Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your letter of 4 March and your interest in EFTA. The EFTA States have expressed their concerns regarding the situation in Hong Kong on several occasions. At the multilateral level, they inter alia supported a joint statement together with 35 other states in the 2020 UN General Assembly. Human rights are also systematically raised by Iceland, Norway and Switzerland in their bilateral contacts with China. Regarding the FTA, the EFTA States expect all contracting partners to act in accordance with the commitment to common values they reaffirmed in the preamble.

Best regards, Krisztina BENDE Director - Trade Relations Division EFTA - European Free Trade Association