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Call for an immediate end to the persecution of Chinese Falun Gong practitioners Mr. Yuande Ding and his wife, Ruimei Ma

Dear Mr. Li Zaiwu,

According to independent investigations by the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) and reliable information from Minghui.org, your predecessor, Ms. Zhang Hui, and Mr. Li Gang, Director of the Police Station of Rizhao City, contributed significantly to the illegal detention of approximately 70 Falun Gong practitioners in Rizhao City, Shandong Province, in the PRC.

In particular, I am very concerned about the fate and lives of two Chinese Falun Gong practitioners – married couple Mr. Yuande Ding and his wife, Ms. Ruimei Ma.

Since June 13, 2023, Mr. Yuande Ding has been unlawfully imprisoned in Rizhao City Remand Prison. On June 14, two security policemen from Rizhao city threatened his wife, Ruimei Ma, in their house because of the rescue campaign that is being carried out for the couple abroad. The policemen angrily told Ms. Ma that her husband, Mr. Ding, would be sentenced to prison only as a result of the rescue campaign, including the protest letters sent to Ms. Zhang Hui, the former Municipal Party Secretary of Rizhao City. On July 20, the 24th anniversary of the commencement of the persecution of Falun Gong by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), an official arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Ding by the Donggang District Police Station of Rizhao City.

The ongoing persecution of Falun Gong by the CCP has seriously violated the fundamental rights enshrined in the Chinese Constitution, such as freedom of belief and religion, and has no legal basis whatsoever.

The Chinese couple Mr. Yuande Ding and his wife Ruimei Ma are peaceful Falun Gong practitioners who have not violated Chinese laws in any way. I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Mr. Yuande Ding, end the persecution of the Chinese couple, and grant them travel documents (passports) to join their son in Germany.

Please forward this letter to Mr. Lin Wu, Provincial Party Secretary of Shandong Province, and Ms. Zhang Hui, Deputy Municipal Party Secretary of Qingdao City.

Yours sincerely

(If you have any security concerns, please feel free to sign using an assumed name.)

Chinese Translation

(中文翻译)

强烈要求立即停止迫害法轮功学员丁元德先生和他的妻子马瑞梅女士

李在武先生，您好：

根据追查迫害法轮功国际组织的独立调查和明慧网的可靠信息，您的前任 -原日照市市委书记张惠和现任日照市公安局局长李刚在非法抓捕和拘禁山东省日照市 70 多名法轮功学员过程当中起到了非常重要的作用。

特别是，我/我们非常关心其中两位中国法轮功学员丁元德和他的妻子马瑞梅女士的个人生命安危。

自 2023 年 6 月 13 日起，丁元德先生被非法关押在日照市看守所。6 月 14 日，日照市两名国保警察去马瑞梅家恐吓她，原因是海外为这对夫妇发起了营救行动。他们气急败坏的对马瑞梅说他的先生就是因为海外的营救行动，包括海外写给原日照市市委书记张惠的抗议信函，而被判刑。7 月 20 日，在中共迫害法轮功 24 周年之时，日照市东港区公安局非法批捕丁元德先生。

对法轮功的持续迫害严重违反了宪法规定的基本权利中的信仰和宗教自由；并且这场迫害没有任何法律依据。

这对中国夫妇丁元德先生和他的妻子马瑞梅女士都是和平的法轮功学员，根本没有触犯法律。我/我们在此强烈敦促您立即无条件释放丁元德先生，停止迫害这对中国夫妇，并签发给他们来到德国与他们的儿子团聚的旅行证件（护照）。

请您将该信函转交给山东省省委书记林武，新任青岛市委副书记张惠。

致以问候