



January 30, 2004

Jacques Chirac, Honorable President of France,  
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Honorable Mr. President:

We were shocked to learn that on Jan. 24 and 26, peaceful Falun Gong practitioners were detained and roughly treated by the Paris police. The police claimed that the color yellow as well as clothing and accessories with "Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance" were illegal in France on those days. These actions are alarmingly similar to those carried out by the Chinese police in their persecution of Falun Gong in China. The World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) is gravely concerned about the fact that such injustice happened in the democratic country of France.

WOIPFG has launched investigations into the Chinese government's attempt to export its persecution of Falun Gong to other countries through political, economic, and diplomatic means. We have found that most western democratic countries are well aware of the PRC's genocidal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China and have condemned and resisted the regime's attempt to export the persecution onto their own soils. For example, in July 2002, the U. S. Congress unanimously passed Resolution 188, which calls for an end to the persecution in China and investigation of the reported harassment of Falun Gong practitioners in the U.S. by Chinese agents. However, a few countries have bowed to China's pressure in exchange for political and trade benefits. During state visits by high-ranking Chinese officials, these countries have abandoned their democratic principles and obligations to safeguard justice. Sometimes they have even violated their own laws and the basic human rights of Falun Gong practitioners.

The wrongful conduct of the French police force is evidence that the Chinese Communist regime is indeed exporting the persecution to other countries. WOIPFG has initiated an investigation of this incident and is in the process of obtaining evidence. The initial investigation report will be made public shortly. Further, on December 8, 2003, WOIPFG, together with several international organizations in different countries, established "The Committee for an International Special Tribunal on the Persecution of Falun Gong." We will join others around the world to promote the establishment of an International Special Tribunal on the Persecution of Falun Gong. This special tribunal will refer to the precedent set by the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial to bring those who initiated and/or participated in the persecution of Falun Gong to trial.

Mr. President, the French people will never forget the suffering France endured during World War II. Throughout history, there have been many tragedies as a result of tolerating and even capitulating to brutality. Surely you would agree that China must not be allowed to export the persecution of Falun Gong to France. We believe that the injustice was not of your choosing; however, a sovereign, democratic nation has the responsibility to investigate and correct wrongful conduct by its government officials. WOIPFG is ready to work with your government to further investigate this matter for a positive outcome and to minimize the negative impact of this injustice on the reputation of France.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Jaw, President

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