

POSITION PAPER

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (UNHRC)

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AGENDA – Deliberating Upon the Humanitarian Condition of the **UYGHUR MUSLIMS**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to direct United States resources to address human rights violations and abuses, including gross violations of human rights, by the Government of the People's Republic of China through the mass surveillance and internment of over 1,000,000 Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

ENGAGEMENT OF THE CONGRESS

The engagement of the Congress is that-

- (1) the United States of America—
 - (A) condemns abuses against Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, members of other Muslim minority groups, and other persons by authorities of the People's Republic of China; and
 - (B) calls on such authorities to immediately—
 - (i) close the internment camps;
 - (ii) lift all restrictions on, and ensure respect for, human rights; and
 - (iii) allow people inside the People's Republic of China to reestablish contact with their loved ones, friends, and associates outside the People's Republic of China;
- (2) the Secretary of State considers strategically employing sanctions and other tools under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.
- (3) the Secretary of State looks forward to —
 - (A) work with United States allies and partners and through multilateral institutions to condemn the mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region; and
 - (B) coordinate closely with the international community on targeted sanctions and visa restrictions;
- (4) the United States is willing to expand the availability of and capacity for Uyghur language programming on Radio Free Asia in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;
- (5) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and appropriate United States law enforcement agencies will take steps to hold accountable officials from the People's Republic of China or individuals acting on their behalf who harass, threaten, or intimidate people within the United States; and
- (6) the United States companies and individuals selling goods or services or otherwise operating in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region should take steps, including in any public or financial filings, will ensure that—
 - (A) their commercial activities are not contributing to human rights violations in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region or elsewhere in China; and

(B) their supply chains are not compromised by forced labor.

UPDATING STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

United States policy toward the People’s Republic of China will be explicitly linked to the situation in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, specifically as to whether—

- (A) the internment of Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups in internment camps has ended;
- (B) all political prisoners are released;
- (C) the use of mass surveillance and predictive policing to discriminate against and violate the human rights of members of specific ethnic groups has ceased and is not evident in other parts of China; and
- (D) the Government of the People’s Republic of China has ended particularly severe restrictions of religious and cultural practice in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;

IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS

- (1) The President shall impose the sanctions on any official of the Government of the People’s Republic of China, that the President determines is responsible for any of the following with respect to Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, members of other Muslim minority groups, or other persons in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region:
 - (A) Torture
 - (B) Cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.
 - (C) Prolonged detention without charges and trial.
 - (D) Causing the disappearance of persons by the abduction and clandestine detention of those persons.
 - (E) Other flagrant denial of the right to life, liberty, or the security of persons.
- (2) Ineligibility for Visas, Admission, or Parole —
 - (A) Visas, Admission, Or Parole —An alien described in subsection (1) is—
 - (i) inadmissible to the United States;
 - (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and
 - (iii) otherwise, ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act

REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN XINJIANG UYGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION

- (a) IN GENERAL— the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies and civil society organizations, shall—

(1) submit a report on human rights abuses in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) make the report described in paragraph (1) available on the website of the Department of State.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED —The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an assessment of the number of individuals detained in internment camps in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;

(2) a description of the conditions in such camps for detainees, including, to the extent practicable, an assessment of—

(B) methods of torture;

(C) efforts to force individuals to renounce their faith; and

(D) other serious human rights abuses;

(3) to the extent practicable, an assessment of the number of individuals in the region in forced labor camps;

(4) a description of the methods used by People’s Republic of China authorities to “reeducate” detainees in internment camps, including a list of government agencies of the People’s Republic of China in charge of such reeducation;

(5) an assessment of the use and nature of forced labor in and related to the detention of Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, including a description of foreign companies and industries directly benefitting from such labor;

(6) an assessment of the level of access to Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region granted by the Government of the People’s Republic of China to foreign diplomats and consular agents, independent journalists, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations;

(7) an assessment of the mass surveillance, predictive policing, and other methods used by the Government of the People’s Republic of China to violate the human rights of persons in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;

(8) a description of the frequency with which foreign governments are forcibly returning Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other refugees and asylum seekers to the People’s Republic of China;

(9) a description, as appropriate, of United States diplomatic efforts with allies and other nations—

(E) to address the gross violations of human rights in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region; and

(F) to protect asylum seekers from the region; and

(10) the identification of the offices within the Department of State that are responsible for leading and coordinating the diplomatic efforts referred to in paragraph (9).