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China Unfit to host 2022 Olympic Winter Games

China is unfit, from a humanitarian, religious and freedom perspective, to host the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

United States, Australia, Britain and Canada will not be travelling to Beijing in February as part of a diplomatic boycott of the Games.

“China’s abysmal human rights record and the cost of turning a blind eye to it will harm religions and Christianity for many years to come,” said Greg Bondar FamilyVoice spokesman.

FamilyVoice is outraged at the Chinese Communist Party’s continuing and intensifying human rights abuses. These abuses have been highlighted best by the CCP’s genocidal campaign against the Uyghurs, crackdown on democracy protests in Hong Kong, and treatment of tennis player Peng Shuai.

China continues to face ongoing allegations of human rights abuse with an estimated 1 million Uyghur Muslims detained in re-education camps in Xinjiang, dozens of pro-democracy leaders in Hong Kong behind bars, and scores of leading government critics in China arrested for “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”.

Chinese Olympian Peng Shuai, who made allegations of sexual assault against former vice-premier Zhang Gaoli in November has been missing since.

“Australian athletes should be free to express their political opinions at this week’s Winter Olympics, despite Beijing’s warning that they faced “certain punishment” if they break Chinese restrictions on freedom of speech,” stressed Greg Bondar.

National Olympic committees and human rights groups are advising athletes not to protest while in Beijing, warning it could expose them to arbitrary local laws that prevent freedom of political expression and operate within a justice system that convicts 99 per cent.

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