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Tēnā koe Chuck Schooner

Thank you for your email of 12 May 2022.

The Government of Aotearoa New Zealand shares your concerns over a series of troubling arrests in Hong Kong under the National Security Law and the shrinking space for civil society and political opposition in Hong Kong.

New Zealand has consistently raised with the Hong Kong authorities its concerns regarding the erosion of fundamental rights and freedom in Hong Kong as guaranteed under the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the Basic law.

In line with our independent and value-based foreign policy, New Zealand will continue to raise these concerns both in private and in public, including in concert with others.

Nāku noa

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Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs