DELEGATES, assembled in Brussels on the occasion of the conference “Uyghurs Call for Dialogue with China - Implementation of the Chinese Constitution to Safeguard and Protect the Rights of the Uyghur People,” on 30 April 2010,

Referring to the 2008 Berlin Declaration adopted by the World Uyghur Congress, reiterate their call for the application of the Chinese Constitution and the Regional Ethnic Autonomy Law by Chinese authorities in East Turkestan and elsewhere;

Noting the public call made in September 2009 by Rebiya Kadeer, leader of the Uyghur people, before the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Human Rights for the opening of a meaningful dialogue with Chinese authorities;

Urge the Chinese government to ensure that the articles of the Chinese Constitution protecting the rights of nationalities in China and its commitments to international law on minorities are observed in full, without exception or qualification, to ensure that Uyghur grievances are addressed in accordance with Chinese rule of law;

Urge the Chinese Government to allow an independent international investigation into the events of July 2009 in East Turkestan and to make known the whereabouts of twenty Uyghurs extradited from Cambodia in December 2009 and whose whereabouts and wellbeing remain a grave concern;

Urge the Chinese authorities to implement the 1984 Regional Ethnic Autonomy Law allowing Uyghurs to manage the internal affairs of East Turkestan in accordance with the Chinese Government’s belief that this is to the benefit of all Chinese citizens;

Urge the Chinese authorities to protect the right to freedom of religious expression and the unique Uyghur language and culture throughout the People’s Republic of China, and East Turkestan in particular, as enshrined in the Chinese Constitution;

Urge the Chinese authorities to respect internationally held conventions on the principle of non-refoulement, to make known to the international community the whereabouts of Uyghurs extradited from other countries, and to give assurances of their wellbeing;

Call upon the Chinese authorities to open a meaningful dialogue with Uyghur leaders acknowledged to represent the Uyghurs of East Turkestan and urge representatives of the European Union to support such a dialogue.