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UYGHURS CALL FOR DIALOGUE WITH CHINA – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE UYGHUR PEOPLE

29 – 30 April 2010

Room A3 G2, Altiero Spinelli Building
60, rue Wiertz
European Parliament

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
THURSDAY, 29 April 2010

8.30h Registration / Welcome desk

9.30 – 10.30h
OPENING STATEMENTS

Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi MEP, Vice-Chair of ALDE
Mr. Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary
Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, President of the World Uyghur Congress (WUC)
Mr. Tashi Wangdi, EU Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Ms. Louisa Coan Greve, Vice President, National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
Ms. Heidi Hautala MEP, Chair of the Human Rights Subcommittee (Written message)

10.30 – 13.15h
PANEL 1: UYGHURS CALLING FOR DIALOGUE WITH CHINA: INTERNAL SELF-DETERMINATION, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AUTONOMY

Moderator: Mr. László Tökés MEP and Mr. Michael Gibb, PHD Candidate, Oxford University

Dr. Eva Pföstl, Istituto di Studi Politici S. Pio
Legal Protection of Uyghur People through Chinese Constitution

Prof. Yitzhak Shichor, Professor at University of Haifa, Department of Asian Studies
Dialogues of the Deaf: The Role of Uyghur Diaspora Organizations versus Beijing

Mr. Nury A. Turkel, Attorney and former president of the Uyghur American Association (UAA)
The Importance of Having Coherent Uyghur Policy in the United States and in Europe: The Right Way to Help the Uyghur People

Mr. Michael Gibb, PHD Candidate, Oxford University
States and Regions: Working for Mutual Benefits

Q and A

13.30 – 14.00h PRESS CONFERENCE with Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, Ms. Louisa Coan Greve, Mr. Marino Busdachin and Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi in Room ANNA POLITKOVSAYA (PHS 0A50)

14.00 – 15.00h Lunch break

15.00h – 18.00h
PANEL 2: GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHINA AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON CHINESE AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Moderator: Mr. Marco Perduca, Senator of the Italian Senate

Ms. Corinna-Barbara Francis, Researcher on China, International Secretariat, Amnesty International
Human Rights Violations against Uyghurs: The Right to Culture, Freedom of Expression, and Equal Treatment Denied

Mr. Ahmet Faruk Ünsal, General President of MAZLUMDER (Organisation of Human Rights and Solidarity for Oppressed People)
Ethnic and Religious Discrimination in East Turkestan
Mr. Erkin Alptekin, Chief Adviser of WUC
*Respect for Human Rights as an Essential Element in Conflict Prevention*

Mr. Willy Fautré, Director HRWF International
*Forced Internal Displacement of Uyghurs Workers and Women*

Dr. Erkin Emet, Professor at Ankara University
*Ethnic Groups in China and the Language Policy by China*

Ms. Marie Holzman, Sinologist
*Uyghurs’ Rights and Repression: a Chinese View*

Q and A

Coffee and tea will be served during the afternoon session.

FRIDAY, 30 April 2010

9.30 – 12.00h
**Panel 3: Building Mutual Understanding in East Turkestan**

*Moderator: Mr. Marco Perduca*, Senator of the Italian Senate

Mr. Ulrich Delius, Asia Director, Society for Threatened Peoples (STP)
*After China’s crackdown: Challenges for the Uyghur cause*

Mr. Perhat Muhammad, Senior Researcher of WUC Research Center and Vice-President East Turkestan Union in Europe
*The Conditions of Achieving Durable Peace in East Turkestan*

Ms. Louisa Coan Greve, Vice President, National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
*Planning for a Democratic Future: what Uyghurs Can Do to Prepare Now*

Mr. Dolkun Isa, General Secretary of WUC and of the East Turkestan Union in Europe
*The Events of 5 July 2009 in Urumqi – strategies for the future*

Q and A

12.00 – 12.30h
**Closing Session / Final Remarks**

Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, WUC President
Mr. Niccolò Rinaldi, MEP
Mr. Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary
Mr. Dolkun Isa, WUC General Secretary