

Opinion on United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2017

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Dear members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to express my opinion against the passage of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Bill 2017. The proposed bill tries to prohibit individuals from leaving Hong Kong for a variety of reasons. Still, stopping any individuals from leaving Hong Kong is a gross violation of the basic human rights of free movement and of personal liberty. This is particularly true when there is no genuine functioning universal suffrage in place in Hong Kong for electing all members of the Legislative Council and the Chief Executive to properly hold them accountable. Thus, the chances of abuse by public officials or state actors or people performing public functions or occupying any offices of public trust or exercising any public power are insurmountable and near 100% certain, resulting in devastating impact on the freedom of all individuals present in Hong Kong. Also, the existing system has functioned extremely well. We have never seen any terrorist attack in recent years in Hong Kong. Thus, it is totally unnecessary to change the current policy. This is more than true when one takes into consideration of the risk of potential abuse of power as aforementioned. Therefore, this bill should not be enacted.

Please note that this opinion should be made available to public review. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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