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His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping
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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of all my colleagues, members of the Czech Rectors Conference, I would like to ask you most humbly for your urgent intervention in order to stop the danger of execution of Professor Tashpolat Tiyip which threatens his life any moment now.

Professor Tashpolat Tiyip was the President of Xinjiang University when he was detained at Beijing airport in March 2017, while traveling to Germany with a group of students for a conference. He has been held incommunicado since then with his whereabouts unknown. He was found guilty of "separatism" in secret and grossly unfair proceedings.

Sentenced to a "suspended death sentence", which includes the possibility of commutation after two years' imprisonment when no other crimes are committed, he now faces imminent execution.

I call on you to immediately stop plans to carry out the execution of Tashpolat Tiyip; and release Tashpolat Tiyip unconditionally, unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he committed an internationally recognized offense and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards.

Professor Tiyip is a distinguished academician, recipient of honorary degree from Sorbonne University in 2008, and University President representing integrity of his higher education institution as well as serving the academic community in line with his distinguished career as a Professor.

I sincerely believe that releasing Professor Tiyip would be a noble gesture showing your qualities as the leader of your nation, as well as an indication of respect of your country to humanity, widening human knowledge in science, as well as beneficial impact of education to social and economic conditions in China as well as elsewhere.

On behalf of the Czech Rectors Conference



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