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Submission in Response to the Consultation of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong on Causing or Allowing the Death or Serious Harm of a Child or Vulnerable Adult

The Hong Kong UPR Coalition makes this submission in response to the consultation of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong on causing or allowing the death or serious harm of a child or vulnerable adult.

In the Third Cycle United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the People's Republic of China, including Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR, in November 2018, Croatia recommended that Hong Kong internally legislate to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child.¹ The Hong Kong Government has accepted this recommendation.²

Our Coalition welcomes the Law Reform Commission's consultation. Legislating to protect a child from death or serious harm is a step towards domestically incorporating the Convention on the Rights of the Child and implementing the above-mentioned UPR recommendation that Hong Kong has received.

We recommend the Law Reform Commission to ensure that its proposal will be in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and incorporate principles and requirements set out therein.

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About the 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. The full list of members is available on <https://www.justicecentre.org.hk/policy-advocacy/universal-periodic-review/hong-kong-upr-coalition-member-information/>.

¹ Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau. (April 2019). The formal adoption by the United Nations Human Rights Council of the report by its Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on the third review of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. *Paper for the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs*. LC Paper No. CB(2)1179/18-19(03). Retrieved from <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ca/papers/ca20190415cb2-1179-3-e.pdf>

² *Ibid.*



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