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Agenda Item: Preserving Human Rights of Uyghur
Turks



Canada is a country that attaches great importance to human rights regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or nationality. The Uyghur Turks situation in Xinjiang, China is a great concern for Canada and the United Nations. Over 12 million people's rights are being violated currently just because of their ethnicity, religion, and nationality. These violations consist of forced labor, cultural suppression, arbitrary detention, and lack of religious freedom. These human rights abuses cannot be accepted by Canada as we recognize the importance of upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms for all individuals.

We as Canada remain deeply concerned about the situation in Xinjiang, China. We demand that it should be addressed on a continuous basis in order to preserve the human rights of Uyghur Turks. Testimonies from survivors show us a disturbing picture of systematic repression and discrimination. We call for immediate, transparent, and unrestricted access to Xinjiang for independent observers including United Nations human rights experts. It is impossible to truly understand the violations and human rights abuses without access to the territory. We condemn the arbitrary detention of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang. The Chinese government should release all individuals detained arbitrarily. Releasing these individuals could also help with the research of the regime. The cultural, religious, and linguistic rights of the Uyghur Turks should be respected and treated as the other cultural, religious, and linguistic rights of the world. The cultural identities of the Uyghur Turks are being forced into assimilation. We stress the importance of these topics and urge China to take an act to stop this genocide.

We reaffirm our commitment to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world. The situation of the Uyghur Turks in Xinjiang requires urgent international action to combat ongoing human rights violations. Canada stands ready to work with other Member States, civil society organizations, and relevant stakeholders to address this pressing issue and uphold the principles of human dignity and equality for all.