

## Stop Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in the People's Republic of China



## **Annual Petition to G7+7**

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States, European Union + Argentina, Australia, India, Israel, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan

Forced organ harvesting means the killing of a person for the purpose of removing their organs and transplanting them into another person. In the People's Republic of China (PRC), this practice is state sanctioned and has reached an industrial scale over the past 25 years. It is one of the most egregious, horrific crimes against humanity of the 21st century.

In 2019, the China Tribunal, chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice KC, concluded that forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale and continues today and that practitioners of Falun Gong are the primary victim group.

Forced organ harvesting has been described as a slow, concealed cold genocide against Falun Gong because it is used for profit *and* to eliminate the group and its practice of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. Insufficient action by the international community has allowed these crimes to continue and be perpetrated against the Uyghur population as well in recent years.

The unethical or criminal medical practices of one country threaten the ethical standards of medicine worldwide. A direct, decisive response from the international community is urgently required to stop this barbaric crime.

Therefore, we address the following requests to the government leaders of the G7+7 countries:

Issue a joint declaration condemning the PRC's practice of forced organ harvesting, calling for its immediate end, and implement an intergovernmental action plan including the following:

- Initiate measures to inform citizens and protect them from being complicit in forced organ harvesting by obtaining a transplanted organ in the PRC or by aiding and abetting forced organ harvesting through medical practice, research or training.
- 2) Halt any exchange in transplant-related practice, research or training with the PRC until it offers proof that forced organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience has ceased, and this should be verified by independent, unannounced inspections.
- 3) Initiate annual parliamentary hearings regarding the PRC's forced organ harvesting and provide annual reports that include witness and expert testimonies.
- 4) Begin investigations to determine accountability for any acts contrary to the provisions of the Genocide Convention committed against Falun Gong practitioners, Uyghurs and others in the PRC.