



STATEMENT CALLING FOR BOARD OF PEACE ACTION ON EAST TURKISTAN

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The East Turkistan Government in Exile (ETGE) commends President Donald J. Trump and the Board of Peace for convening nations and securing concrete commitments toward a reconstruction and governance pathway for Gaza, demonstrating that coordinated state action can deliver measurable outcomes.

The ETGE calls on the Board of Peace to apply the same urgency and strategic focus to East Turkistan, an occupied country under the colonial rule of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The PRC initiated its ongoing campaign of genocide on May 23, 2014, under the so-called Strike Hard campaign, which now enters its twelfth year.

Despite genocide recognitions by the United States and multiple national legislatures, as well as formal condemnation of the PRC's crimes against humanity by 51 UN member states, Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other Turkic peoples continue to face genocide and crimes against humanity, including mass internment, state-imposed forced labor, coercive population control measures including forced sterilizations and forced abortions, large-scale family separation, and the systematic destruction of Turkic and Muslim identity. UN human rights experts have warned that the coercive elements of the PRC's forced labor system may amount to forcible transfer and or enslavement as a crime against humanity, and UN experts have raised credible allegations of forced organ harvesting targeting East Turkistan's native population.

In light of President Trump's stated intention that the Board will examine additional global hotspots, the ETGE respectfully urges the Board, through its Executive Board, to take the following operational steps without delay:

1. Place the China–East Turkistan Conflict on the Executive Board agenda as a standing item.
2. Appoint a senior Board coordinator for East Turkistan, empowered to convene participating states and structure a time-bound implementation track with defined deliverables.
3. Recognize that the China–East Turkistan Conflict is a decolonization question, that the PRC's colonial occupation enables the ongoing genocide, and direct the Board's work on East Turkistan to apply decolonization and self-determination principles, including the restoration of national independence.
4. Coordinate member state commitments to end enabling support for PRC colonial repression, including restrictions on forced labor-linked procurement, protections against transnational repression targeting diaspora communities, and the termination of intelligence and so-called security cooperation that enables a genocidal occupation.

The ETGE stands ready to engage immediately with the Board and participating states and to provide documentation and structured proposals suitable for rapid implementation. The international community cannot finance recovery in one theatre while tolerating genocide and colonial occupation in another.