

**Statement by Jiří Oberfalzer, Vice-President of the Czech Senate,
on the new Chinese Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress**

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The situation of ethnic and religious minorities in China is not improving. And it appears that the PRC has no intention of improving it.

Judging by the *Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress*, which was adopted in March of this year and will take effect on July 1, China is not interested in ethnic or other forms of civic diversity. The law aims to strengthen community of the Chinese nation and promote unity among ethnic groups.

The provision on equal access to education, infrastructure, and public services actually masks the promotion of a single language (Mandarin) for education and official communication. It certainly does not involve supporting the cultural traditions of minorities and their dialects.

The support for economic development in minority regions can be seen as a future restriction on existing forms of regional autonomy and self-governance.

The provisions on combating separatism, terrorism, and religious extremism will likely serve to criminalize activities promoting national self-awareness and education in the traditional religion of ancestors.

The law is a typical example of Orwellian language, where the true goals are expressed through precisely the opposite rhetoric. The Communist government simply cannot tolerate anything other than the total homogenization of the population and subordination to a single, centralized ideology.

The “One China” policy takes on a new dimension here as “one people.”

China’s economic and military power is growing. I don’t know how long it will take the West to understand that this is China’s vision of an ideal world and that it may soon affect the global community as well.

If the democratic world does not make economic cooperation with China conditional on respect for human rights, it will soon find itself under China’s control.

So it is all the more important, that all free-thinking and democratically minded people unite and do not allow the just struggle for the freedom of the oppressed to drown in the clamor of propaganda, demagoguery and lies.

Let’s fight against it!