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Foreign Ministers of Member States of the OIC

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RE: Open Letter to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the Genocide Against the Uyghur, Kazakh People and Other Muslims

Your Excellencies,

We are a coalition of over 90 civil society organisations and members of Parliament from South East Asia representing Muslim people around the world. Ahead of the Assembly of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on December 19th, we urge the OIC to take a strong public stand against the People’s Republic of China (PRC)’s genocide and crimes against humanity against Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims in East Turkistan (also referred to as the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region by China).

Since 2016, millions of Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims have been arbitrarily detained in internment camps in East Turkistan, where they are exposed to systematic torture, rape, and forced labour, amongst other abuses. The internment camp system forms part of the PRC’s targeted attack on every expression of a distinct Uyghur ethnic identity, which includes a severe crackdown on Islam and Uyghur religious identity.

Ordinary religious behaviour, such as possessing a Quran, praying, having a beard, or wearing a veil are all reasons for Uyghurs and others to be detained in one of the internment camps, where detainees are forced to eat pork and drink alcohol. Furthermore, thousands of mosques, shrines, graveyards and other sites of religious significance in East Turkistan have been destroyed or damaged. The PRC’s actions do not only constitute an attack against the Uyghurs and others as Muslim people but as government officials have described Islam as an “ideological illness” to be cured, also an attack against Islam itself.

The PRC’s systematic human rights violations against the Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims have already been recognized by the United States government and seven national parliaments to constitute crimes against humanity and genocide. Most recently, these crimes have been [confirmed](#) by the independent Uyghur Tribunal in London, which found “beyond reasonable doubt that the PRC ... has committed genocide” under the Genocide Convention.

The evidence is clear and can no longer be ignored. As Members of the OIC, who proclaim to be the “collective voice of the Muslim world”, it would be unconscionable and in clear disregard of your own moral values and principles to close your eyes to the terrible fate of millions of your Muslim brothers and sisters. In Article 1 of the OIC’s Charter, you vow “to safeguard the rights, dignity and

religious and cultural identity of Muslim communities and minorities in non-Member States". We simply ask you to remain true to that commitment.

Continuing your silence on the PRC's egregious crimes against Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other Muslims does great harm to the OIC's credibility and international standing. Not only Uyghurs and Kazakhs, but Muslims worldwide are looking at you to do the right thing. We call on you to take a firm stand against the PRC's human rights abuses and to support efforts by Uyghur and international organizations and governments worldwide to bring these to an end.

Yours sincerely,

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Civil Society Organizations:

Alberta Uyghur Association
Australian East Turkestan Association
Australian Uyghur Association
Australian Uyghur Tangritagh Women's Association
Austria Uyghur Association
Belgium Uyghur Association
Blue Crescent Humanitarian Aid Association
Campaign for Uyghurs
Central Council of Muslims in Germany

Dutch Uyghur Human Rights Foundation
East Turkistan Education and Solidarity Association
East Turkestan Press and Media Association
East Turkestan Union of Muslim Scholars
East Turkistan Entrepreneur Tradesmen and Industrialists Businessmen Association
East Turkistan Human Rights Watch
East Turkistan New Generation Movement
East Turkistan Nuzugum Culture and Family Association
East Turkistan Sports and Development Association
European East Turkistan Education Association
European Muslim Forum
European Turkish-Islamic Union
East Turkistan Association in Finland
East Turkistan Association of Canada
East Turkistan Union in Europe
Eastern Turkistan Foundation
Finnish Uyghur Culture Center
Global Imams Council
Hoca Ahmet Yesevi Science and lore Foundation
Humanitarian Care Malaysia (MyCARE)
Ilham Tohti Initiative
International Pen Uyghur Center
International Support for Uyghurs
International union of East Turkistan Organizations
International Uyghur Human Right and Democracy Foundation
Isa Yusup Alptekin Foundation
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Pertubuhan IKRAM Malaysia (IKRAM)
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Society Union of Uyghur National Association
Stop Uyghur Genocide Canada
Stop Uyghur Genocide
Sweden Uyghur Education Union
Switzerland East Turkestan Association
Uyghur Science and Civilization Research Foundation
Uigur Society of the Kyrgyz Republic
Umer Uyghur Trust
Uyghur American Association
Uyghur Academy Australia
Uyghur Academy Canada
Uyghur Academy Europe
Uyghur Academy Foundation
Uyghur Academy Japan
Uyghur Academy USA

Uyghur Association of Victoria
Uyghur Center for Human Rights and Democracy
Uyghur Cultural and Education Union in Germany
Uyghur Education Union
Uyghur Human Rights Project
Uyghur Projects Foundation
Uyghur Refugee Relief Fund
Uyghur Research Institute
Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project
Uyghur Support Group Netherlands
Uyghur Transitional Justice Database
Uyghur U.K. Association
Uyghur Youth Union in Kazakhstan
Uzbekistan Uyghur Culture Center
Victoria Uyghur Association
World Uyghur Congress
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