**UPR Intervention for China**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We are alarmed by the Government of China’s worsening crackdown on Uighurs, Kazakhs, and other Muslims in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region.

We recommend that China:

1. Abolish all forms of arbitrary detention, including internment camps in Xinjiang, and immediately release the hundreds of thousands, possibly millions, of individuals detained in these camps.
2. Cease harassment and extraterritorial abduction of human rights defenders and their family members, cease house arrest and travel restrictions for people based on their rights-defense work, and release those imprisoned for such work, including Tashi Wangchuk, Ilham Tohti, Huang Qi, and Wang Quanzhang.
3. Amend the definition of subversion to remove all exercise of an individual’s human rights and fundamental freedoms from its scope.
4. Cease interference in the selection and education of religious leaders, such as Tibetan Buddhist lamas.