



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

13TH TERM

200th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 10th session held on 29th April 2021

on the Joint Report to the European Parliament and the Council Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: Annual Report for 2020 (Senate Print no. K 37/13, JOIN(2021) 6)

The Senate

- I.
1. **Observes in the long term**
the unfavourable development in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
 2. **Recalls**
the 478th Resolution of the Senate on the situation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region delivered on the 25th session held on 23 July 2020, in which the Senate appealed to the Government of the Czech Republic to terminate the Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on Surrender of Persons Wanted for Criminal Proceedings, and to adjust the conditions in other areas of cooperation with regard to violation of Hong Kong's autonomy;
 3. **Expresses concern**
 - a) about the ongoing repressive interventions based on the National Security Law, and the mass arrests of pro-democracy activists;
 - b) over the fact that legitimately elected members of Hong Kong Parliament were deprived of their mandate by a decision of the People's Republic of China (PRC);
 - c) over the extensive revision of Hong Kong's electoral system, which de facto excludes meaningful participation of opposition in political life of the Special Administrative Region;
 - d) about the PRC's efforts to interfere in Hong Kong judicial system and thereby limit its independence, since the Senate considers Hong Kong independent judicial system as one of the main guarantees for respecting key rights and freedoms in this Special Administrative Region;

Courtesy translation

4. Condemns

the restrictions on Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy by the PRC and repeated interference by the PRC in Hong Kong affairs and interference with fundamental rights and freedoms of its citizens and democratically elected representatives;

5. Expresses regret

over the fact that there is currently no consensus among EU Member States on the EU's response to the PRC's actions in Hong Kong, which causes that the EU is not always able to respond quickly to current developments in this Special Administrative Region;

II.

1. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission and to inform the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic about this Resolution.

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