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And never think that God is unaware of what the oppressors do. - The Holy Quran 14:42

The Global Imams Council is the world's first and largest transnational non-governmental body of Muslim faith leaders from all Islamic denominations and schools of thought. We stand in support of, and united with, the oppressed Uyghur Muslims. The Chinese Government continues to violate Chinese Muslims' basic human and fundamental rights through oppression, torture, and dictatorship.

By the authority bestowed upon this Council by the Holy Islamic Seminary of Najaf and the Eminent Muftis of the Islamic World, the Global Imams Council rules that participation and attendance in the Beijing 2022 Olympics are prohibited. This event directly serves the interests of a tyrannical and oppressive regime that is responsible for the genocide and ethnic cleansing of Uyghurs. We applaud the growing number of organizations boycotting the Beijing 2022 Olympics and reaffirm our solidarity with the World Uyghur Congress. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to the many faith leaders and religious organizations that have expressed their support to Muslims during their calamities.

Cc: Their Excellencies:

Imam Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed El-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar; Imam Shawki Ibrahim Abdel-Karim Allam, Grand Mufti of Egypt; Imam Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, Grand Mufti of India; Imam Rawil Gaynutdin, Grand Mufti of Russia; Imam Husein Kavazović, Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Imam Ahmed bin Hamad al-Khalili, Grand Imam of the Sultanate of Oman: Imam Allahshükür Hummat Pashazade, Sheikh ul-Islam and Grand Mufti of the Caucasus; Mr. Dolkun Isa, President of the World Uyghur Congress. IMAM SENIOR THE PRESIDENT **IMAMS COMMITTEE** يئيس المجلس صة الع Imam Mohammad Baqir al-Budairi President

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