

URGENT ACTION

CHINESE MAN WILL NOT BE EXTRADITED FROM PERU

The Peruvian Constitutional Court has ruled that the government should not extradite a Chinese man, Huang Haiyong (also written as Wong Ho Wing) to China to face charges that can carry the death penalty.

When Huang Haiyong arrived in Peru from the USA in October 2008, he was arrested by the Peruvian authorities on an Interpol arrest warrant obtained by China. According to his lawyer in Peru, the warrant refers to a charge of fraud, which can carry the death penalty. On 31 March 2009, the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights granted "precautionary measures" for Huang Haiyong in Peru. The ruling established that Peruvian authorities should abstain from extraditing Huang Haiyong on the basis that he might face the death penalty.

In January 2010, the Peruvian Supreme Court ruled in favour of the extradition citing that the Chinese authorities had provided assurances that Huang Haiyong would not face the death penalty.

On 24 May 2011, the Constitutional Court ruled that Huang Haiyong should not be extradited to China as diplomatic assurances from the Chinese People's Court to not apply the death penalty are insufficient.

No further appeals from the UA network are required at present. Many thanks to all those who took action.

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