

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
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Dear Prime Minister

We are writing to you as the Conservative Muslim Forum Executive Committee to ask you to back the genocide amendment to the Trade Bill which will appear before Parliament on Tuesday.

As the recent report from the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission makes clear; the Chinese Communist Party's repression is intensifying throughout the country. Its mass incarceration and persecution of the Uyghur people is utterly abhorrent. We cannot stay silent in the face of such oppression. Evidence for what some experts have called a form of demographic genocide is mounting.

An Associated Press investigation last year found that the State of Xinjiang “regularly subjects minority women to pregnancy checks, and forces, sterilisation and even abortion on hundreds of thousands”. Christians are also suffering the worst crackdown on religious freedom since the Cultural Revolution, with churches destroyed and surveillance cameras installed at the altars of state-controlled churches.

The official UK Government position is that it can only define a genocide if this has been determined as such by the international courts. However, the prospects for this are incredibly slim given the enthusiastic efforts by China to veto such initiatives. We are urging all Conservative Members of Parliament to back this amendment to ensure that the UK has a sound legal basis to act where genocide is suspected, as is the case with the Chinese Communist Party's treatment of Uyghurs.

After the horrors of Nazi Germany, the world said never again, this is an opportunity for the UK to live up to those words.

Yours sincerely,



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