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Your Excellency,

I am writing to ask for your urgent intervention to halt the execution of Tashpolat Tiyip which could be carried out shortly.

Tashpolat Tiyip was the President of Xinjiang University when he was forcibly disappeared in 2017, while travelling to Germany with a group of students for a conference. He has been detained since then and his whereabouts remain unknown. He was convicted of "separatism" in secret and grossly unfair proceedings.

Sentenced to a "suspended death sentence", which includes the possibility of commutation after two years' imprisonment when no other crimes are committed, he now faces imminent execution.

I call on you to:

- Immediately halt plans to carry out the execution of Tashpolat Tiyip;
- Release Tashpolat Tiyip unconditionally, unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he committed an internationally recognised offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards;
- Stop the persecution and discrimination of Uighur and other ethnic and religious minorities in China.

Yours sincerely,