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《2020年入境(修訂)條例草案》委員會香港中區立法會道 1號立法會綜合大樓

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《2020年入境(修訂)條例草案》委員會主席及各議員大鑒:

## 有關就《2020年入境(修訂)條例草案》召開公聽會

本人謹代表關注難民網絡就上述法案致函 貴委員會,請求委員會容許公衆就修例提 交書面意見及作口頭申述。

關注難民網絡是一個由 16 個公民社會組織和關注難民議題的市民設立的網絡,致力於改善身處香港的尋求庇護者和難民的生活,以及維護他們的權利。

自港府於 2016 年展開統一審核機制全面檢討以來,公民社會組織一直有向當局提出意見。然而,本人必須強調,公衆並未參與任何有關《2020 年入境(修訂)條例草案》的諮詢。參考《法案委員會主席手冊》的第 2.3 段:

「法案委員會可決定是否邀請公眾就其研究的法案提出意見。要注意的是,有 時政府當局可能已在擬訂法案的詳細內容期間,徵詢了選定組織/團體的意 見。然而,該等組織/團體未必有機會就法案的擬稿或定稿發表意見。」

難民是香港最邊緣的社群之一,而法案對此社群的人權保障有長遠影響。我們認同現 有的政策及免遣返聲請審核機制尚有改善空間,但本網絡相信在港府能夠在不損害基 本人權保障的前提下,改善相關政策,並使政策更具成本效益。 考慮到法案牽涉到廣泛的公眾利益,本人殷切希望貴委員會能參照《法案委員會主席 手冊》的第 3.23 - 3.31 段進行公眾諮詢。耑此 敬候佳音。

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Dear Chairperson and members of the Bills Committee,

## Re: Public hearing on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020

I am writing on behalf of the Refugee Concern Network to express our intention to make written submissions and oral representations to the Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020.

The Refugee Concern Network is a network of more than 16 civil society organisations and individuals working to advocate for and better the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong.

While civil society organisations have been providing comments to the Administration for its comprehensive review of the Unified Screening Mechanism, which commenced in early 2016, I must stress that we have not been consulted on the draft text of the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2020 ("the Bill"). In this regard, I refer you to paragraph 2.3 of the Handbook for Chairmen of Bills Committees ("the Handbook"), which states that:

"It should be noted that on occasions, the Administration may have consulted selected organisations/bodies in the course of formulating details of the bill. However, these organisations/bodies may not have the opportunity to express their views on the draft or final text of the bill."

This Bill has wide ranging human rights implications for one of the most marginalised communities in Hong Kong. Further, whilst we agree the existing policy and screening mechanism for non-refoulement claims can be improved, we believe there are better and more cost-effective ways to do so without curtailing fundamental human rights protections.

Given the Bill is of wide public concern, I respectfully ask the Bills Committee to invite views from the public in accordance with paragraphs 3.23 - 3.31 of the Handbook.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary General Refugee Concern Network

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