

# Urgent Letter to World Bank

Monday, 14 October 2019

Dear Friend,

The World Bank is having its annual meeting this week October 14-18 in Washington DC.

Please copy and paste the following letter and send it to

World Bank US Executive Director DJ Nordquist

email to eds01@worldbank.org

Please title it Urgent: Letter to DJ Nordquist

Please sign your name below.

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Ms. DJ Nordquist

Executive Director,

World Bank,

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Dear Ms Nordquist,

I am writing to ask you to review the World Bank's subsidized loans to the Peoples Republic of China.

China is the world's second largest economy. It has a cash reserves of \$3 trillion yet it borrows \$2 billion from the World Bank annually.

China's infrastructure spending is meant for control allowing for speedy deployment of the Peoples Liberation Army.

\* The Qinghai-Tibet railway which former China President Jiang Zemin admitted that it was a political decision and not commercially viable.

\* The Hong-Kong-Zhuhai-Macaru bridge has a similar purpose.

\* The Hong Kong high speed railway even instituted locations within Hong Kong allowing China's officials to administer China mainland law in violation of the One Country Two Systems.

\* According to analysis by German Xinjiang expert, in 2017 China spent \$2.96 billion in tripling the size of 39

concentration camps in Xinjiang, China.

\* China's One Belt One Road infrastructure loan is a predatory initiative which resulted in Sri Lanka giving control of its port and surrounding areas to China for 99 years.

China's human rights violations are well known: more than a million Uyghur Muslims in concentration camps which China claimed as vocational camps in addition to the persecution and torture of Catholics, Christians, Tibetans and Falun Gong practitioners; jailing and torture of human rights lawyers; kidnapping of booksellers outside of China; the imprisonment and death of Nobel Peace Laureate Liu Xiaobo.

The United States should not be a collaborator of China's repression.

As finance is fluid, can one truly separate a loan for an applied purpose may in fact enable another project to be financed?

Please stop financing China's inhuman acts through the World Bank.

Sincerely,