* Decision of the National People’s Congress on the
Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People’s Republic of China

(Adopted at the Third Session of the Seventh National
People’s Congress on 4 April 1990)

The Third Session of the Seventh National People’s Congress adopts
the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the
People’s Republic of China, including Annex I: Method for the Selection
of the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region,
Annex II: Method for the Formation of the Legislative Council of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Its Voting Procedures,
Annex III: National Laws to be Applied in the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region, and the designs of the regional flag and regional
emblem of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Article 31
of the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China provides: “The
State may establish special administrative regions when necessary.
The systems to be instituted in special administrative regions shall be
prescribed by law enacted by the National People’s Congress in the light
of the specific conditions.” The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region is constitutional as it is enacted in accordance
with the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China and in the light
of the specific conditions of Hong Kong. The systems, policies and
laws to be instituted after the establishment of the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region shall be based on the Basic Law of the Hong
Kong Special Administrative Region.

The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of
the People’s Republic of China shall be put into effect as of July 1, 1997.

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