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Hon'ble Sir,

On behalf of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, I would like to express my profound gratitude for calling on China for the release of His Eminence the 11th Panchen Lama, marking the 25th year since his enforced disappearance on 17 May 2020.

As you are very much aware that His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama recognised Gedhun Choekyi Nyima as the 11th incarnation of the Panchen Lama on 14 May 1995 at the age of 6. After 3 days of declaring Gedhun Choekyi Nyima as the 11th Panchen Lama, China abducted him and his family and have since left nothing to the world of his where-about and wellbeing. Our fellow Tibetans and devotees of H.E. Panchen Lama have been urging and pressing the Chinese government to release the 11th Panchen Lama. We remain very concerned and longing to have an evident and factual information about him since last 25 years but to no avail. To this date we are not provided with any evident information about him by the Chinese authority.

We cannot believe the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian's recent statement on H.E. Panchen Lama which states that Gedhun Choekyi Nyima "received free compulsory education when he was a child, passed the college entrance examination and now has a job." He further said that "neither the now 31-year-old man nor his family wishes to be disturbed in their current normal lives." because the Chinese government has been lying and fooling the world for all these years as we are all aware. Evidently, the on-going covid-19 Pandemic has put the world in trouble solely because of PRC's inhuman principles.

The whole world is under lockdown currently due to the pandemic, yet Tibet has been under lockdown since its illegal occupation by the Communist China. Tibet is still suffering under the cruelty and oppressive rules of China.

Marking the 25th year since his disappearance, You have spoken up for the immediate and unconditional release of H.E. the 11th Panchen Lama which also sends a strong message that you support truth and stand by it. I deeply appreciate your support towards our cause. I hope that you will continue to voice for the release of H. E. Panchen Lama until he is released.

On behalf of Tibetan in and outside Tibet, I once again would like to thank you for joining the global call for the release of H.E. the 11th Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima. Your voice has surely made a difference and I hope and pray that he will be released at the earliest.

Best Regards,

Sincerely

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