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Greeting message to the International Conference for an Independent Tibet New Delhi June 23-24, 2007

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Dear Honourable Ladies and Gentlemen,

Unfortunately I cannot attend your conference personally. I feel very sorry for it, because you draw attention to an important problem of international politics, which is not resolved: the problem of Tibet. Violation of human rights, suppression of religious, cultural and social rights of Tibetans and ecocide in Tibet are unfortunately still an acute problem.

Since the annexation of Tibet by China, Tibetan nation (population) is victim of an insidious cultural destruction and environmental destruction - up to now 1.2 Million. Tibetans died violently - so specified by Tibetan Exile Government. Since the 1990's Chinese Government has tried to reinforce to exterminate Tibetan Buddhism.

Tibetans fight non-violently and peacefully for their rights. In times of violence and terror that is a behaviour, which is setting standards. His Holiness the Dalai Lama is leaving no stone unturned to get a useful and peaceful solution the Chinese as well as the Tibetans, allowing Tibetan nation a life in freedom, peace and dignity.

For the rescue of Tibetan culture, identity and nature a comprehensive solution is required where Tibetans can decide self-determination on their way of life. We support that such a solution will be found in cooperation with HH the Dalai Lama. I hope above all, that the snapped thread of talks between the Dalai Lama's legation and the Government in Beijing can be tied again. Tibetans are entitled to fully respect of their human rights and to translate their right of self-determination into public policy.

I wish you and the conference constructive debates and good results - as well for Tibetans and for international community.

Yours sincerely,

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