新聞稿

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聯合國經濟、社會及文化權利委員會 將於未來兩天審議香港及中國人權情況 公眾可收看直播

聯合國經濟、社會及文化權利委員會(委員會)將於瑞士時間2023年2月15及16日早上10時至下午1時(即香港時間同日下午5時至8時),在瑞士日內瓦舉行會議,審議香港、澳門及中國大陸的人權情況。

屆時,委員會將根據三地政府早前提交的國家報告,以及其他公民社會團體提交的人權報告, 詳細審議三地在實施以《經濟、社會及文化權利國際公約》(《公約》)及保障經濟、社會及 文化權利的情況。

傳媒及公眾可透過聯合國網頁收看直播會議。

聯合國直播網頁: https://media.un.org/en/webtv/schedule

首日會議連結:<u>https://media.un.org/en/asset/k10/k10ledzwso</u>

次日會議連結:https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1v/k1vrez9w0u

香港人權資訊中心亦會透過社交平台持續匯報會議的重點內容,敬請留意。本中心已於1月 16日向委員會提交報告(全文: https://tinyurl.com/w7b3hk9f),詳述香港市民在行使經社文權利時面對的困難和威脅,並促請委員會對香港惡化的人權狀況表達關注,以及要求香港政府停止一切侵害人權的行為及作出即時改善。

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關於我們

香港人權資訊中心於 2022 年成立,是由一班擅長法律及政策研究的香港人所組成,目標是要向外界提供有關香港的人權、法治及政治發展的最新和可靠的資訊,以支持香港的公民社會,並以國際人權法和標準,捍衛香港的人權和自由。

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背景

為督促《公約》的締約國履行《公約》下的責任,以及持續地改善人權,委員會定期審議各締約國實施《公約》的狀況,並按觀察所得發表審議結論,詳述委員會的關注及對締約國政府提出改善建議。香港政府已根據《公約》的要求及機制,於2019年12月向委員會提交第四次定期報告。根據程序,委員會將於2023年2月15及16日與中國、香港及澳門政府舉行會議,就人權問題向香港政府提出質詢。委員會並會在會議後發表審議結論,詳述委員會的關注和改善建議。

參考資料:

香港根據《公約》第十六條和第十七條於 2019 年提交的第四次定期報告 (於 2019 年提交) https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2FC.12%2FCHN-HKG%2F4&Lang=en

委員會與中國香港第四次定期報告有關的問題清單 (2021年4月發布)

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香港對與第四次定期報告有關的問題清單的回應(2022年3月提交)

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委員會第七十三屆會議工作方案(暫擬)

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Press Release

From: Hong Kong Centre for Human Rights

Date: 14 February 2023

UN Committee to hold meetings in the coming two days To discuss human rights situation in Hong Kong and China Livestream is available

The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ("Committee") will hold meetings in Geneva from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 15 and 16 February 2023 (which is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. of the same day in Hong Kong time) to discuss the human rights situations of Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China.

By considering the State reports submitted by the three governments, along with the parallel reports and information provided by civil society organisations, the Committee is going to discuss and raise questions on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ("ICESCR") and the protection of economic, social and cultural rights ("ESC rights") in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China.

Journalists and members of the public can watch the entire meetings online via the livestream TV of the United Nations webpage.

UN Web TV: https://media.un.org/en/webtv/schedule

Meeting on 15 Feb: https://media.un.org/en/asset/k10/k10ledzwso Meeting on 16 Feb: https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1v/k1vrez9w0u

Hong Kong Centre for Human Rights ("HKCHR") will also update the people on the major developments of the meetings through social media platforms. HKCHR has already submitted a parallel report to the Committee on 16 January 2023 (full report: https://tinyurl.com/w7b3hk9f), which illustrated the difficulties and threats faced by Hongkongers when they are exercising their ESC rights. We urge the Committee to express concerns over the deteriorating human rights situations in Hong Kong, and demand the Hong Kong government to cease violating human rights and take remedial actions immediately.

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About us

HKCHR is established in 2022 by a group of human rights defenders from Hong Kong with strong background in policy and legal research. The mission of HKHRIC is to provide credible information on the latest situation in Hong Kong, with reference to its legal, political, and human rights development, in order to support the resilient civil society in Hong Kong and defend the city's rights and freedoms in accordance with international human rights law and standards.

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Background

The Committee regularly reviews each State party's implementation of the ICESCR in order to monitor their fulfilment of their obligations under the treaty and to improve human rights. The Committee would issue concluding observations after each review to detail the Committee's concerns and recommendations for the State party to better discharge their obligations under the treaty.

The ICESCR applies to Hong Kong. Hong Kong government submitted the 4th report to the Committee in December 2019 as pursuant to the mechanism and Committee's request. According to the Committee's programme of work, it will hold meetings with the Chinese government including Hong Kong and Macau SARs from 15th to 16th February to raise questions about human rights issues. After the meetings, the Committee will issue concluding observations to elaborate the Committee's concerns and recommendations for Hong Kong.

Reference:

Fourth periodic report submitted by Hong Kong, China under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant, due in 2019 (received by UN in December 2019)

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Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' List of issues in relation to the fourth periodic report of Hong Kong, China (released in April 2021)

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Replies of Hong Kong, China to the list of issues in relation to its fourth periodic report (received by UN in March 2022)

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