

*(Translation from Chinese)*

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of communication AL CHN 8/ 2023 from the special procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Government of China wishes to make the following reply:

I. On [REDACTED] (translator's note: name transliterated from the Chinese) financing of criminal activities endangering State security

[REDACTED] was arrested by the public security bodies on 1 April 2021 on suspicion of organizing and carrying out criminal activities endangering national security. Compulsory residential surveillance measures were imposed on 2 April and Wang Ke was placed under arrest on 15 June.

During the period when [REDACTED] was subjected to criminal coercive measures, the public security bodies, courts, procuratorates and other judicial organs guaranteed the defendant's basic human rights and litigation rights and interests, in accordance with the Criminal Procedure Law of the People's Republic of China, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Lawyers and other laws and regulations. [REDACTED] and the defence lawyers and translators participated in the court hearings and other related litigation procedures.

After trial by the court, it was established that [REDACTED] committed the alleged acts and was guilty of the criminal charges, and the defendant and defence lawyers raised no objections. On 22 June 2022, the Intermediate People's Court of Aba Prefecture sentenced [REDACTED] to 3 years and 6 months in prison and deprivation of political rights for 3 years for the crime of financing criminal activities endangering national security, in accordance with articles 107, 55 (1), 56 (1), 67 (3) and 64 of the Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China. At present, [REDACTED] is still serving the sentence at Aba Prison; the prisoner is in good health and in a good mental state.

II. On [REDACTED] (translator's note: name transliterated from the Chinese) financing of criminal activities endangering State security

[REDACTED] was arrested by the public security bodies on 18 April 2021 on suspicion of organizing and carrying out criminal activities endangering national security. Compulsory residential surveillance measures were imposed on 19 April and the defendant was placed under arrest on 15 June.

During the period when [REDACTED] was subjected to criminal coercive measures, the public security organs, courts, procuratorates and other judicial organs guaranteed the defendant's basic human rights and litigation rights and interests, in accordance with the Criminal Procedure Law of the People's Republic of China, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Lawyers and other laws and regulations. [REDACTED] and the defence lawyers and translators participated in the court hearings and other related litigation procedures.

After trial by the court, it was established that [REDACTED] committed the alleged acts and was guilty of the criminal charges, and that there were extenuating circumstances, including a truthful confession, a guilty plea and a demonstration of remorse, and that the defendant could thus be given a lighter penalty, in accordance with the law. On 22 June 2022, the Intermediate People's Court of Aba Prefecture sentenced [REDACTED] to 2 years' imprisonment and 2 years' deprivation of political rights for the crime of financing criminal activities endangering national security, in accordance with articles 107, 55 (1), 56 (1), 67 (3) and 64 of the Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China. [REDACTED] has been released from prison and now lives at home in Aba county and is in good health.

III. Following an investigation, no record has been found regarding Mr. Lotse, Mr. Karma Samdup, Ms. Zumkar and Ms. Youdun in respect of the case. The Chinese public security bodies have never detained or arrested these persons, nor have they found any cases in which any persons with similar names have been detained or arrested by them in accordance with the law.