

# CHINA SEEKS INDIA'S SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION

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China has sought the support and understanding of India and other countries for its controversial decision to impose a new national security law on Hong Kong, saying the new draft legislation is aimed at containing the “secessionist” forces in the former British colony who have posed a “grave threat” to the country’s national security and sovereignty.

In an apparent move to blunt any international backlash, China has sent demarches to India and other countries, explaining the reason for the draft legislation with a reminder that “upholding national security” in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is “purely China’s internal affair and no foreign country can interfere in this matter”.

“Hong Kong’s prosperity and long-term stability is in line with the common interests of the whole international community, including your country, as well as protection of your country’s legitimate interests in Hong Kong.

“We hope that your government will understand and support China’s relevant practices,” it said.

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