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We were inspired by Amnesty International’s report on China’s trade in tools of torture and repression. We also give a brief overview of the situation and urge the Chinese authorities to impose a ban on the production and export of tools of torture by Chinese companies.

Aim of ACAT is to address this persistent problem.

Our letter addressed to the Chinese authorities and the Chinese embassy in the Czech Republic is based on the recent report tracing the situation in China. According to the data collected by Amnesty International and the Omega Research Foundation, more than 130 Chinese companies are involved in the business connected with manufacture of abusive equipment as well as its export to countries where there is a substantial risk the equipment will contribute to serious human rights violations. Similarly, China uses tools of torture on its detainees. The following devices are especially dangerous: electric shock stun batons, metal spiked batons, and weighted leg cuffs.

**We stress that torture is an act which inflicts severe suffering** and **constitutes a serious attack on a person’s integrity.**

Therefore, we, Czech ACAT, are urging the Chinese authorities to suspend or deny trade licences for the supply of torture equipment to law enforcement agencies and forces where there is a substantial risk the equipment will be used to commit or facilitate serious human rights violations and end all torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment.

Yours faithfully

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