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Urgent Appeal to Pass the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act

In October 1949, the Chinese Communist forces invaded East Turkistan and overthrew our independent East Turkistan Republic on December 22, 1949. Since then, the People's Republic of China under the Chinese Communist Party has waged a systematic campaign of colonization and genocide. Over the past 70 years, millions of innocent people in East Turkistan were killed through various means of genocide including: mass execution, forced starvation, nuclear testing, abortion, and torture among other means.

In recent years, especially following the 2009 Urumchi Protests, the Chinese Communist Party has been aggressive about eradicating East Turkistan's identity and its people. In 2016 China launched its campaign of mass internment of millions of Uyghurs and Turkic peoples using the pretext of "counter extremism, counter terrorism, countering separatism."

The US Department of Defense estimated in May 2019 that some 3 million Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples have been locked up in concentration camps where they are subject to not only "re-education" and political indoctrination but also to forced medication, forced starvation, rape, torture, forced labor, and even execution. Recent discoveries of Chinese internal documents, satellite imagery analysis of suspected prisons and labor camps suggest the number detained might be much larger than 3 million. China's oppression of the Uyghur and other Turkic peoples in Occupied East Turkistan (what China calls "Xinjiang") has reached to a point where it is no doubt a genocide, not just cultural, but also physical.

The international community swore "NEVER AGAIN" following the Holocaust of the Jewish people and millions of others under the Nazi German regime. Yet again, the international community is witnessing another Holocaust like genocide in East Turkistan. The future of East Turkistan and the Uyghur nation are at the mercy of the international community, especially the democratic and free nations of the Free World.

Thus, we urgently call on the United States Congress to immediately pass the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act /UIGHUR Act and we call on the US Government to follow through by recognize China's atrocities in East Turkistan as genocide and urgently take concrete actions to STOP China's crimes against humanity in East Turkistan.

We again call on the US Government and all governments of the Free World to recognize East Turkistan as an occupied country under international law.

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