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Dear Director Gao:

I am writing to express my concern for ethnic Kazakh Weilina Muhatai (维丽娜·木哈太) and her two sons, Muheyati Haliyoula (穆哈亚提·哈力尤拉) and Parisati Haliyoula (帕日萨提·哈力尤拉), who all went missing in August 2020. Despite attempts by family members overseas to make contact, there has been no communication with them for more than six months.

I find it distressing to learn that no official information about their whereabouts or condition has been shared at all. Their possible detention is believed to be linked to the activism of their husband and father, who they suspect to have died in a "transformation-through-education" facility in December 2020.

I am gravely concerned about the health and wellbeing of Weilina Muhatai, Muheyati Haliyoula and Parisati Haliyoula. With no contact having yet been made with them to date, and given the repeated allegations of torture and other ill-treatment in violation of international law in Xinjiang's detention facilities, I believe their safety and lives are at risk.

I therefore call on you to:

- Release Weilina Muhatai, Muheyati Haliyoula and Parisati Haliyoula unless there is sufficient, credible and admissible evidence that they committed an internationally recognized offence and are granted a fair trial in line with international standards;
- Pending their release, disclose the whereabouts of Weilina Muhatai, Muheyati Haliyoula and Parisati Haliyoula; allow them access to their family and lawyers of their choices, as well as prompt and adequate medical care, as necessary or requested; and ensure they are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment.

Yours sincerely,