

Committee: UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council)

Topic: Preserving Human Rights of Uyghur Turks

Country: Serbia

Human rights are the rights inherent to all humans, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. The alleged genocide of the Uyghur Turks in Xinjiang is currently denied by the Chinese state. The Chinese government maintains that the Uyghur Turks, who were brought from Xinjiang to "re-education camps" in China, were trained against the dangers posed by their tendency towards terrorism and extremism. The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination said the committee had received multiple credible reports that 1 million ethnic Uyghurs in China were being held in "re-education camps". Protecting the human rights of Uyghur Turks is important for upholding ethical standards and international law, preventing alleged persecution, and promoting global stability, cultural diversity, and accountability.

Based on the data stated in the UN report that there has been no terrorist incident in Xinjiang since 2016, China's alleged genocidal behavior is considered not only as a bad outcome, but also as evidence that can positively affect society.

*"In May 2014, in the wake of these developments, the Government launched what it termed a "Strike Hard" campaign" to combat terrorist threats, which it linked to religious "extremism" and separatism in XUAR.<sup>29</sup> In a 2019 White Paper, the Government stated that "since 2014, Xinjiang has destroyed 1,588 violent and terrorist gangs, arrested 12,995 terrorists, seized 2,052 explosive devices, punished 30,645 people*

*for 4,858 illegal religious activities, and confiscated 345,229 copies of illegal religious materials”.<sup>30</sup> The Government has asserted the success of its approach, reporting that there have been no terrorist incidents in XUAR since 2016.<sup>31</sup>”*

The UN's best and most prioritized item is the one where families are asked to take action to satisfy their curiosity and communicate with individuals.

*(ii) Urgently clarifies the whereabouts of individuals whose families have been seeking information about their loved ones in XUAR, including by providing details of their exact locations and establishing safe channels of communication and travel enabling families to reunite;*

Despite the UN, great powers, and governmental organizations, many non-governmental organizations are involved in this topic in order to preserve rights for Uyghur Turks. Here are some non-governmental organizations that are involved: International Support for Uyghurs (ISU), Amnesty International, International Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy Foundation (IUHRDF),... and the list goes on.

As the delegate of Serbia our direct involvement or impact from this genocide is minimal or nonexistent. Serbia is geographically distant from China and lacks significant economic or political ties directly linking it to the Uyghur issue. As Serbia we did not take any direct action regarding this topic. However, since it is more of an internal issue for China, we recommend that other countries should be less involved in this issue.