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Dear President Von Der Leyen and President Macron,

We, the undersigned, ahead of your joint visit to Beijing this week, are writing to raise our concern regarding research that shows that several European (including French) companies continue to supply the Hong Kong Police Force with weapons and equipment that are being used in the suppression of human rights in the city.

[Research](#) by C4ADS into the procurement of equipment by the Hong Kong Police Force from 2017-2022 has found that several European companies have been providing seemingly “non-lethal” equipment to the Hong Kong Police Force and other government departments that appear to be used by the authorities in its current crackdown on human rights. This includes the provision of police helicopters, radio and sensor systems, simulators, and high speed interceptor boats.

Companies named in the C4ADS research include: Airbus, Zodiac Milpro International, and Helisim (France), Vaisala Oyj (Finland), Palfinger Marine Netherland BV (Netherlands), and ANT Applied New Technologies AG (Germany).

In the case of Zodiac Milpro International (France) as of last year it continues to provide the Hong Kong Police Force with high speed interceptor boats. We have reason to believe these are the same boats that were used by the authorities to intercept and arrest pro-democracy protestors in August 2020 who were attempting to escape to Taiwan.

Given the [EU Council Conclusions](#) on 24 July 2020, which included EU Member States *‘scrutinising and limiting exports of specific sensitive equipment and technologies for end-use in Hong Kong, in particular where there are grounds to suspect undesirable use relating to internal repression’*, we urge you to conduct a full audit of European companies that continue to have procurement contracts with the Hong Kong Government and the Hong Kong Police Force.

We hope that you will use your joint visit with General Secretary Xi Jinping to highlight concern regarding the People's Republic of China's ongoing human rights violations in Hong Kong, Xinjiang, and Tibet, its passive support for Russia's brutal war in Ukraine, and the growing threats against Taiwan.

The best way to outline Europe's strong commitment to global human rights overseas is ensuring there is a coherent and consistent approach at home. We therefore urge you to consider an audit of European companies with procurement contracts with the Hong Kong Government and Hong Kong Police Force.

Yours sincerely,

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