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Dear President,

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Please allow me to ask for your urgent intervention to halt the imminent execution of prominent Uyghur academic **Tashpolat Tiyip**. He 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.

Tiyip was convicted of "separatism" in a secret and grossly unfair trial. He was sentenced to a "suspended death sentence", which includes the possibility of commutation after two years' imprisonment when no other crimes are committed. As two years have passed and his current whereabouts remain unknown, **Tiyip** could face imminent execution.

I respectfully call on you to immediately halt plans to carry out the execution of **Tashpolat Tiyip** and to release him unconditionally, unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,