Verein Tibeter Jugend in Europa

Petition to Federal Council: Boycott the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing

We demand that the Federal Council

→ **commits to a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics by not sending official Swiss representatives to Beijing because of the serious human rights violations.**

→ **calls on Swiss Olympic to prepare a binding statement on how it will ensure that human rights for its athletes are respected before and during the 2022 Olympic Games, and raise awareness on the situation in China among its athletes.**

→ **approaches the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to raise the issue of respecting human rights during the Olympic Games and urges the IOC to prepare a binding report on the measures planned before the Games.**

What you need to know about China

After the 2008 Summer Olympics in Peking, the 2022 Winter Games will also take place in China, despite the fact that the **human rights situation in China** has **massively deteriorated** and that the People's Republic did not keep its promises for respecting human rights in 2008. All hopes and expectations of the IOC and the international community, including Switzerland, that awarding the Games to Peking would lead to an improvement in the human rights situation, have been severely disappointed.

- As a sign against China's oppression and the **Peking Olympics, protests took** place **throughout Tibet in 2008.** These were violently **cracked down by** the **Chinese security forces.** As a result, the surveillance and repression apparatus in Tibet has been massively upgraded.

- **Since 2009, over 150 Tibetans have self-immolated in protest** against the oppression and illegal Chinese occupation of Tibet. More than half a million Tibetans have become victims of forced labor. Over one **million Tibetan nomads have been forcibly relocated**.

- In **East Turkestan, more than one million Uyghurs** and members of other Muslim communities are **detained in re-education camps,** where they are subjected to political indoctrination and have become victims of serious crimes such as **rape, torture and forced sterilization.** The detained people are coerced into **forced labor in** industrial factories. The USA, Great Britain, Canada and the Netherlands, as well as independent experts, conclude that a **genocide of the Uyghur people is underway.**

- In **Hong Kong, fundamental rights** were **restricted in a** significant way with the introduction of the new National Security Law. Freedom of the press and freedom of expression, as well as the independence of judication, are under immediate threat.

Name and first name	Address, zip code, place of residence **OR** zip code and e-mail	Signature

Thank you for supporting our petition. It can be signed by anyone, including minors and those not eligible to vote. Please return **signed petition sheets by August 31, 2021 to:** Verein Tibeter Jugend in Europa, Binzstr. 15, 8045 Zürich

Link to our online petition: https://act.campax.org/petitions/boycott-of-the-2022-winter-olympics-in-peking

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The petition was initiated by the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe, the Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein, the Swiss-Tibetan Friendship Association, the Tibetan Women's Organization in Switzerland, the World Uyghur Congress, and the Society for Threatened Peoples.