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## **TWO YEAR DEMOCRACY ATTACKS IN HONG KONG: URGES GLOBAL COMMUNITIES' INTERVENTION.**

12 June, is being remembered as a date which symbolizes the struggle and uprising of Hong Kong citizens to defend democracy. On this date in 2019, millions of people of Hong Kong came to the streets in protests against the draconian Extradition Bill. Although the bill was eventually retracted, democracy was not safe. On 20 June 2020, the [National Security Law](#) (NSL) was introduced that marked the collapse of democracy and fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong. As a result, a severe crackdown against pro-democracy advocates took Hong Kong by storm with approximately, 10,242 people arrested and 2,521 of those charged with either subversion, collusion, or unlawful assembly. Around 600 have been convicted. The situation continues to deteriorate in Hong Kong with not enough international response.

The United Nations (UN) response have been disappointing with the lack of action in providing assistance nor condemning China. The silence from international bodies and governments against the deterioration of democracy and human rights in Hong Kong has further eroded the situation. The issuing of statements is not enough, pro-democracy governments and international bodies must take action.

Civil Society Organizations urge that the United Nations and international institutions continue to voice out and pressure the Chinese government through international laws to stop their abuse of power and continuous attack towards human rights and democracy defenders. We also demand for immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners and urge the government to drop all the charges against activist, human rights defenders and peace-loving citizens of Hong Kong who are facing court charges.

On this occasion of June 12<sup>th</sup>, we remember and carry forth the continuing struggle for democracy and human rights in Hong Kong. We call for solidarity with Hong Kong and through advocacy action we commit to raising awareness and carrying on the democracy spirit of Hong Kong.

To the citizens of Hong Kong we will always stand with you in the struggle for democracy and human rights.

In solidarity

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