## Falun Gong: 10 years of persecution by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)

#### Falun Gong Denmark urges all Governments to support a most significant appeal for human rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

#### A beneficial spiritual cultivation practice around the world

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful spiritual cultivation practice for self-improvement based on the principles of "Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance." It was introduced to the public by its founder Mr. Li Hongzhi, in May, 1992 in China. Due to its beneficial effects in uplifting human morality and improving health, the practice quickly spread inside China and around the world. According to a survey conducted by the Chinese regime by January 1999 there were between 70 and 100 million people practicing Falun Gong. To date, Falun Gong is practiced in 114 countries or regions, regardless of race, gender and social strata. Its books have been translated into more than 30 languages, and Falun Dafa has received over 1,500 items of awards or recognitions for its positive impact on individuals and communities in many locations around the world, also in China before 1999.

#### Ten Years of Brutal Persecution by the Chinese Communist Regime

Falun Dafa was initially welcomed by the Chinese authorities for its health benefits which according to officials were saving the health system billions of *yuan* a year. Many high ranking individuals in the government and the armed forces embraced the practice. When the newly published main text of Falun Dafa, *Zhuan Falun*, topped the bestseller lists in 1996 several communist hardliners became concerned that the Party's pseudo Marxist ideology could never successfully compete with a profound spirituality that was firmly grounded in traditional Chinese culture and rapidly capturing the hearts and minds of the populace.

Former Chinese state leader Jiang Zemin considered the large group of practitioners as a threat and took its vast popularity as a personal insult. Regardless of the opposition from most of the members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, on July 20, 1999 Jiang insisted on launching the nationwide genocidal crackdown. Jiang openly declared his intention "to eradicate Falun Gong" – a goal he boasted would be achieved in three months.

Since then, millions of peaceful practitioners' basic rights and freedom endowed by Chinese Constitution have been unlawfully deprived of. Although Jiang stepped down in March 2003, the accomplices and his followers participating in the persecution still persistently carry out this genocidal persecution to date for fear that they would be punished if Falun Gong is vindicated.

Over the past 10 years, the Chinese Communists regime has utilized its entire national machine to persecute apolitical Falun Gong practitioners merely for their belief, hitting millions of people. The United Nations *Rapporteur* on torture Dr. Manfred Nowak estimated, following his visit to China in November 2005, that well over half of all inmates in Chinese forced labor camps are Falun Gong practitioners.

The atrocious crackdown includes illegal arrests, cruel torture and brutal killings. The situation is in some ways as serious as the Great Cultural Revolution. Based on first hand messages from Mainland China detailed documentation shows that as of July 1, 2009, 3,287 Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted to death in the past ten years. This figure is widely believed to be merely the tip of the iceberg. Numerous others are still incarcerated under cruel torture.

To counter the activities of Falun Gong practitioners clarifying the facts of the atrocities, the Chinese regime has extended its persecution to overseas through its embassies and consulates. The actions include distributing hate inciting material to officials, violent assaults, verbal abuses, destruction of properties, telephone harassments, etc.

## **Organ Harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners in prison**

The world was shocked by the report about the Chinese regime harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners to supply a profitable trade in organ transplants.

According to the reports of United Nations Special *Rapporteur* on Torture, Dr. Manfred Nowak, and United Nations Special *Rapporteur* on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Ms. Asma Jahangir, China has conspicuously failed to respond to the request for conducting a thorough investigation into the allegations that a large number of perfectly-matched organs were quickly available in China for money, that there were many more organ transplants than identifiable sources of organs, and that there is a correlation between a sudden rise in organ transplants and the suppression of Falun Gong.

## Widely support from the international society

After the Chinese regime's crackdown on Falun Gong, the annual human right reports published by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and other renowned international human rights organizations, including the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Amnesty International, Freedom House, and Human Rights Watch, indicate that the persecution against the peaceful cultivation practice of Falun Gong is still very severe, and its practitioners' lives, bodies and properties are seriously endangered.

In the past ten years, to stop the persecution, Falun Gong practitioners have persistently launched various activities around the world to expose the Chinese regime's bloody persecution. After knowing the facts about Falun Gong, more and more international organizations and individuals have voiced their support and called on the Chinese regime to immediately stop the persecution. More than 400 politicians, lawyers, medical doctors, journalists and other social elites from the five continents have established the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong in China (CIPFG) to investigate the Chinese regime's atrocity of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners to fuel the highly profitable transplant industry.

#### Millions renounce the CCP

A massive CCP-quitting wave was triggered by the "*Nine Commentaries on the Chinese Communist Party*", published by the Epoch Times newspaper at the end of 2004. To date this has resulted in about 57 million Chinese people renouncing their membership in the CCP and its affiliated organizations. Violent demonstrations have become a regular occurrence across China in recent years, and this unprecedented phenomenon seems to be irresistible like a

snowball.

In other words, we may be at a critical historical juncture, and the CCP may be destined to a sudden collapse like in Eastern Europe. Who did predict the fall of the Berlin Wall?

We ask if only a disintegration of the inhuman CCP can completely stop this ten-year-long genocidal persecution and restore humanity and justice.

# Help stop the persecution of Falun Gong in China

At this critical time, we call upon all governments to set a good example of humanity by helping to stop the Chinese regime's coercion – by coming forward together with other countries to urge the Chinese regime to comply with international human rights conventions and completely put an end to the genocidal persecution against Falun Gong in China.

Since the creation of the world, human beings have respected and believed in higher truths. They have believed that good begets good and evil leads to evil.

As Falun Dafa practitioners, we sincerely appeal to our government to help the peaceful and non-political Falun Gong practitioners timely so as to put an end to the Chinese regime's persecution and restore their human rights.

We believe that our government's deeds of upholding human rights and helping to stop the persecution of Falun Gong will be remembered forever. We also believe that this noble act will have a positive effect for the future of our country.

Sincerely,

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