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Concerns about children and young people participating in gatherings 15 June 2019

Children and young people are important stakeholders in the society. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that they have the right to freedom of expression and to freedom of peaceful assembly. Our mission is to promote a caring and non-violent environment for their growth and development.

In any conflict situation, children and young people need to be protected and attention paid to their personal safety. In all matters concerning children and young people, their best interests shall be a primary consideration.

Hong Kong citizens are reluctant to see the recent disputes and escalation of conflicts brought on by the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill. Adults should not let children and young people learn violence as a way to resolve conflicts.

Against Child Abuse requests the Government of the HKSAR and all sectors of the community to communicate and discuss in a rational and peaceful manner and to listen to the voices of children and young people with patience in order to resolve differences.

Any violence is denounced. Stop violence immediately to prevent children and young people from further harm.

