



Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China

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Dear Ms Fatou Bensouda,

We, members of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, are writing to express our support for the Complaint brought before the International Criminal Court by Rodney Dixon QC alleging widespread and systematic crimes against the Uyghur people. The Complaint was submitted to your office in an Article 15 Communication dated July 6th 2020.

The Complaint provides compelling evidence that the Chinese government may be committing crimes amounting to Genocide and other Crimes against Humanity against the Uyghur and other Turkic minority peoples. Suspected abuses include the detention of millions of people in internment camps, the forced mass sterilization of Uyghur women and numerous repressive measures against Uyghur culture and religion.

Though the People's Republic of China is not a Member State of the ICC, the Complaint alleges crimes against Uyghurs from Member States of the ICC, including the mass detention and deportation of Uyghurs from Tajikistan and Cambodia into China. We urge you to uphold the decision that crimes commenced on the territory of an ICC State Party come within the jurisdiction of the Court, as decided by the Court in relation to the Bangladesh/Myanmar (Rohingya) case in November 2019.

As Parliamentarians of ICC Member States, we ask that you urgently use your full powers under the Rome statute to launch an investigation gathering all relevant evidence to determine whether there can be prosecutions of Chinese officials for these alleged crimes.

The ICC has a unique ability to adjudicate on alleged genocide and crimes against humanity internationally. We call on the ICC to play its part in ensuring that the perpetrators of the most egregious human rights abuses are held accountable and prevented from acting with impunity.

We look forward to your response.