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WHY CHINA WILL NOT BE JOINING OUR PROGRAM

As Chairperson of the International Youth Council on Gender Equality, I am making an executive decision regarding the governance of our global ambassador program.

After thorough deliberation, I have determined that China will not be included in the program, nor will it participate in any formal initiatives, dialogues, or roundtables organized by IYCGE. This determination is informed by a constellation of legal, ethical, and epistemic considerations, reflecting my commitment to participant safety, research integrity, and scholarly rigour.

It is imperative to note that IYCGE's operations are reliant on international communication platforms and other channels that are currently inaccessible or illegal within China. Mandating participation through such channels would expose a Chinese ambassador to legal risk, which I cannot ethically sanction.

Crucially, I found that appointing a representative from outside of China as a surrogate would fail to capture the authentic socio-political and cultural perspectives of the country, thereby compromising the integrity of our work. The analytical foundation of our report is predicated upon open-access information and cross-verifiable sources to ensure validity. Given the stringent limitations on research sites, media, and publications within China, the verification of data would be severely circumscribed. Incorporating incomplete or non-verifiable evidence would undermine the credibility of our findings.

Correspondingly, ethical imperatives require that all participants contribute freely and authentically. Engagement under restrictive or surveilled conditions would constrain the ability of a representative to offer unmediated insight.

The methodological architecture of our project necessitates transparency and reproducibility. The inclusion of a Chinese representative under the prevailing constraints would introduce structural inconsistencies. China's systemic limitations on freedom of expression and access to information are antithetical to the principles of open inquiry and ethical scholarship that IYCGE embodies. Endorsing participation under such conditions would constitute acquiescence to policies that undermine transparency, intellectual accountability, and the free circulation of ideas.

While this resolution entails the absence of one of the world's preeminent geopolitical actors, it reflects IYCGE's dedication to honest representation, ethical engagement, and careful, thoughtful research.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support,



Adam Alkazely
Chairperson, Board of Directors
International Youth Council on Gender Equality

