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Dear President Xi,

It is of grave concern that Buzainafu Abudourexiti, a Uyghur woman, remains in incommunicado detention after she was sentenced on 5 June 2017, without any legal representation, to seven years imprisonment. She is currently being held at Urumqi Women's Prison.

She was taken away from her parents' house in Urumqi, on 29 March 2017 and transferred to the city of Akesu, 1,000km away. No official documentation about her case, including what charges she was convicted of, has ever been provided. While Buzainafu Abudourexiti was pregnant at the time of her arrest, her husband later learned from officials in Xinjiang that the child was already dead in her womb when she was detained. Nothing is known about her current health status.

Buzainafu Abudourexiti went to Egypt to study Islam for two years and returned to Urumqi in early 2015 to work at her father's company while learning English. Planning to join her new husband Almas Nizamidin in Australia, she then went back to Egypt in September 2015 to collect the documentation for her visa application. After returning to Urumqi in December 2015, she then received the necessary clearance from the Urumqi police department and Almas proceeded to lodge an application for her Australian spousal visa. Buzainafu Abudourexiti was detained shortly after that and their application is still pending.

I fear that the detention of Buzainafu Abudourexiti is part of the wider crackdown on Uyghurs in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and that she may be subject to torture and other ill-treatment.

Therefore, I call on you to:

- Release Buzainafu Abudourexiti unconditionally and immediately unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that she committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards;
- Ensure that she has regular, unrestricted access to family and lawyers of her choice, and is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment.
- Allow her prompt, regular and unrestricted access to medical care on request or as necessary.

Yours sincerely,