Ban Chen Quanguo from the UK

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Mass detention. Systematic surveillance. Widespread torture. Millions in forced labour camps. And the attempt to erase a people's history and culture. These are the hallmarks of Chen Quanguo's rule.

Chen has been the architect of human rights abuses against Tibetans, Uyghurs and Kazakhs for the last 10 years and the world has done nothing.

It is time for us to take action against him.

We are demanding that the UK government hold Chen responsible for these widespread abuses. Chen's name must be added to the global human rights sanctions regime list, to send a signal to Beijing that abuses against Tibetans and Uyghurs will not just be monitored, but also punished.

The USA has already imposed sanctions on Chen, and it is time for the UK to follow suit. This will set a precedent that other countries can and must follow. Whether you are in the UK or elsewhere in the world, we urge you to sign this petition.

Add your voice to ours and sign our petition to the Foreign Secretary, demanding him to ban Chen from travelling to the UK.

Text of the petition:

Dear Foreign Secretary,

We the undersigned urge you to use your powers to ban Chen Quanguo, Party Secretary of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, from travel to the UK as a clear response to his widespread human rights abuses.

Chen Quanguo, in his current position and in his previous role as Party Secretary of the "Tibet Autonomous Region" (the TAR, between August 2011 and August 2016), has been responsible for a range of human rights abuses. These include mass internment of Uyghurs, forced labour, the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment both for Uyghurs and Tibetans. These policies have resulted in many deaths of detainees and prisoners.

The UK's 2020 Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations are clear that a travel ban and asset freeze can be imposed on individuals found to be responsible for violations of the right to life, the prohibition on torture and the use of forced labour. We therefore urge the FCDO to carry out an assessment of whether Chen meets these criteria and then acts decisively to impose sanctions.

Such a move would demonstrate that the UK is prepared to act firmly and decisively in response to large-scale human rights violations.

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