



Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

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Tibet is burning! Over 100 self-immolations! Tibet needs your help – now!

Zurich, 2nd October 2013

Dear Member of Parliament

We as the Tibetans who have been living in this free country for over 50 years would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Government of Switzerland and its people for their humanitarian help. However, the situation in our mother country is extremely grave.

These are the sequels of 60 years of Chinese rule over Tibet:

- More than 1.2 million Tibetans died as a direct or indirect consequence of Chinese occupation
- Thousands of Tibetans have been arrested and suffer from maltreatment in detention, only because they were exercising their right of freedom of expression
- The Tibetan cultural identity is being destroyed
- Tibet's natural resources are ransacked, causing irreversible damage to its vulnerable ecology

Tibet's current situation: over 100 self-immolations

Starting in February 2009, over 100 Tibetans have committed self-immolation as an act of protest against political repression, cultural assimilation, economic marginalization and ecological destruction. Without using violence against others, but in an expression of deepest despair, they are demanding freedom for Tibet and the return of His Holiness The Dalai Lama to his home country. By sacrificing their own lives they are alerting the United Nations and the International Community to the serious suffering of the Tibetan people.

The Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein with its 5'000 members is deeply concerned about the ongoing self-immolations in Tibet. It is now time for the International Community to take action, as China is not showing insight.

In order to alert the world public and the Swiss people to the tragic situation in Tibet and to solicit their support, the Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein is organizing the following:

Solidarity March organized by the Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Start: Friday, October 4th
Gathering: Main Station St. Gallen at 8 am
Route: St. Gallen – Uzwil – Münchwilen - Elgg-Illnau – Effretikon – Dietikon – Brugg –
Aarau –Murgenthal – Köppigen – Krauchtal – Oberwangen – Fribourg –
Romont – Oron-La Ville –Lausanne – Tartegnin - Chesrex – Genf

Solidarity Action during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council on China

Arrival: Tuesday, October 22nd 2013
Gathering: Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 11 am.



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The Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein is urging the **Swiss Government and Parliament** for immediate intervention towards the Chinese government and unfettered support for our demands:

- The Chinese government must stop its repression immediately and seek an honest dialogue with the Tibetan representatives.

The Tibetan Community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein will highly estimate any intervention by you as Member of Parliament, wherever possible for you, to relieve the tragic situation in Tibet. We thank you for your solidarity and support.

On December 14th the Tibetan community together with its friends will celebrate the Anniversary of the Peace Nobel Prize award to His Holiness The Dalai Lama in the city hall of Bülach. If your time permits, we would like to invite you as a Guest of Honour.

Sincerely yours,

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