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**Subject: Candidacy of Hu Binchen (P.R. China) to INTERPOL's Executive Committee**

15 November 2021

Dear Ministers,

We write to you to state our opposition to the candidacy of Hu Binchen to the election of the INTERPOL Executive Committee at the upcoming 89th General Assembly Session on the 23rd - 25th of November.

The government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has repeatedly abused the INTERPOL Red Notice to persecute dissidents in exile. Most recently, Uyghur activist Idris Hasan was arrested in Morocco following a since-deleted Red Notice filed by the PRC government. At the time of writing, Hasan could still face extradition to the PRC where he is likely to be a victim of arbitrary detention and torture. Uyghur leader Dolkun Isa was arrested en-route to addressing the Italian Senate following a Red Notice issued by the PRC, one which remained in place for nearly 20 years.

The PRC government also has a history of leveraging INTERPOL committee positions to exert undue influence on the organisation. The election of Meng Hongwei to the position of INTERPOL President in 2016 reportedly saw attempts to interfere with the functioning and

political neutrality of the INTERPOL General Secretariat. As the PRC government seeks to use INTERPOL as a cover for its repressive policies abroad these attempts to exert undue influence will only increase.

By electing Hu Binchen to the Executive Committee, the General Assembly would be giving a green light to the PRC government to continue their misuse of INTERPOL and would place the tens of thousands of Hong Konger, Uyghur, Tibetan, Taiwanese and Chinese dissidents living abroad at even graver risk.

Allowing INTERPOL to be used as a vehicle for the PRC government's repressive policies does great harm to its international standing. We call on you to oppose the candidacy of Hu Binchen and to support efforts to reform the INTERPOL Red Notice system to protect victims of political persecution worldwide.

We will be following the upcoming General Assembly closely and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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