

# *The Free Asia Alliance Declaration of Principles*

*Proposed for consideration by Timothy Cooper, Worldrights  
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Attesting that the government of the People's Republic of China deprives the people of the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of association, freedom of expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, freedom of press, as well as the right to hold opinions without interference, and the right of political dissidents to enter their own country;

Asserting that the government of the People's Republic of China denies the people the fundamental right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; as well as the right to adopt a religion or belief of their own choosing, either individually or collectively, in public or private, and to manifest their religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching;

Affirming that the government of the People's Republic of China divests the people of the right to equality before the law, equal protection under the law without discrimination, equality before the courts, due process, and the right to a fair and impartial trial;

Declaring that the government of the People's Republic of China inflicts torture, cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment and punishment on its political and religious prisoners, imposes forced labor on its dissident and religious populations, including the Falun Gong, through Reform Through Labor and Education Through Labor camps, engages in summary executions of political and religious leaders, and carries out forcible population transfers in Eastern Turkestan and Tibet;

Recognizing that the establishment of a pluralistic democracy in China will essentially end the continuing human rights abuses;

Comprehending that our strategic objectives run parallel, and

Appreciating the fact that for sixty years China has suffered under the cruelty of a Communist dictatorship; that for sixty years the Tibetan, Uyghur, and Mongolian populations have been subject to military occupation; that for sixty years the people of Taiwan have lived under the threat of invasion;

We, the representatives of movements for democracy, human rights and self-determination, hereby declare that we are:

United in our support for all provisions of the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including the right to self-determination for all peoples under the Covenant;

Aligned by our nonviolent opposition to the oppressive policies and totalitarian political system of the government of the People's Republic of China;

Allied by our supreme conviction that unity serves best the strategic interests of all our movements; and

Recognizing that fundamental freedoms and universal human rights will be secured only by the visible and persistent application of political pressure,

We therefore resolve to establish the Free Asia Alliance and to pledge our cooperation, collaboration and faithful confidences in order to secure full democracy and universal human rights for all our peoples, and to peacefully resolve the political status of Eastern Turkestan, Tibet, Inner Mongolia and Taiwan in accordance with genuine democratic principles.

Signed by:

Duly Elected Representatives of the Overseas China Democracy Movement

Duly Elected Representatives of the Uyghur Congress

Duly Elected Representatives of the International Tibetan Community

Duly Elected Representatives of the Taiwan Community

Duly Elected Representatives of the Inner Mongolian Community