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Dear Ambassador ZHANG Junsai,

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils expresses its profound disappointment at the Chinese government for closing Mosques in the district of Urumqi, which effectively did not allow many Muslims to observe one of the compulsory acts of worship, that is, attending congregational prayers last Friday.

On behalf of Muslims in Australia we urge your government to restore the religious rites and observances of the Muslim community in the district of Urumqi by allowing worshippers to attend Friday prayers at Mosques, at their will without fear and harm.

We also reflect on the previous harmonious relations between the communities in the area and we are hopeful that the Chinese authorities will ensure that all its citizens can live side by side, exercising their religious rites without fear or favor.

Yours sincerely,

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