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Further information on UA 305/99 (ASA 17/59/99, 25 November 1999) and follow-up (ASA 17/30/00, 5 July 2000) - ill-treatment/medical concern/unfair trial

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA Rebiya Kadeer, 54, Uighur (f)
Ablikim Abdiriyim, 27, Uighur, her son
Kahriman Abdukirim, 30, Uighur (m)

Ablikim Abdiriyim was released on 12 February 2001, nine months before his two-year term of "re-education through labour" was due to expire. No reason for his early release has been given.

His mother, Rebiya Kadeer, is still in prison. On 28 November 2000 her appeal against her eight-year sentence was rejected by the Xinjiang High People's Court. The hearing had been delayed from July 2000. After confirmation of her sentence she was moved from Liudaowan prison to a women's prison, known as Prison No.2, in Baijiahu, Urumqi. Her family have been permitted to visit her there. Official reports claim that she is in good health, but other reports indicate that her health has been affected by poor conditions of detention, including inadequate food.

Rebiya Kadeer's secretary, Kahriman Abdukirim, was reportedly moved to Urumqi Prison No.3 on 27 May 2000 from the Wulabai Re-Education through Labour School in Urumqi. He is reported to be in poor health. He is serving a three-year term of "re-education through labour" for his association with Rebiya Kadeer.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Chinese, Uighur, English or your own language:

- welcoming the early release of Ablikim Abdiriyim, and continuing to call for the immediate and unconditional release of both Rebiya Kadeer and Kahriman Abdukirim;
- expressing concern that Rebiya Kadeer and Kahriman Abdukirim are reported to be in poor health, and seeking assurances that they are being treated in accordance with international standards for the treatment of prisoners, in particular that they are provided with good living conditions, adequate food and all necessary medical treatment.

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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and to diplomatic representatives of the People's Republic of China accredited to your country.

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