



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

2022 Olympics Factsheet

- The International Olympic Committee's decision to award the 2022 Winter Olympics to the People's Republic of China was a grave mistake that turned a blind eye to the downward spiral of human rights violations inflicted on the Tibetan people. **Unless the IOC takes meaningful, concrete steps to hold China accountable, it is making itself complicit.**
- Hosting the Olympics is an international privilege. In 2008, China was granted that privilege, despite ongoing evidence of oppressive measures against Tibetans and other groups. What followed was a string of broken promises from Beijing amid a lethal crackdown in Tibet.
- In the wake of the 2008 games, the PRC regime only tightened its grip on Tibet:
 - In March and April 2008, the Chinese government killed or imprisoned an unknown number of Tibetans in response to large-scale peaceful protests across Tibet.
 - Since 2009, more than 150 Tibetans have self-immolated in protest of the Communist Party's clampdown on Tibetan society and ever more invasive social and economic policies.
 - Beijing has refused to continue negotiations with the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration, choosing instead to slander him with false accusations and punish Tibetans for mere possession of his photos, or listening to his Buddhist teachings.
 - Under President Xi Jinping, CCP authorities are implementing systematic steps to eliminate Tibetans' unique cultural identity. Stringent controls have been placed on Tibet's religious institutions with Buddhism made subservient to the Party, Tibet's natural environment is being plundered, and teaching of the Tibetan language repressed.
- There is clear precedent for the Olympics to hold governments accountable. South Africa was banned from the Olympics from 1965 to 1988 in response to apartheid. **Merely for doping violations, Russia was barred from all international sporting events for two years.**

In light of these facts, it's time for action:

- Governments must institute a full diplomatic boycott of the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2022.



Governments should also demand that the IOC publicly address the PRC's crimes against humanity in Xinjiang and serial human rights abuses in Tibet.

- The IOC should make public any commitments that the Chinese government has entered into in order to secure the Olympics.
- The IOC and the international community must insist on press access and independent human rights monitoring before and after the Olympics conclude.
- Corporate sponsors should withdraw their support until the IOC takes concrete action.
- If the Chinese government continues to reject international calls for transparency and reform, the International Olympics Committee should revoke the 2022 Winter Games from the PRC.