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On 23rd anniversary of persecution, Falun Gong deserves to be part of Canada's China policy.

Dear Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs,

July 20 marks 23 years since the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a systematic and brutal campaign to eradicate Falun Gong, a spiritual practice guided by the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance.

We, the undersigned parliamentarians, urge the government to include Falun Gong explicitly in Global Affairs Canada's [China Policy Framework](#) (while other persecuted groups are mentioned), condemn the CCP's continued attack on this peaceful faith, and call for an end to the persecution in China.

It has been brought to our attention that the evidence is overwhelming, corroborated, and voluminous proving that the persecution of Falun Gong remains the largest and most violent campaign targeting Chinese people, not just regionally, but nationally in mainland China today.

It includes a devastating propaganda campaign to demonize Falun Gong with hatred and bigotry inside China as well as within the international community.

For 23 years, the CCP has carried out massive arbitrary arrests, torture, killing, and large-scale forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong prisoners of conscience across China, destroying the lives of tens of millions of innocent people and their families.

The atrocities are well-documented by human rights organizations/experts, such as [Amnesty International](#), governmental bodies, and the United Nations.

For example, in June 2021, a [statement by 12 United Nations special rapporteurs](#) said they were "*extremely alarmed*" by credible information that forced organ harvesting is targeting Falun Gong practitioners in detention. This follows [U.S. House Resolution 343](#), unanimously passed in 2016, "*expressing concern regarding persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting*" from Falun Gong practitioners in "*large numbers*."

In 2015, [Freedom House](#) stated, "*Hundreds of thousands of adherents were sentenced to labour camps and prison terms, **making them the largest contingent of prisoners of***

conscience in the country.” Almost a decade earlier, [U.N. Special Rapporteur Manfred Nowak](#) reported that “*Falun Gong practitioners accounted for 66 percent of victims of alleged torture while in government custody.*”

In June 2019, an [international, independent tribunal](#) in the U.K. concluded that “*crimes against humanity*” targeting Falun Gong nationwide is occurring. It listed evidence of murder, torture, rape, and organ harvesting. It said “*forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale and that Falun Gong practitioners have been one—and probably the main—source of organ supply.*”

Academics have concluded that the eradication of Falun Gong by the CCP is a genocide. In 2018, the journal article “[Cold Genocide: Falun Gong in China](#)” stated that this killing is a “concealed genocide” that is “invisible, ignored, or forgotten”. A [2022 article](#) affirms that the CCP is waging a genocide against Falun Gong that “*is long overdue for recognition.*”

Among those suffering in China is [Canadian citizen Ms. Qian Sun](#), who is serving an 8-year prison term, and 12 Canadians’ family members who continue to languish in jail in China because of their belief in Falun Gong.

Sadly, there has never been such a disparity between a humanitarian crisis and silence from the international community as that observed in the persecution of Falun Gong over the past two decades, where human rights and legal experts affirm that [crimes against humanity](#) are occurring.

We count on the government to champion the international human rights of all persecuted groups. In particular, the Falun Gong faith community deserves explicit mention in the current [Global Affairs China Policy Framework](#), in which it has been excluded, as horrific acts and hatred continue to target them in China as well as here in Canada.

It is time we speak out for them.

Sincerely,

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