of law that we value."

On April 18, 2019, Global Affairs Canada spokesperson Guillaume Bérubé stated in response to media enquiries:

- “Canada has raised serious questions with the Hong Kong government about the proposed amendments to their extradition laws”.
- “Ensuring the safety and security of Canadians at home and abroad is a top priority for the government of Canada.”

Warm regards,



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