

## **What can you do to help the Uyghurs?**

The following are concrete actions you can take to support the Uyghurs as the Chinese government continues its campaign of persecution against them:

- 1. Wherever and whenever you can, raise awareness of the plight of the Uyghurs and ways to support them.**
- 2. Avoid buying products made in China as much as possible.** It is important for the Chinese government to see that its genocidal campaign against the Uyghurs is having negative economic consequences. Many companies claim that they have checks on their supply chains to ensure that goods from the Uyghur region, such as clothing, were not made with forced labour. However, experts in ethical trade say it is impossible to properly check supply chains in the region because the Chinese government's control is so oppressive. In addition, many thousands of Uyghurs have been sent to other parts of China to do forced labour. Therefore, the most reliable way of ensuring that China does not benefit from the forced labour of the Uyghurs is not to buy products made anywhere in China. (See <https://www.notmadeinchina.info/>)
- 3. Demand that the Canada Pension Plan and any public or private pension plan in which you participate remove their investments in China. Speak to your MP and ask him/her to support this.** It is unethical for Canadian pension plans to invest in a country that uses forced labour to generate profits. Returns from forced labour have no place in the retirement income of Canadians.
- 4. Demand that the City of Ottawa end its twinning relationship with Beijing. Speak to your city councillor and ask him/her to support this.**
- 5. Join the weekly demonstration in support of the Uyghurs opposite the Chinese embassy on St. Patrick Street in Ottawa every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 4:30 PM.**
- 6. Support Uyghur refugees who will be coming to Canada through Canada's Refugee and Humanitarian Resettlement Program under the recently passed Parliamentary motion M-62.**

Remember – this is a struggle against genocide, not against Chinese people. It is important to remember that the Chinese people have their human rights abused every day by the same government that is responsible for the genocide against the Uyghurs. Language is important - avoid talking about 'the Chinese' when you mean 'the Chinese government'.