R4 AM13: Protecting International Law Against Empires: to Infinity and Beyond

Proposers Executive Committee

Motion text

From line 36 to 37:

China, far from being a peaceful superpower, ~~has extended sovereignty over~~imposed greater political control on Hong Kong, pressures Taiwan toward annexation, and commits human rights violations

Reason

China did not “extend sovereignty” over Hong Kong, as sovereignty over the territory was transferred from the UK in 1997 following the expiration of the New Territories lease and the Sino-British Joint Declaration. The new wording more accurately reflects Beijing’s increasing political control and erosion of Hong Kong’s autonomy, rather than incorrectly implying a new act of territorial expansion.