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## 要求討論「統一審核機制」

行政長官在 2016 年施政報告表示,政府將全面檢討處理免遣返聲請的策略,包括檢討《入境條例》,同時加快審核聲請,打擊嚴重的非法入境、逾期居留等問題。行政長官還提及有需要會退出聯合國禁止酷刑公約(UNCAT),以阻止濫用酷刑聲請者滯留香港。

社會對在港難民的意見出現兩極化,其針對這些非華裔人士的批評是源源不斷。有傳媒大篇幅的報道罪案新聞,當中強調「南亞裔兵團」、「酷刑聲請假難民」,還有種族歧視的評論出現。這些針對在港難民及少數族裔將引發種族恐懼和仇恨,破壞社會共融。再者,社會上有些意見,例如退出聯合國《酷刑公約》或設置難民營等,不僅倉猝草率,更違背國際法律。本人認為,正視「統一審核機制」的不足之處,才是處理在港難民問題的核心所在。政府實應加快審核程序。

社會多個關注人權組織、民間組織、非政府組織、專業團體及宗教團體,早前發起〈停止種族抹黑、理性討論難民事件〉聯署聲明。至今已獲得超過100個團體及76位包括立法會議員、大律師、學者等專業人士個人聯署支持。本人懇請委員會就檢討「統一審核機制」展開討論,並邀請政府當局,包括保安局局長,入境處處長及警務處處長出席討論,以尋找適切的出路及解決方法。如有任何垂詢,煩請隨時與本辦事處職員梁小姐聯絡。

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## 停止種族抹黑 理性討論難民事件

我們非常關注近日社會上針對香港難民的不盡不實、不負責任之言論。這些言論煽動香港市民對難民及少數族裔的恐懼和敵意,令原本多元的香港社會日漸撕裂。若任由這些負面標籤和仇視心態繼續放任,只會令香港市民的排外情緒及社會撕裂越趨嚴重。

我們實在不忍心香港的和諧繼續受到踐踏,不能讓難民及少數族裔議題繼續被誇大, 亦不應把對任何一個群體的歧視合理化。我們懇請社會各方冷靜下來,不要訴諸恐懼, 應理性地面對難民及少數族裔議題,並就問題尋找適切的出路及解決方法。

我們明白社會關注尋求庇護申請的上升趨勢,審核機制明顯地遭到某些人士濫用,政府固然須正視這種情況,我們也促請各方實事求是,客觀理解事情脈絡。實情是,香港的難民人口並不多,並沒有所謂的難民危機,當局無須訴諸非常手段以「解決」問題。反之,我們需要正視香港政府「統一審核機制(Unified Screening Mechanism,簡稱USM)」的不足之處,實應加快審核程序,方能治本。這些問題複雜,我們需要的是理性討論,尋找建設性的解決方法,而非訴諸流言蜚語、互相指責。

社會上有些意見,例如退出聯合國《酷刑公約》或設置難民營等,不僅倉猝草率,更 違背國際法律。香港若退出《酷刑公約》,非但無法解決難民目前所面對的困境,反 而將每一位香港人免予不人道、武力或殘忍待遇的人權保障一併犧牲。因此,我們務 必捍衛和尊重國際法律。香港作為現代國際社會的一員,享有尊重文明社會的價值和 責任的聲譽,退出《酷刑公約》等同逼使香港這國際都會尷尬後退。

同樣地,設置難民營,把難民拘留是個苛刻且無必要的做法,一來浪費公帑,二來不過將問題抽離社會實況,亦只會對一群已經處於弱勢的群體造成嚴重的傷害。世界上不少例子反映設置難民營把難民拘留的種種問題,聯合國難民署亦一再對各國設置難民營表示高度關注。

我們不容訴諸恐懼和短視近利的政治,侵蝕香港的人權與法治。我們不能對難民和少 數族裔和負面描繪坐視不理。因此,我們呼籲社會各界,包括香港政府,一起合作, 停止種族歧視及抹黑。

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## STOP DISCRIMINATION: COMMUNITY CALLS FOR CALM ON REFUGEE DEBATE

We, the undersigned individuals and organizations, are increasingly concerned that recent inaccurate and irresponsible comments made regarding the refugee issue in Hong Kong are divisive and inflammatory. These comments are fueling a climate of fear and hostility towards both refugees and ethnic minorities alike, and run the risk of fracturing Hong Kong's diverse and vibrant community. If negative stereotyping and hostile attitudes are repeatedly placed in the public eye in this way, xenophobia and discrimination against both refugees and ethnic minorities will continue to increase.

For this reason we cannot in good conscience allow this to continue - it is undermining Hong Kong's social harmony. Instead, care must be taken not to exaggerate the refugee situation, nor to legitimize any form of discrimination. In shared concern, we are joined together to send out a call for calm. The politics of fear do not belong in Hong Kong. It is time for a sober and more reasoned approach.

We acknowledge that concerns have been raised following an increase in the number of protection claimants in Hong Kong and apparent abuses of the system. These concerns must be listened to, but matters must be kept in perspective, and international law should be upheld. In fact, Hong Kong actually has low levels of refugees. There is nothing remotely like a crisis and there is no need to search for dramatic measures – instead we must face up to the need to reduce delays, and to address the obvious inefficiencies in the Unified Screening Mechanism ('USM') system. These are complex problems, and so require nuanced approaches as well as constructive and informed dialogue, rather than resorting to divisions and blame.

Some of the proposals that have been put forward – such as Hong Kong's withdrawal from UN Convention Against Torture ('UNCAT') or closed detention camps – are ill-advised, disproportionate and rash; and some are in breach of international law. Not only would withdrawal from UNCAT fail to address the concerns raised about the refugee situation, but it would roll back the rights and protections of every resident of Hong Kong against being tortured, or exposed to other abuse. This would affect us all, and we should therefore resolutely defend the continued respect for international law. At present, Hong Kong rightly enjoys a reputation as a responsible and valued member of the modern international community. But withdrawal from UNCAT would be an embarrassing step backwards for a forward-looking city. Put simply, Hong Kong is better than this.

Equally, the mass detention of those seeking sanctuary is a draconian measure and which may violate principals of international law. It cannot be the answer. Not only would it be an expensive use of public funds and an extreme overreaction, it would merely warehouse the issue, and likely cause significant harm to those who are already highly vulnerable. There are plenty of international examples to highlight the failures and problems of detention. The UNHCR have repeatedly expressed their concern over the detention of people seeking international protection.

We are therefore now calling upon all parties, including the Hong Kong Government, to work together collaboratively in ensuring that a message goes out that is loud and clear - discrimination has no place in our society. We must not allow fear-mongering and short-sighted politics to erode human rights and the rule of law in Hong Kong. We can no longer be complacent about the negative portrayal of ethnic minorities and refugees.

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- 1. 617 Citizen Charter 六一七民間約章
- 2. Act Voice 精算思政
- 3. Action Q 大專同志行動
- 4. African Community of Hong Kong
- 5. Amnesty International Hong Kong 國際特赦組織香港分會
- 6. Amnesty International Club @ HKU
- 7. Artists Action 藝界起動
- 8. Asian Migrants Coordinating Body AMCB
- 9. Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
- 10. Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network 亞太地區難民權利組織
- 11. Association concerning sexual violence against women 關注婦女性暴力協會
- 12. Basel Mission Hong Kong
- 13. Cameroon Solidarity Union HK
- 14. Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL), Faculty of Law, HKU
- 15. Chosen Power (People First Hong Kong) 卓新力量
- 16. Christian Action 基督教勵行會
- 17. Church Refugee Ministry
- 18. City Concern of Christians Fellowship 基督徒社關團契
- 19. Civil Human Rights Front 民間人權陣線
- 20. Civic Party 公民黨
- 21. Cultural Outings 文化交遊
- 22. Comma Press
- 23. Daly & Associates 帝理律師行
- 24. Filguys Association Hong Kong
- 25. Free to Run
- 26. Frontline Tech Workers 前線科技人員
- 27. Franciscan Order Hong Kong JPIC Group 方濟會正義和平組
- 28. Friends of Conscience 良心之友
- 29. Global Youth Connect
- 30. Grassroot Cultural Centre
- 31. Health in Action 醫護行者
- 32. Helpers for Domestic Helpers
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- 37. Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions 香港職工會聯盟
- 38. Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Unions 香港亞洲家務工工會聯會
- 39. Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres 香港婦女中心協會
- 40. Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor 香港人權監察
- 41. Hong Kong Labour Party 工黨
- 42. Hong Kong Policy Viewers 香港政策透視
- 43. Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union 香港教育專業人員協會

- 44. Hong Kong Psychologists Concern 良心理政
- 45. Hong Kong Social Workers' General Union 香港社會工作者總工會
- 46. Hong Kong Unison 香港融樂會
- 47. Hong Kong Women Workers' Association 香港婦女勞工協會
- 48. Hiu Lai Campaigning 曉麗關注 Plus
- 49. Inter-Agency Forum, Members of
- 50. Interfaith Cooperation Forum
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- 52. The Italian Women's Association
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- 55. Justice Centre Hong Kong
- 56. KELY Support Group 啟勵扶青會
- 57. Kowloon Union Church 九龍佑寧堂
- 58. Labour Party 工黨
- 59. League in Defense of Hong Kong's Freedoms 保衛香港自由聯盟
- 60. League of Social Democrats 社會民主連線
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- 67. Open Door 家·傭同行
- 68. PIME Missionaries Social Concern Group
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- 71. Progressive Teachers' Alliance 進步教師聯盟
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- 76. RiverGrace International Christian Fellowship
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- 89. The Professional Commons 公共專業聯盟
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- 92. Union Church HK 香港佑寧堂
- 93. Union of Nepalese Domestic Workers in Hong Kong 香港尼泊爾家務勞動者工會

- 94. Umbrella Blossom 撐傘落區行動
- 95. Urban Refugees
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