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Letter of Request

According to an investigation by the World Organization for Investigating the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG), on 12th May 2023, approximately 70 Falun Gong practitioners were illegally arrested in Rizhao City, Shandong Province, the People's Republic of China, due to the involvement of Zhang Hui (張恵), former Secretary of Rizhao City (日照市); Li Gang (李剛), Director of Rizhao City Public Security Bureau; and Li Jiang (厲江), Director of the Public Security Bureau of Wulian County (五連県), Rizhao City.

At that time, a married couple – Mr. Yuande Ding (丁元徳) and his wife Mrs. Ruimei Ma (馬瑞梅) – were illegally arrested purely because of their faith in Falun Gong. On 24th May, Mrs. Ruimei Ma was released due to a rescue campaign started abroad, but has been under strict surveillance. On 20th July, the 24th anniversary of the persecution of Falun Gong, the Dong Gang (東港区) District Police Station in Rizhao City issued a formal arrest warrant for Mr. Yuande Ding. Since 13th June 2023, Mr. Yuande Ding has been illegally imprisoned in Rizhao City Remand Prison. No family members are allowed to visit him in detention.

According to information from a Chinese website on the employment history of the former Municipal Party Secretary of Rizhao City Zhang Hui, who is now the Deputy Municipal Party Secretary of Qingdao City, she was the Party Secretary of the First Party Committee of the Rizhao Military District.

Due to her military connection, during the period when the couple were missing, their son, Mr. Lebin Ding (丁楽斌), who is residing in Germany, was deeply concerned for their safety, not only about the possibility of their being tortured, but also of their becoming victims of live organ harvesting.

In the past four months, in Germany Mr. Lebin Ding has been courageously calling on and get support from the international community to stop the persecution of his father and other practitioners by the Chinese Communist Party in mainland China.

An investigation by Canadian human rights lawyer David Matas and others has revealed that organ harvesting in China from imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners is taking place, and between 60,000 and 100,000 illegal organ transplants are performed annually.

The China Tribunal, held in London, headed by Sir Geoffrey Nice, who led the prosecution of former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic at the UN's International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, concluded that the killing of innocent prisoners in China for organ transplants continues and

the main victims are Falun Gong practitioners, and that China is committing "crimes against humanity" against Falun Gong practitioners and Uyghurs.

In addition, the UN Special Rapporteur and experts issued a statement saying that they are very concerned about the organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience such as Falun Gong practitioners and Christians, as well as from minorities, such as Uyghurs, Tibetans and Muslims. And at the end of August 2022, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights drew attention to serious human rights violations in Xinjiang, China.

In light of these facts, we strongly call on the Chinese government to do the following:

- Protect the human rights of Falun Gong practitioners who make up the majority of prisoners of
 conscience, as well as Christians, Muslims, and all minorities detained in China, including ethnic
 Uyghurs and Tibetans by immediately ending the oppression, confinement and abuse of them.
- Preserve the unique languages, cultures, and histories of ethnic minorities.
- Release now all those who are being held in large concentration camps called re-education institutions.
- Stop the forced organ harvesting orchestrated by the Chinese Communist Party.
- Immediately stop the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in Shandong Province, especially in Rizhao City, including of the married couple Mr. Yunde Ding and Mrs. Ruimei Ma.
- Immediately and unconditionally release all arrested Falun Gong practitioners, including Mr. Yuande Ding.
- Grant Mr. Yuande Ding and Mrs. Ruimei Ma passports, so that they can join their son in Germany.

There is a saying in the Chinese classical book *I Ching*: "In a house of goodness, there is always good fortune; in a house of failure, there is always trouble." China is now at a watershed. Will it continue to commit the worst unprecedented genocide in human history, and destroy the country, or will it become an honorable country that respects human rights and is respected by all, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council? We hereby offer you this counsel from the Land of the Rising Sun.

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