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First Deputy Speaker of Seimas

Republic of Lithuania

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Excellency,

Since the Seimas might discuss subjects related to Xinjiang, China in the forthcoming spring session, I understand that some members of Seimas have been misled by absurd assumptions and politically-driven hypes of "crimes against humanity and genocide in Xinjiang", which are fabricated by western politicians as well as fake news from anti-China media like BBC. In view of these, it's necessary for me to present you with facts and truth about Xinjiang for your comprehensive knowledge and judgment of related issue.

1. Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region has seen social stability, economic growth, ethnic unity, and improvement in people's well-being over the years. From 2010 to 2018, the Uyghur population in Xinjiang rose from 10.17 million to 12.72 million, an increase of 2.55 million or 25.04%, much higher than 13.99%, that of Xinjiang's total population and 2.0%, that of Xinjiang's Han population. The accusation of "genocide" is totally ridiculous "lie of the century".

2. From 2014 to 2019, GDP of Xinjiang increased from 919.59 billion yuan to 1.36 trillion yuan, with an average annual growth rate of 7.2 percent. Disposable income per capita in Xinjiang increased by an average annual rate of 9.1 percent. All 3.09 million impoverished people in Xinjiang have been lifted out of poverty.

3. "Systematic rape, sexual abuse or torture of women in Xinjiang concentration camp" cited by Dovilė Šakalienė from BBC is completely groundless. The vocational education and training centers strictly follow the Constitution and law, guarantee the basic rights of trainees as citizens. Such crimes of sexual assault and torture are not tolerated at all.

The fake story about Tursunay Chavdun was created by BBC. Her real name is Tursunay Zinavdin, 43 years old, Uyghur, a native of Xinyuan County, Ili Prefecture. She went abroad on September 26, 2019. She fabricated her experience in the vocational center for her selfish purpose of acquiring refugee status. But a lie is a lie after all. For example, she lied last year that women "detained" in the education and training center had to either accept sterilization or take menstruation terminating pills. She also claimed that the tubal ligation she was forced to have was conducted in irreversible way. The truth is that she had never undergone contraception. All her kinsfolk know that she has infertility. In addition, Tursunay Zinavdin has had two marriages: The first one ended in divorce with her ex-husband Tursunjan Ahmetjan because of her infertility. She had no child with her current husband either. Her so-called "biological daughter" in Kazakhstan is the daughter of her current husband's niece. She lied again that she was tortured and raped in the vocational training center. By reading this story, you would understand that how lies and fake news were made. Those irresponsible media are the real criminals who are cheating the world and misleading the public.

4. China's anti-terrorism and anti-radicalism efforts in Xinjiang are legitimate and transparent. More than 1,200 foreign diplomats, international organization officials, journalists and religious personnel from over 100 countries visited Xinjiang in the past years. They agreed that what they saw and experienced in the region was entirely different from western media reports. China welcomes Ms. Michelle Bachelet, the

High Commissioner for Human Rights, to visit Xinjiang at an earliest possible date. A concrete program of the visit is under discussion. Meanwhile, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is organizing a visit to Xinjiang, to which ambassadors of EU member states are all invited.

I sincerely hope that with overall understanding about Xinjiang, you will contribute to acknowledgement of and respect to facts about Xinjiang among members of Seimas, so as to refrain from Seimas's biased evaluation based on disinformation and fabrications and consequently undermining constructive dialogue and communication between China and Lithuania.

With my best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shen Zhifei' in a stylized, cursive script.

Shen Zhifei

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

To the Republic of Lithuania