



Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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Dear Jason Yang,

We are writing on behalf of the Committee in connection with our inquiry into forced labour in UK value chains. The inquiry will explore the extent to which businesses based in the UK are making use of the forced labour of Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) of China. The inquiry's terms of reference are attached.

In 2019, the US Government blacklisted 28 Chinese public security bureaus and companies, including Hikvision, over the treatment of Uyghurs in Xinjiang. Given this action, and given reports that Hikvision surveillance equipment is being used by UK councils, hospitals and schools, the Committee would like you to submit written evidence to the inquiry by Friday 30th October, addressing the following questions:

- Do any of your organisation's value chains link directly or indirectly to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) of China, and what steps are you taking to ensure that you have visibility of your entire value chain?
- What obligations do you have under Chinese law to pass data gathered from your UK operations to the Chinese government?
- What actions are you taking to prevent modern slavery and human rights abuses within your organisation and its value chains?
- What evidence can you supply of compliance with all applicable labour, procurement and anti-slavery laws?
- What are your human rights due diligence processes in respect of your workers and value chains?
- What action does your organisation take - beyond publishing a Modern Slavery Statement and including contractual obligations with suppliers - to ensure modern slavery compliance in your value chain?

Yours sincerely,

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