

**General draft resolution proposed by Human Rights in China
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Since 2015, China's crackdown on lawyers, rights defenders, and civil society has continued to intensify and expand through a domestic campaign of legal, security and police measures to create a climate of fear and intimidation. At the same time, China is exporting its policies and approaches to the UN/ and other international fora and in its bilateral engagement with national systems. These heavy handed bullying tactics are aimed at controlling and undercutting full civil society participation and debate, and silencing of any voices perceived as "critical" by the Chinese authorities, both at home and abroad.

As international, domestic, and regional human rights groups, we express strong concern about these rights undermining actions of the Chinese government and call upon the international community to stand firm to defend international human rights values and principles. We express strong solidarity and support for the human rights defenders and civil society groups in China working under the severely restricted environment created by the onslaught on rights and rule of law by the authorities.