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Your Excellency:

In the name of fighting "terrorism", your government has for some time conducted a political and security crackdown in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR) of China against the so-called "three evils" of "separatism, terrorism and religious extremism". Amnesty International has reported on how this crackdown is being used to suppress all forms of political or religious dissent in the region. This has worsened the already serious human rights situation for the mainly Muslim ethnic Uighur community and could lead to further violence.

All governments have a duty under international law to protect their citizens against those who use or advocate violence to achieve their goals, and violent attacks on civilians must be strongly condemned and prosecuted. However, the presence in any community of some violent groups or individuals must not be used as a pretext to curtail the fundamental human rights of the community as a whole. The continued detention of many Uighurs who have never used or advocated violence is evidence that the crackdown extends far beyond legitimate protection against acts of violence or "terrorism".

We urge your government to:

- **put an end to the extensive violations occurring in the XUAR as a result of the crackdown, including arbitrary detention, unfair trials, torture and executions;**
- **release all prisoners of conscience detained for the peaceful expression of their fundamental rights;**
- **ensure that any prosecutions for violent acts conform to international standards.**

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