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### **Confirmation of receipt**

To Beatriz Balbin, Chief of Special Procedures Branch at OHCHR and the mandates of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on minority issues; the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

Thank you for your letter dated 12 March 2021 regarding allegations of forced labour, arbitrary detention, and trafficking in persons of Uyghur and other minority workers within and outside the Xinjian Uyghur Autonomous Region (Xinjiang), as well as the related lack of accountability and access to remedy for victims.

Please be informed that Denmark has continuously raised serious concern regarding the situation in Xinjiang at numerous occasions. In November 2018, the Danish government gave specific recommendations to China during China's examination at the Universal Periodic Review under the UN Human Rights Council and called upon the Chinese government to facilitate full access to Xinjiang and Tibet for all relevant UN special procedures.

Since then, Denmark has taken a range of diplomatic steps to raise awareness and keep the situation high on the international agenda.

Most recently, Denmark raised concern about the human rights situation in Xinjiang in our national item 4-statement on 12 March 2021 during the

46<sup>th</sup> assembly of the Human Rights Council. Finally, the Minister also raised the situation bilaterally with his Chinese counterpart on 22 January 2021, in which he expressed concern about reports of forced labor and the need to comply with ILO conventions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs approaches these allegations presented in your letter with the utmost seriousness and will respond in more detail to the letter within the 60 days period.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Jespersen', is centered on the page.

Morten Jespersen  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative