

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SWEDEN'S
SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY ACADEMIES

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His Excellency Xi Jinping
President of the People's Republic of China
The State Council General Office
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Xichengqu, Beijing Shi 100017
People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

We, the Human Rights Committee of Sweden's Scientific and Literary Academies, write respectfully to express our most urgent concern about the situation of Tashpolat Tiyip, a Chinese ethnic-Uyghur geographer who reportedly was forcibly disappeared more than three years ago while preparing to travel from Beijing to Berlin to attend an academic conference. We understand that no information has been made available about his whereabouts and fear that his well-being is at risk.

Professor Tiyip is widely respected for his scientific work and academic leadership as president of Xinjiang University and a longtime member of the Chinese Communist Party. In late March 2017, shortly before his disappearance, Professor Tiyip reportedly was abruptly dismissed from his position as university president, without explanation. Months later, reports emerged that he had been convicted on charges of separatism, following secret proceedings, and given a suspended death sentence. We are deeply troubled that, to date, no information has been made available about the charges and proceedings against him and that his whereabouts and well-being continue to be unknown.

Given the information above, it appears that Professor Tiyip has been arbitrarily detained without access to his due process rights, in contravention of international law. Thus, we respectfully urge you, Your Excellency, to ensure that this worrying situation is urgently investigated and remedied. In the interim, please ensure that steps are taken to make his current place of detention known and to grant his family and legal counsel immediate and regular access to him.

Thank you, Your Excellency, for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully yours,

Elisabeth Rachlew
Professor, Chairwoman of the Human Rights Committee of Sweden's Scientific and Literary Academies

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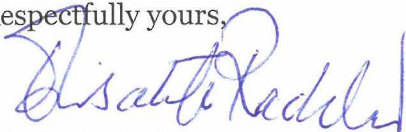
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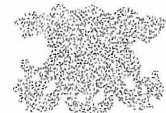
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