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**Dear Secretary General,**

**RE: Call for an inquiry into the Uyghur genocide in Xinjiang**

I am writing to you, on behalf of the BMA (British Medical Association), to express our horror at the Genocide being perpetrated against the Uyghur and other Turkic Muslim minority populations in Xinjiang China, and to call for an urgent inquiry into this grave violation of international humanitarian law. We ask that this inquiry be funded by the United Nations and independent of the World Health Organisation (WHO). This independence is essential as it would allow for the inquiry to be less vulnerable to political capture.

As you may be aware, the Uyghur Tribunal reported its judgement in December 2021 after reviewing and analysing testimonials and many other pieces of evidence. It found beyond reasonable doubt both that the PRC is guilty of genocide and that medical personnel and skills have been an essential part of the process. The Tribunal determined that biological genocide is occurring through restriction of births by forced sterilisation and abortion and forced matrimony and procreation between Uyghur women and Han men. Furthermore, the Tribunal also found evidence of mutilation and biological experimentation taking place in the detention centres.

In light of the evidence shared at the Tribunal, we urge the UN to instigate a fully independent enquiry as a matter of urgency.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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