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ETAC's position on Uyghurs as Prisoners of Conscience in China

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ETAC regards anyone who has been imprisoned/detained simply for being a member of the persecuted group in question as a prisoner of conscience. We therefore regard the vast number of Uyghur people in China who have been and are currently detained simply because they are Uyghurs, as prisoners of conscience. If individuals have been detained due to violent behaviour or incitement to violence each case would need to be judged in a court that abides by the principles of the rule of law, including the principle that no person, official, political party or government agency is above the law, to determine if that individual is guilty. Collective punishment on the basis of ethno-religious identity is a grave violation of fundamental human rights.