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To the Conference for an Independent Tibet, New Delhi, India

To whom it may concern:

As founder of World Tibet Day, I am offering our organization's full support to the Conference For An Independent Tibet.

To my mind, a free and independent Tibet isn't a mere slogan, nor is it simply insignificant wishful thinking. It's an absolute, with clear lines and no fuzzy compromises.

It's true I'd be somewhat happy if tomorrow we suddenly saw an autonomous Tibet in which all those living there possessed every essential freedom and every fundamental human right – inside their national borders. Yes that would be a pretty good outcome, a definite improvement, even though this compromise would still be accepted only grudgingly by many in the Tibet movement.

But nonetheless, this result wouldn't convince me to abandon the goal of a free and independent Tibet. That goal is a moral imperative. It speaks uncompromising Truth both to Tibetan youth as well as to those Tibetans living without freedom, under lock and key, in their native land. Whether or not it's attainable, that goal is what should be. It's what we all want, if we're really speaking with total honesty.

OK, that's enough editorializing from me. I send you my hopes that many useful and creative ideas are born from this conference along with effective campaigns for a free and independent Tibet.

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