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Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen  
President of the Legislative Council, Hong Kong

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Honourable President LEUNG, dear colleague,

It is with concern that we, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, have taken note of threats, harassments, attacks and other infringements perpetrated against members of the Legislative Council over the last weeks. According to our information, this concerns Cheng Chung-tai, Ted Hui, Au Nok-hin, Jeremy Tam, Dick Chu, Wu Chi-wai, Fernando Cheung, Roy Kwong, Junius Ho and Priscilla Leung, who were either arrested or physically harassed by police or attacked by unknown persons or have received a death threat or have their district offices damaged.

We want to express our firm solidarity with these colleagues and we hope that you, Honourable, as President of the Legislative Council, will do whatever you can, working with Hong Kong authorities, to make sure that these colleagues and others will be protected.

Nobody should be receiving death threats because of their political stance. Nobody should be peppersprayed right into the face from a very short distance. We sympathise with all citizens that are exposed to such violent practices. But we do insist also that perpetrating such acts vis-à-vis democratically elected legislators is also posing a threat to democracy itself.

Please let us express our highest respect for your office and for the difficult work that the Legislative Council has to do. We are willing to deepen cooperation between the Legislative Council and the European Parliament wherever we can. We do hope that the very difficult situation that Hong Kong finds itself in at this time can be resolved in a way that includes justified demands for an independent inquiry into police brutality and the implementation of universal suffrage as promised to the people of Hong Kong in the Basic Law.

With our best regards

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