Petition against the enforcement of the article 23 of the Basic Law of Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Chair of Security Council Mrs. Regina Ip, Members of the Legislative Council:

Concerning the affair of the implement of the Article 23 of the BASIC LAW, the law of national security, we, as citizens of Hong Kong and friends of Hong Kong people, chinese people, feel very upset, worry and uneasy. Because this law criminates the activities of treason, session and subversion without clear definitions of such crimes. This kind of law has not been existed in Hong Kong and all the free, democratic countries. If the Hong Kong government uses such law to suppress the thoughts of the people, to take away their freedom of assembling and press, then Hong Kong would become a totalitarian, despotic society, the personal and community life of every citizen would be oppressed. To view in this way, this so called "law of national security" is very dangerous.

We oppose firmly the proposal and implement of the law. We hope that you- every official would think it over, reflect about it, to prevent Hong Kong being turned into an despotic, totalitarian, fascist society. We appeal to you, stop immediately the proposal and implement of this harmful law, which would eventually hurt yourself and the other, abolish it, maintain firmly the policy of Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong, the rule of freedom and democracy!

Best regards

Citizen of Hong Kong Fung Hong Tai, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2003 in Berlin Berlin, Germany