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Excellencies:

We are writing on behalf of our members and the entire community of International PEN, the worldwide association of writers, to urge you to release 40 of our colleagues who are in prison in your country in violation of their right to freedom of expression.

This past August, China launched a publicity campaign proclaiming "We Are Ready" to host the Olympic Games in August 2008. Today, on the 59<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we challenge you to demonstrate that China is in fact ready – not just to stage the Olympics, but to acknowledge, protect, and celebrate the full rights of its citizens.

PEN believes the following writers and journalists are imprisoned in your country for exercising their right to speak and write freely, as guaranteed under Chinese and international law:

**CHEN Shuqing**  
**CHING Cheong**  
**GUO Qizhen**  
**Dawa GYALTSEN**  
**Jampel GYATSO**  
**HADA**  
**HE Depu**  
**HU Shigen**  
**HUANG Jinqiu (aka Qing Shuiju)**  
**Korash HUSEYIN**  
**JIN Haike**  
**KONG Youping**  
**Dolma KYAB**  
**LI Changqing**  
**LI Zhi**  
**LU Gengsong**  
**LU Jianhua**  
**LU Zengqi**  
**Abdulghani MEMETEMIN**

NING Xianhua  
QIAO Chonghuai  
SHI Tao  
TAO Haidong  
Tohti TUNYAZ (pen-name MUZART)  
WANG Xiaoning  
WU Yilong  
XU Wei  
XU Zerong  
YAN Zhengxue  
YANG Maodong (aka Guo Feixiong)  
YANG Tongyan (aka Yang Tianshui)  
YANG Zili  
Nurehamet YASIN  
YU Huafeng  
YUAN Qiuyan  
ZHANG Honghai  
ZHANG Jianhong (aka Li Hong)  
ZHANG Lin  
ZHENG Yichun  
ZHU Yufu

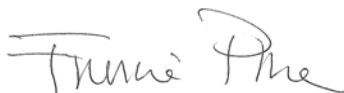
We are attaching brief descriptions of each of these colleagues that are based on PEN's most recent research. We entreat you to review this information and intervene in these cases to facilitate their immediate releases.

In addition, in order that these colleagues are not simply replaced by others and that writers and journalists are not imprisoned in violation of their right to freedom of expression in the future, we respectfully request that the Chinese government:

- abide by its pledge that “there will be no restrictions on media reporting and movement of journalists up to and including the Olympic Games”; and
- end internet censorship and reform laws that are used to suppress the free exchange of information and ideas on the internet.

The continuing detention of writers and journalists damages China's image abroad and undercuts its ambitions to develop a dynamic and competitive economy and culture. China's citizens are ready to exercise the rights they are guaranteed under their constitution and under international law, including the freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. With all eyes on China this year, we look forward to the good news that our colleagues have been released.

Sincerely,



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