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Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.

Your Excellency, since 1999 Falun Gong practitioners have faced prison, harassment and horrific torture every day in China. According to human rights organisations, more than 4000 Falun Gong practitioners have been executed since 1999, and more than 100 000 Falun Gong members have been subjected to abuse and torture. They have not committed any crime, but have been practicing their faith peacefully.

I wish to draw the attention of the Authorities of China towards their plight. Article 36 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China of 1982 provides freedom of religion for all citizens. No state organ may discriminate against citizens who believe in, or do not believe in, any religion. Your Excellency, members of Falun Gong have only been practicing their faith peacefully. I am disappointed to learn that the cruel treatment of Falun Gong practitioners continues. China is obligated to ensure the right to freedom of religion, thought and conscience of everyone under its jurisdiction. I therefore hope that the Chinese authorities will be more compassionate and graceful towards Falun Gong.

Human rights organisations and the China Tribunal also have documentation indicating that Chinese hospitals have been colluding with Chinese military and police in harvesting organs from possibly tens of thousands Falun Gong members and other prisoners against their will. If these allegations are true, it is a serious violation of basic human rights against people whose "crimes" involve no more than holding a certain belief.

I humbly petition your intervention to ensure that:

- all actions targeting religious minorities in China for peacefully practicing their faith are stopped immediately, including arrests, harassment, torture and killings of Falun Gong practitioners;
- believers who are imprisoned for practicing their faith shall be released immediately;
- organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners and Uighurs must end immediately;
- Chinese authorities stop all surveillance of Falun Gong practitioners and other religious minorities, so that they may peacefully practice their faith.

Thank you in advance for using your influence as ambassador and conveying this message to the relevant authorities in your country.

Yours sincerely,