



Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Tibeter Gemeinschaft in der Schweiz & Liechtenstein

One year end campaign of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein to appeal to the UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet now!

"One year of appeals to send a fact-finding mission to Tibet – UN without action – How much more must Tibet endure?"

**Action in Geneva on Monday, 18th June 2012:
11.00 am: Gathering in front of the Palais Wilson
12.30 pm: Gathering in front of the Palais des Nations**

Commencing May 30, 2011, Tibetans and their supporters have started a 2-year campaign to appeal to the UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet.

Tibetans and their supporters are gathering in front of the Palais Wilson and on Place des Nations, expressing their disappointment on the lack of action by the UN, yet expressing their hope on a change in the UN's attitude, appealing to take immediate action now.

The human rights situation in Tibet has been deteriorating even more since the campaign began a year ago. Tibetans have to endure the denial of even their basic human rights while the government of the PRC is continuing to put the most repressive measures in place. Instead of listening to the legitimate grievances of the protestors, the Chinese authority uses armed forces to suppress them.

Since May 2011 the sections of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein have been holding each month peaceful protests in front of the UN buildings in Geneva and have been submitting several memorandums to the most urgent aspects of the dramatic situation in Tibet, like the suppression of religious freedom, freedom of speech, opinion and movement, equality for nationalities, equality of languages, women's rights, widespread torture, forced resettlement of Tibetan nomads, the situation of political prisoners including the Panchen Lama, the appalling acts of self-immolations, the practice of cultural genocide and the need for dialogue between the Chinese government and the Tibetan Representatives now. However, all these appeals have not led to any action by the UN so far.

Therefore, we re-iterate our demands and call on the United Nations for immediate intervention by urging China:

- To respect the rights of Tibetan people guaranteed in China's Constitution including religious freedom, freedom of expression and assembly
- To guarantee the equality for nationalities and equality of languages
- To respect Tibetan women's rights
- To stop torture
- To stop the cultural genocide
- To stop the resettlement of Tibetan nomads
- To release all political prisoners including Panchen Lama
- To allow unfettered access to international media, foreign diplomats and UN independent experts to all Tibetan restive regions
- To listen to the legitimate grievances of the protestors
- To resume the dialogue with the Tibetan Representatives to find a mutually agreeable solution to longstanding political problems

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