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# **A Call for Signatures: Support the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions strike for democracy!**

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The Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU) - the only independent union in China - has called for workers to strike in support of the democracy movement as mass civil disobedience actions come under heavy police attack. The Swire Beverages (Coca-Cola) union and the HKCTU unions of school teachers and dockers are striking and will be joined by other member unions.

Tensions have been building in Hong Kong since the August 31 government announcement that candidates for the position of Chief Executive would have to be vetted and approved by a pro-business, pro-Beijing committee.

The protests, originally organized by the students' federation and the Occupy Central coalition, have drawn increasing numbers of supporters. The mainland government has harshly condemned the protestors' demands and the "illegal" protests.

On September 28, the HKCTU declared "we cannot let the students fight alone", and called for workers to strike in support of 4 demands: the immediate release of all the arrested, an end to the suppression of peaceful assembly, replacing the "fake universal suffrage" formula with the genuine political reform workers have been demanding, and the resignation of Chief Executive Leung Chun Ying.

The HKCTU has been the backbone of the democracy movement, before and following Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule. Their courageous action deserves the support of trade unions everywhere.

*To send to send a message to the Hong Kong Chief Executive in support of the democratic movement and the strikers' demands, go to:*

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*Here is the message you are sending:*

To the Chief Executive of Hong Kong

I support the demands of the movement for democratic election of the Hong Kong Chief Executive and the demands of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions. I call for the immediate release

of arrested protestors, an end to the suppression of peaceful assembly, genuine political reform for democracy in Hong Kong and the resignation of Chief Executive Leung Chun Ying.

Yours sincerely

[If you wish to send your own message and not use this text.]

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