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> Rt Hon Sir Richard Ottaway MP Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee House of Commons

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Dear Sir Richard.

Thank you for your letter of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

In response, I want to stress that over the past 17 years since Hong Kong's return, the success of the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy has been widely recognized and applauded by the international community. Hong Kong is enjoying a high degree of autonomy and democracy as never before. I also want to point out that Hong Kong is now a Special Administrative Region of China. The affairs of Hong Kong SAR are purely China's internal affairs. Hence China is firmly opposed to any interference in Hong Kong affairs by any foreign country and by any means.

At present, Hong Kong is in a specially sensitive period. The Hong Kong SAR government is proceeding with political reform in accordance with the Basic Law and the related decisions of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China. However, some people in Hong Kong are attempting to ditch the Basic Law. They have put forward so-called 'universal suffrage proposal' of their own and made

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every effort to seek external support. The inquiry and public evidence session by the Foreign Affairs Committee at this moment will only send out a wrong signal and offer convenient platform for these people's unlawful propositions. This will not facilitate the advancement of Hong Kong's political reform in accordance with law. Nor does it serve the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong, or the healthy development of China-UK relations. It will ultimately harm the interests of Britain. For these reasons, I hope that your committee will not hold the afore-mentioned inquiry, and not offer the pulpit for Martin Lee and Anson Chan, who are bent on undermining the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. Likewise I do not think your planned visit to Hong Kong is helpful and strongly advise you not to make it.

To help you with better understanding of the Chinese government's Hong Kong policy, I enclose copies of the *The Practice of the "One Country, Two Systems" Policy in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region* released by the Chinese government and my article published in Financial Times *Reform in Hong Kong must Follow the Basic Law*.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss with you the related issues.

Yours sincerely

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