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Netherlands : Denied of the status of the political asylum to persecuted Christians from China

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you to the OSCE for giving me the chance to talk about the difficulties that members of the Church of Almighty God face after they fled from China to the Netherlands. Indeed, many of them have been denied political asylum and at risk of being deported back to China where they will be arrested and tortured.

Our Church members are being persecuted by the Chinese government. Countless brothers and sisters have been arrested and tortured. 39 of them have been beaten to death. Yet it seems very difficult to get the status of religious refugee in the Netherlands. 69% of our church members have received negative decisions from the Dutch Immigration Service, the I.N.D.. now They are being threatened with being sent back to China where they will be arrested, tortured and sentenced to prison terms.

Now I will list the main reasons why they are refused,

- The Dutch authorities do not believe our persecution stories;
- They do not consider positively letters of the Church attesting the true membership of the asylum-seekers;
- They do not know the doctrine of the Church of Almighty God and just know about the Chinese propaganda against our Church on the internet.

I sincerely hope that the Netherlands could have a comprehensive and objective understanding of the Church of Almighty God which is a newly arising Church.

Recommendations

We hope the Dutch Immigration Service

not to deport these members of the church of Almighty God but to grant them political asylum.

None of them has committed any illegal activity in the Netherlands.

Thank you all for listening to my speech. We will discuss more with you in our Side Event.