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Article 23 of the Basic Law

We are aware of the recent comments concerning Article 23 of the Basic Law regarding possible charges to be faced by individuals or organizations which persistently release views and ideologies that publicize extremist opinions, promote secession or attack the Central Government. The Law Society of Hong Kong is of the view that until it has received any consultation paper on Article 23, it would not be appropriate for the Law Society to make any comment.

However, the Law Society must reiterate that the freedoms that we currently enjoy must be preserved and protected. Any newly established laws must not diminish the rights and freedoms that we now have.

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香港律師會就基本法第二十三條立法問題之回應

近日有傳媒報導，香港特區政府會在即將提交公眾諮詢的基本法第二十三條立法諮詢文件中建議，如果個人或傳媒持續公開發表分裂或攻擊中央政府的過激言論，則可能會被控以分裂或煽動罪。香港律師會認為在尚未收到正式諮詢文件前，本會暫時不宜就事件作出無謂的猜測及評論。

但香港律師會必須重申，我們一向所享有的言論自由及新聞自由是必須受到維護和保障的。任何新訂的法例都不應剝奪我們一些既有的權益。

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