

## 新聞稿

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### 聯合國普遍定期審議聯盟將出席在日內瓦舉行的聯合國審議

香港—聯合國普遍定期審議聯盟代表將出席下星期在日內瓦舉行之聯合國審議，強調他們對香港基本自由受到加劇侵蝕的擔憂。會議包括10月9日由多個外國政府代表參與的UPR Info 中國會前會議。

香港普遍定期審議聯盟發言人及Justice Centre Hong Kong 高級政策顧問Simon Henderson 先生指：“聯盟會前會議選擇香港聯合國普遍定期審議聯盟-唯一一個全面覆蓋香港的民間社會團體，代表對香港人權環境的日益關注以及聯盟成員過往工作的肯定。”

『聯盟將於會上重申其可行、具體、可量度的展望及建議，使香港實踐人權承諾，修復香港國際地位』

『聯盟亦將強調最近備受關注的發展，例如香港民族黨遭取締，教育局對“不正確思想的學生指引，這些打壓行動只會破壞香港的核心價值。』

Mr Henderson 又指『UPR 是一個機會讓行政長官承諾與各持分者同行，並加強各持分者政策參與。聯盟促請政府堅守這些承諾，而非與既定的慣例背道而行—這限制了透明度和問責制。對於政府拒向民間團體公報UPR 報告擬稿，香港普遍定期審議聯盟感到失望。』

本聯盟成員代表將出發到日內瓦出席會議，當中包括：藩籬以外、認識和關愛雙性人、民間人權陣線、香港記者協會、香港尋求庇護者及難民協會、Hong Kong Watch、Justice Centre Hong Kong。

是次2018年11月9日於日內瓦舉行之審議預期是首次會有不同國家就香港作出建議。這比起之前兩輪分別在2009及2013年的審議有重大改變。反映對香港人權狀況及法治倒退之關注，以及聯盟各公民社團之協調和努力。

『即便香港政府致力將這些問題定為內部事務，但本港人權越來越受到國際關注，政府的回應只會破壞對國際人權系統的承諾。』

Mr. Henderson 總括「UPR 測試政府是否真的決心維護香港核心價值。我們期待與政府和國際社會合作，協助落實11月9日審議中提出的建議。」

香港普遍定期審議聯盟之資料便覽可於 [www.justicecentre.org.hk/policyadvocacy/universalperiodic-review/](http://www.justicecentre.org.hk/policyadvocacy/universalperiodic-review/) 下載。

有關UPR Info 會前會議資訊可覽：<https://www.upr-info.org/en/upr-process/presessions>

是次UPR 有關中國，包括香港及澳門之審議將於2018年11月6日於瑞士日內瓦舉行。由47個聯合國人權理事會成員國組成之UPR 工作組會進行審議。

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### **關於香港普遍定期審議聯盟**

香港普遍定期審議聯盟於 2017 年成立，其宗旨是促進公民社會參與第三輪中國普遍定期審議，這當中包括針對香港的審議。聯盟由 Justice Centre Hong Kong 和督導委員會協調。督導委員會成員包括：民間人權陣線、殘疾資歷生活館、香港尋求庇護者及難民協會、Hong Kong Watch, Justice Centre Hong Kong、女角平權協作組、香港筆會、粉紅同盟和 Planet Ally。

### **關於普遍定期審議**

普遍定期審議是一個獨特的程序，涉及對所有聯合國 193 個成員國的人權記錄進行審議。普遍定期審議與聯合國其它條約機構相互補助，它是一個由聯合國人權理事會主持並由國家主導的程序，每個國家藉此機會公開其為改善國□人權狀況而採取的行動及其履行人權義務的情況。

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### **HONG KONG UPR COALITION TO HIGHLIGHT DETERIORATING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AT UN**

**HONG KONG** – Next week, representatives from the Hong Kong UPR Coalition will travel to the United Nations in Geneva to highlight their concerns with increasing erosion of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong. This will include a presentation on 8 October at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Info Pre-Session on China, which will be attended by dozens of foreign governments.

“The selection of the Coalition for the Pre-Session as the only civil society group comprehensively covering Hong Kong is a recognition of increasing concerns with the human rights environment in Hong Kong and the dedicated work of Coalition members over the last year,” said Simon Henderson, spokesperson for the Coalition and Senior Policy Advisor at Justice Centre Hong Kong.

“The Coalition will use the presentation to reiterate [its roadmap](#) of specific, measurable and achievable recommendations for Hong Kong to abide by its human rights commitments and restore its international standing,”

“The Coalition will also highlight recent concerning developments, such as the ban of Hong Kong National Party and directives from the Education Bureau on ‘incorrect thoughts’ for students, all of which only serve to undermine Hong Kong’s core values,”

“The UPR is an opportunity to demonstrate the Chief Executive’s pledge to “connect”, by increasing civil society participation and engagement. The Coalition urges the government to uphold such commitments rather than defaulting towards “established practice” – which limits transparency and accountability. It was disappointing that the [government refused to release its draft report](#) to civil society for consultation,” Mr Henderson said.

Coalition representatives travelling to Geneva include; Beyond the Boundary-Knowing and Concerns Intersex, Civil Human Rights Front, Hong Kong Journalists Association, Hong Kong Society for Asylum Seekers and Refugees, Hong Kong Watch, Justice Centre Hong Kong and Rainbow Action.

For the first time, it is anticipated that several foreign governments will make recommendations on Hong Kong when the hearing happens in Geneva on 9 November 2018. This is a marked shift from the last two cycles in 2009 and 2013.

“Human rights in Hong Kong are increasingly under the international spotlight, despite the government’s best attempts to characterise them as ‘internal affairs’. Such responses only serve to undermine commitments to the international human rights system.”

“The UPR is a test for the government to show that it is truly committed to protecting Hong Kong’s core values. We look forward to working with the government and the international community to help implement recommendations arising from the UPR hearing on 9 November,” Mr. Henderson concluded.

The Coalition’s submission, fact sheets and press releases are available online at: [www.justicecentre.org.hk/policy-advocacy/universal-periodic-review/](http://www.justicecentre.org.hk/policy-advocacy/universal-periodic-review/).

More information on the UPR Info Pre-Session is available at: <https://www.upr-info.org/en/upr-process/pre-sessions>

The upcoming UPR on China, including Hong Kong and Macau, will take place in Geneva on 9 November 2018. The UPR Working Group, which consists of the 47 member states of the United Nations Human Rights Council, will conduct the review.

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Coalition members and representatives participating in the trip to Geneva are also available for comments.

**About Hong Kong UPR Coalition**

The Hong Kong UPR Coalition represents the collaborative efforts of different civil society groups to advance human rights in Hong Kong through the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. Founded in 2017 for the third cycle of the UPR process, the Coalition is facilitated by Justice Centre Hong Kong and comprises a wide variety of non-governmental organisations. It is directed by the Hong Kong UPR Coalition Steering Committee, which consists of nine members, namely Civil Human Rights Front, Disabilities CV, The Hong Kong Society for Asylum-Seekers and Refugees, Hong Kong Watch, Justice Centre Hong Kong, Les Corner Empowerment Association, PEN Hong Kong, Pink Alliance and Planet Ally.

**About Universal Periodic Review**

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a unique mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Council aimed at improving the human rights situation on the ground of each of the 193 United Nation member states. It is the first international human rights mechanism to address all countries and all human rights. The UPR is a peer review process, and it complements the work of various United Nations treaty bodies.

