(By e-mail)

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Editor Corriere della Sera

Dear Editor,

I refer to the article from Mr Paolo Salom entitled "Dodicenne arrestata: indignazione e proteste a Hong Kong" published on 8 September 2020. For a complete and balanced picture, I would like to point out the following facts.

On 6 September 2020, a large number of people ignored the advices from the Hong Kong Police Force and participated in unauthorised assemblies and blocked roads with barricades in various districts in Hong Kong. Some of the protestors also threw hard objects at police officers and chanted slogans connoting "Hong Kong independence".

We would like to point out that participating in unlawful assemblies not only breaches the Public Order Ordinance, and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation which greatly increases the risk of virus transmission in the community and poses serious threats to other peoples' health; acts advocating Hong Kong independence may also breach the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Police discharged their rightful duties and took prompt and decisive actions to apprehend the offenders.

We note that some people may have grievance or dissatisfaction about the actions taken by certain police officer(s). In this regard, any people who are directly affected by the conduct of a member of the police force, or any practice or procedure adopted by the police force, and feel aggrieved about it, they have the right to make a complaint accroding to the established complaint mechanism. Every complaint

against the police force will be handled and investigated in a fair, impartial and thorough manner.

Yours faithfully,

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