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RE: Conference for an Independent Tibet, June 23-24, 2007, New Delhi

Dear Mr. Kallianpur,

On behalf of Committee of 100 for Tibet (C100) I would like to thank you for the invitation to attend the above mentioned conference. Unfortunately, we are unable to physically attend. However, we would like to express our support for the conference and relay some of our thoughts.

We would like it to be clear to the organizers that we support the Tibetan people's United Nations-recognized right to self-determination. The principle of self-determination absolutely applies to the Tibetan people. Any people's movement derives its legitimacy only upon accurately reflecting the will of the people it purports to represent. Those organizations or individuals who works toward fulfilling their people's aspiration are naturally upholding this unifying principle, including, we believe – the organizers of the Conference for an Independent Tibet.

We encourage the conference participants to pass a resolution at your conference upholding the principle of self-determination. Please note that the recent International Forum for a Free Tibet held in Turin, "clearly reaffirmed the right to self-determination of the Tibetan people ..." and we encourage you to do the same at your conference. The Turin conference also agreed to "settle on an appropriate strategy, based on the self-determination right of the Tibetan people..." (see Phayul article: <http://phayul.com/news/article.aspx?id=16674&article=The+International+Forum+for+a+Free+Tibet+held+in+Turin&t=1&c=1>). We believe that if your conference participants also pursued a similar strategy, it would go long way to developing a stronger and more unified international movement and would be an important expression of solidarity with the suffering people of Tibet. Please relay this message to all the organizers and guests of the conference. Also, please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss or collaborate on the self-determination initiative or advance it with an appropriate strategy.

Again, we wish for the success of the Conference for an Independent Tibet and the genuine fulfillment of the Tibetan people's aspiration to decide their future in peace.

Sincerely,

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