

Director of Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region No. 1 Prison
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Noordwijk, the Netherlands, November 2021

Dear Director,

I wish to express my concern about the continued imprisonment of respected Uighur professor Ilham Tohti. Tohti was a well-known critic of China's ethnic and religious policies in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, but known for his moderate views. Tohti was given a life sentence for "separatism" in September 2014, solely for the peaceful expression of his opinions.

Therefore, I respectfully call on you to ensure the immediate and unconditional release of Ilham Tohti. Pending his release, I hope that you will respond favourably to the request that he be moved to a prison closer to his family in Beijing. In addition, I call on you to grant Tohti regular access to his family and lawyers of his choice, and an independent medical examination and any medical treatment he needs.

Thank you for your attention.

I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,