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### **Statement of Law Society on the arrests and detention of lawyers in China**

(Hong Kong, 21 July 2015) – The Law Society notes with deep concern the recent news reports on the arrests and detention of an increasing number of lawyers in the Mainland.

The Law Society will not comment on the particular circumstances of any individual case of which it has no first hand knowledge. In addition, the Law Society respects the principles of “One Country Two Systems”.

The Law Society wishes to reiterate that as a core principle essential for the proper administration of justice in any jurisdiction, the independence of lawyers and their freedom to pursue legally and legitimately their clients’ interests without pressure or undue influence should not be undermined in any way.

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