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Re: Relocate the 2022 Winter Olympic

Dear John Coates,

The Chinese government has publicly stated that Beijing 2022 will be “open and inclusive”, create a “harmonious world” and promote “social progress” - just as it did ahead of the Beijing 2008 Summer Games, but to no avail. For those living under China’s oppressive rule, daily life is anything but; it is instead characterized by a merciless crackdown on individual and collective rights and freedom, an all-out assault on cultural diversity, and a tearing apart of community cohesion through sophisticated methods of surveillance and control.

Millions of Muslims - including Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Tatars and Uzbeks - are locked in concentration camps undergoing systematic torture, political re-education and facing extinction. The situation in occupied Tibet has dramatically deteriorated and in 2021 it was ranked by Freedom House as the least free place in the world for civil and political rights, alongside Syria. In Hong Kong, where Beijing has implemented a draconian National Security Law that bans acts of “splittism, subversion, foreign intervention, and terrorism”, freedom and democracy are under attack, and youth activists are being rounded up and imprisoned en masse. In mainland China, the Chinese authorities routinely disappear government critics, human rights lawyers, journalists, feminists, and academics, as they attempt to stifle all forms of peaceful dissent. At the same time, Beijing has intensified its decades-long tactics of geopolitical bullying and intimidation of democratic Taiwan.

Much like in 2008, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has attempted to counter concerns about human rights abuses in China by asserting that the Games will positively affect China’s rights record. The IOC also pledged to take action should China fall short in



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meeting its human rights promises. Subsequent developments showed this faith to be misplaced as the Chinese government repeatedly backtracked on the human rights pledges it made to secure the right to host the Games and there was no accountability by the IOC and the international community. Instead, China was given a free pass to wantonly violate human rights and fundamental freedoms.

A letter from Human Rights Watch to the IOC recently raised the fact that the 2022 Games will take place in a human rights environment significantly worse than that of 2008. The Beijing 2022 Games simply cannot go ahead without serious global opposition; the lessons from 2008 *must* be learned.

The IOC has had numerous opportunities to use its standing to bring pressure on the dictatorial Communist regime of China, but these opportunities have been wasted. We urge the IOC to adhere to its commitments and values and use its position to stand up for the truth and speak up for the millions of persecuted people.

We therefore demand the IOC Board to make the only right, ethical and responsible decision, to **relocate the 2022 Olympic in other country/withdraw all athletes from the Beijing 2022 Olympics** and to cancel them outright, or risk being allowing China to host “Genocide Games”.

Genocide must be a red line that cannot be crossed, no matter the cost.

Yours sincerely,

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