

Good morning,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email. We hereby reply as follows:

"Hong Kong affairs are entirely China's domestic affairs that allow no unwarranted comments from external forces.

Since June last year, some radical protesters have deliberately stirred up violent incidents in Hong Kong as wantonly beating, smashing, looting and arson. Those violent terrorist acts have severely disrupted Hong Kong's social order, trampled on the rule of law in Hong Kong and severely damaged its economy.

Faced with the grave situation in safeguarding national security in Hong Kong, the Central Government has both the power and the responsibility to promptly plug the loopholes and strengthen the weak links. The Law on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR is adopted and promulgated by the NPC Standing Committee of China to crack down on the handful of illegal and criminal behavior and activities endangering state security. It will provide stronger institutional and legal guarantees for safeguarding China's sovereignty, security and development interests, upholding Hong Kong's enduring prosperity and stability, and ensuring the steady and sustained implementation of "one country, two systems". It will also safeguard the legal rights of freedom enjoyed by Hong Kong people and will help protect the legitimate rights and interests of investors in Hong Kong from various countries, including Canada. After the implementation of the Law, 80 percent of Hong Kong people believe that Hong Kong is safer and more stable. And Hong Kong again ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fraser Institute's annual Economic Freedom of the World report which has been released recently.

We urge the Canadian side to view the Law in a fair, objective manner, stop in any way interfering in China's internal affairs including Hong Kong affairs."

Regards,

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Dear Ambassador,

The [Special Committee on Canada-China Relations of the House of Commons of Canada](#) wishes to invite Your Excellency Cong Peiwu to appear on **Monday, October 26, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EST) by videoconference.**

In addition to Your Excellency's perspectives on Canada–China relations, the committee would be interested in hearing Your Excellency's views on the situation in Hong Kong.

It would be greatly appreciated if Your Excellency could please confirm His attendance **no later than 10:00 a.m. (EST), Wednesday, October 21, 2020.**

More information for Witnesses appearing before House of Commons committees can be found on our [website here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for further information.

Thank you for considering the Committee's invitation.

Yours sincerely,



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