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Dear leaders of the G7,

We, members and supporters of the [Coalition to End Forced Labour in the Uyghur Region](#), are writing to you in advance of the G7 annual Leaders' Summit on 26-28 June to urge the adoption of concrete measures to combat forced labour and other grave human rights violations against Uyghurs and other Turkic and Muslim majority peoples of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (Uyghur Region), perpetrated by the government of China.

Our coalition comprises more than 400 civil society organisations and trade unions from over 40 countries united to end state-sponsored forced labour and other egregious abuses against people from the Uyghur Region. We call on leading companies across supply chains to ensure that they do not support or benefit from systematic, state-sponsored forced labour of Uyghurs both in the Uyghur Region and across China through coercive labour transfers, and on governments to take action.

We welcome your commitment, as articulated in the G7 Foreign Ministers' [communiqué](#) of 14 May, to "tackle instances of forced labour," including through domestic means. We urge you to make meaningful this commitment through the adoption and robust enforcement of import control mechanisms to stop the flood of goods tainted with Uyghur forced labour from entering your markets, an approach endorsed in the [communiqué](#) of the 24 May G7 Employment Ministerial Meeting.

This year, the International Labour Organization registered its [deep concern](#) with regard to evidence of the systematic repression of Uyghurs, and subsequently [deplored](#) this fact at its annual conference. Researchers, journalists, and survivors have credibly [documented](#) the use of Uyghur forced labour in numerous global supply chains, including garment and textile, chemical, pharmaceutical, automotive, and agricultural. These goods and inputs are sold to consumers around the world. Nearly [twenty percent](#) of the world's cotton is produced in the Uyghur Region, as well as [forty-five percent](#) of the world's solar-grade polysilicon, which is necessary for solar panel production, and [twenty-five percent](#) of the world's tomato paste, to name just a few examples.

Pervasive surveillance and repression make credible third-party audits impossible in the Uyghur Region. Companies must be required to map and disclose their supply chains down to the raw material level and cut ties with any supplier using Uyghur forced labour. Governments must stop these goods from entering their markets. Global alignment is crucial for import control measures targeting forced labour goods to be effective.

The US [Uyghur Forced Labour Prevention Act](#) (UFLPA) takes effect on 21 June. The law establishes the rebuttable presumption that any good made in whole or in part in the Uyghur Region or using Uyghur transported labour is made with forced labour and prohibited from entering US commerce. Forced labour import measures are also being considered in Canada and Australia. The EU has issued a Call for Evidence in advance of publishing its proposal for an EU legislative instrument to effectively ban products made by forced labour from entering the EU market. The UK has introduced a proposal to ban forced

labour products in public healthcare supply chains. As noted by G7 Employment Ministers in the communiqué, “this momentum offers an opportunity: to ensure coherence in regulatory measures taken at the national level, provide legal clarity to business, reduce compliance costs for companies and, most importantly, prevent business involvement with harms to people and planet in the first instance, and enable access to effective remedy wherever they occur.”

As stewards of some of the world’s largest economies, we call on you to take clear action, in line with your commitments, to introduce legislation to stop goods made with Uyghur forced labour from entering your markets, to share data necessary for robust enforcement of these measures, and to hold accountable corporations which fail to take meaningful action to remove Uyghur forced labour from their supply chains.

Sincerely,

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Campaign For Uyghurs

Dark Bali

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Free Uyghur Now
Freedom Collaborative
Freedom United
Global Labor Justice-International Labor Rights Forum
Global Legal Action Network
Global Student Forum
Grupo de Apoio ao Tibete-Portugal
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Responsible Sourcing Network

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York

Society for Threatened Peoples

Stop Uyghur Genocide Australia

Stop Uyghur Genocide UK

Sydney Network for Democracy in China

The Human Trafficking Legal Center

The International Women's Alliance for Family
Institution and Quality Education (WAFIQ)

The Peace Project

The Right Project

The Sustainable Angle & Future Fabrics Expo

Tibet Initiative Deutschland e.V.

Uyghur American Association

Uyghur Association of Victoria, Australia

Uyghur Center for Democracy and Human
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Uyghur Freedom Forum

Uyghur Human Rights Project

Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project

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