

Resolution 23: Standing in Solidarity with Uyghur Muslims and Minorities

Abstract: The resolution denounces the Chinese genocide of Uyghur Muslims and other minorities in the Xinjiang region and supports student advocacy efforts against it.

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Whereas, The Chinese government has oppressed Uyghurs and incarcerated more than 1.8 million Uyghur Muslims and other minorities in concentration camps, prisons, and forced labor since 2017;

Whereas, Chinese party officials have slept in the beds of Uyghur families, demolished mosques and Muslim cemeteries, and banned the Uyghur language;

Whereas, Uyghur Muslims have been arbitrarily detained and forcibly disappeared;

Whereas, Uyghur Muslims have been subject to forced organ harvesting and sterilization;

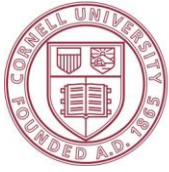
Whereas, the United States has stated that China has committed genocide against Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic and religious minority groups in the Xinjiang region;

Whereas, the United Nations Human Rights Office has stated that these policies may be crimes against humanity;

Whereas, Resolution 39: Calling Upon Cornell to Uphold its Ethical Guidelines for International Engagements, passed March 29th, 2021, stated that “Cornell University’s relationship with China is normalizing the ongoing Uyghur genocide” and called for the re-evaluation of Cornell’s “current international collaborations... using the ethical guidelines on international engagement”;

Whereas, the Uyghur Policy Act of 2021 has passed the House of Representatives and will soon be introduced in the Senate. This bill supports the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing in Xinjiang and calls upon the United States Government to provide additional support in the region;

Whereas, the Uyghur Human Rights Protection Act has been introduced in the House of Representatives. This bill calls for “Uyghurs and members of other predominantly Turkic or Muslim ethnic groups” to be prioritized as refugees, supports “the human rights of Uyghurs and



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32 members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous
33 Region”, and safeguards “their distinct identity”;

34 **Whereas**, a student group is traveling to Capitol Hill on February 11th to raise awareness about
35 the Uyghur Muslim genocide in China, call for the passage of the aforementioned laws, and push
36 for the United Nations to recognize this crisis as a genocide;

37 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly stands in solidarity with these student
38 organizers and unequivocally denounces the genocide of Uyghur Muslims and other minority
39 groups in China;

40 **Be it further resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly will work with administration and various
41 campus stakeholders to reexamine our collaborations with China and vet them using ethical
42 guidelines outlined in Resolution 39;

43 **Be it finally resolved**, the Cornell Student Assembly will continue to support and amplify
44 advocacy efforts in support of Uyghur Muslims and minority groups in Xinjiang.

45 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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55 Cornell Muslim Educational and Cultural Association

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57 Cornell Interfaith Council

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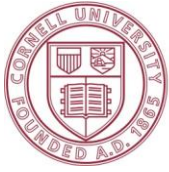
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63 Campaign for Uyghurs

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