就副主席安德里被捕之聲明

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安德里 Jeffrey Andrews

<u>融樂會副主席安德里先生一月六日被警方拘捕</u>,原因為<u>參與去年民主派初選</u>,涉嫌違反《國安法》。以《國安法》為手段,打壓本港核心價值、民主表達及各公民的政治取態,本會認為此舉嚴重踐踏基本法賦予港人的基本人權。

安德里先生是一位傑出的公民,對本港貢獻良多。他是香港首批少數族裔註冊社工,在二零一六年入選「民政事務局局長嘉許計劃」,以表其促進種族和諧共融之建樹;他隨後於二零一九年又獲選為「國泰領航者」,表彰其為少數族裔爭取權益、為族群發聲。參加初選,反映了安德里先生對香港及為港人服務的承諾,更標誌著九七年後第一位少數族裔參選立法會的突破,豈可稱作「顛覆行為」?

放諸世界各地,初選時會進行,非但無任何「顛覆國家政權」的企圖,反而是民主選舉的一個重 要環節。公眾能藉此收窄候選人範圍,從而更有效將選票集中於最有代表性的候選人身上。《公 民權利和政治權利國際公約》第二十五條,保障了公民此一「直接或經由自由選擇之代表參與政 事」的權利,而此國際公約之條款,由《基本法》第三十九條確立,並透過《香港人權法案》以 比照形式落實。 日前多位欲循合法途徑推動本港民主進程的人士被一舉拘捕,反映有人試圖散播白色恐怖,此舉為任何志於捍衛公民及政治權利之社會所絕對不容。

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Hong Kong Unison expresses concerns over the arrest of Hong Kong Unison Vice-Chair

Mr. Jeffrey Andrews, the Vice Chair of Hong Kong Unison, was arrested by the police on 6 January on suspicion of subversion under Hong Kong's National Security Law over his participation in last year's primaries for the now-postponed Legislative Council election. Hong Kong Unison is concerned about the use of the National Security Law as a front to target the core values and democratic expressions and aspirations of people based simply on their political orientations.

Mr. Andrews is an upstanding citizen who contributes to Hong Kong in many capacities and has been recognised for doing so by the government. He is one of the first ethnic minority registered social workers in Hong Kong and was awarded by the Secretary for Home Affairs' Commendation Scheme in 2016 in recognition of his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the enhancement of racial harmony and integration. In 2019, he received the Cathay ChangeMaker Award in recognition of his commitment to supporting minority groups and his contribution in advocating inclusion and racial harmony. His participation in the primaries is reflective of his commitment to Hong Kong and to serve Hong Kong people. It was not an act of subversion but instead marked a breakthrough as the first ethnic minority candidate to stand for Legislative Council elections post 1997.

Primaries are regularly held over the world and they do not signify any attempt to subvert state power but instead are an important keg in the democratic process whereby communities participate in public life to narrow the field of candidates so that votes can be effectively garnered towards candidates that are seen as most representative of the public's views. Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), entrenched through Article 39 of the Hong Kong Basic Law and implemented through Article 21 of the Bill of Rights Ordinance guarantees the rights of citizens to take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

The mass arrests on 6 January of those desirous of advancing democratic progress in Hong Kong through legitimate avenues represent an attempt to spread white terror and have no place in a society committed to and obligated to protect civil and political rights. Hong Kong Unison 8 January 2021

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【不斷更新】逾 50 民主派初選協調人、參與者被捕 包括戴耀廷區諾軒 被指違國安法「顛覆國 家政權罪」

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