

Witness Statement of Mr. Dolkun Isa

I Dolkun Isa make the following statement which is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth:

1. My name is Dolkun Isa, I (am the president of the World Uyghur Congress and) was part of the delegation which attended the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2013 on behalf of the Society for Threatened Peoples.
2. My attention has been drawn to a press release from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights dated 2 February 2017 which talks about the treatment of delegates names who were attending the 2013 Human Rights Council. I understand that the NGO referred to in the Press Release is the World Uyghur Congress.
3. I can confirm that our NGO did not release the names of individuals who would be attending the 2013 Human Rights Council ahead of the event. The OHCHR press release refers to a press release from our NGO from 27 December 2012. I can provide a link to that press release,¹ it did not mention the names of the participants who would take part in the announced event and did not mention participation in the Human Rights Council. We did not release the names of the individuals from our NGO who would be attending ahead of the start of the Council session.
4. At no point before or during the Human Rights Council were we informed by OHCHR that the Chinese Government had been informed that we would be attending the Council session. Nor were we informed of any allegations of terrorism made by the Chinese Government about us.
5. I can confirm that four individuals from our NGO attended the Council session. None of these were resident in China but three of the four attendees have direct family members

¹ <https://www.uyghurcongress.org/en/conference-announcement-chinas-new-leadership-challenges-for-human-rights-democracy-and-freedom-in-east-turkestan-tibet-and-inner-mongolia-in-geneva-11-13-march-2013/>

who still reside in China. One has approximately 30 family members in detention in China. I have my parents and brothers and sisters who resided in China in 2013.

6. From time to time my parents have been pressured by Chinese police when I do meetings. They are monitored 24 hours and have been asked by the authorities to call me and tell me not to do political advocacy. For the last two years I have been unable to get any information about my family in China. I am aware that my mother, who was 78 years old at the time, was detained by the Chinese authorities in 2017 and died in custody. Some international media reported that she had been detained for a period of around one year. I am unable to get any information regarding my father who is 90 years old and do not know if he is still alive.
7. The Chinese Government have a record of attempting to obstruct any political activities I engage in if they find out about them in advance. For instance, in 2009 I attended a conference in South Korea and was detained as a result of an intervention by the Chinese Government. I was detained for a period of three days and then deported to Germany. In 2017 when I attended the Italian Senate I was detained by about 20 police officers who took me to the police station and detained me.

Signed: Dolkun Isa



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