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Uyghur Model Held Incommunicado For Months

Dear Director Wang,

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that **Merdan Ghappar**, a Uyghur model, has been placed under “compulsory measures” for supposedly assaulting health care workers and since March 2020 no one has heard from or seen him. We are concerned for **Merdan's Ghappar** wellbeing as it is presumed, he is at risk of torture or ill-treatment. We are concerned as well

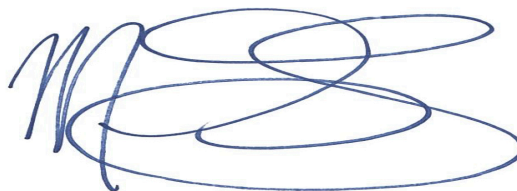
On March 2020, messages, pictures, and videos from Merdan Ghappar showing his poor detention conditions and lack of things such as space and hygiene were released by him and these media pieces might be the reason why he remains detained. International media released his story and ever since then, only limited information on his case has been released by the authorities and they have not allowed him to have a lawyer of his choice or have contact with his family and they have not allowed him to have a lawyer of his choice

We urge you to ensure that Merdan is released or charged with an internationally recognized criminal offense. We also request that Merdan Ghappar is tried in line with the international fair trial standards if charges are presented. Additionally, we would like for Merdan Ghappar's whereabouts to be revealed and to allow him to have access to his family, a lawyer of his choice and that he is fully protected from torture.

Sincerely,



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