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**RE: Request to open an investigation into Genocide and Crimes against Humanity committed against the Uyghurs and other Turkic Peoples**

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you to request that you open an investigation into genocide and crimes against humanity that Chinese officials have allegedly committed against Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples. As you are aware, on July 6th 2020 an Article 15 Complaint was submitted to your office on behalf of the Government of East Turkistan in Exile, the East Turkistan National Awakening Movement and all Uyghur victims, requesting that an investigation is initiated.

We understand that although China is not a State-party to the ICC, the Complaint was submitted on the basis that your office does have jurisdiction over the situation as grave international crimes have been committed by Chinese officials on ICC state territory, primarily in Tajikistan (which is an ICC State Party), and that these crimes have continued into China.

Since the initial complaint was submitted, three further dossiers of significant evidence have been submitted which show the extent of the actions of Chinese government officials on ICC State territory. Specifically, they are targeting and rounding up Uyghurs abroad, and forcing them back into China. Once they are in China they are never heard from again. Numerous reports and expert investigations have revealed that Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples in Chinese territory are detained and subjected to grave crimes against humanity and indeed, as we ourselves in the European Parliament have found, are at risk of genocide.

The evidence confirms that at least 90% of Uyghurs living in Tajikistan have been rounded up and deported into China by Chinese officials working on the ground in Tajikistan, an ICC member State. The most recent evidence submitted to your office also shows just how elaborate the plans of the Chinese State are for targeting and rounding up Uyghurs wherever they are in the world. It is becoming increasingly difficult and irresponsible for those of us in elected positions to ignore this evidence, which is why we have been compelled to write to you.

The recent report prepared by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet also concludes that the Chinese Government is responsible for serious human rights violations against the Uyghurs and that, “the extent of arbitrary and discriminatory detention of members of Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim groups... may constitute international crimes, in particular crimes against humanity.”

We hope that you will open this investigation urgently to pursue justice for the countless victims and to deter further atrocities being committed against Uyghurs.

Sincerely,

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