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**Defender of Human Rights – 12th Action of the second year of the TCSL 2-year Campaign:
Seeking urgent action on deplorable and deteriorating human rights situation in Tibet after two years of appeals to send a fact-finding mission to Tibet now !
UN without action – How much more must Tibet endure?**

Your Excellency

Commencing May 30, 2011, Tibetans together with their supporters have started a 2-year campaign to appeal to the UN to send an independent fact-finding mission to Tibet. We kindly invite you to come and visit us at the site of our 12th action at Place Wilson on June 14th, from 11:30 am to 12.30 pm and from 13.30 pm to 15.00 pm at the Palais des Nations.

Tibetans and their supporters will be gathering in front of the Palais Wilson and Palais 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 constantly since the campaign began two years 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. Suppression is not restricted to those protesting on the street. We are also evidencing a wave of Chinese crackdown on Tibetan intellectuals who express their true feelings and aspirations in a highly repressive atmosphere. Since 2008, several Tibetan writers, bloggers, intellectuals and cultural figures have been arrested.

In an act of ultimate despair in the absence of help from the International Community and any hope, some 118 Tibetans have self-immolated - a dramatic figure that speaks to itself.

Since May 2011 the sections of the Tibetan Community in Switzerland & Liechtenstein have been holding peaceful protests in front of the UN buildings in Geneva each month and have been submitting several memorandums to the most urgent specific aspects of the dramatic situation in Tibet, like the suppression of religious freedom, freedom of speech, opinion and women's' rights, widespread torture, suppression of the Tibetan language, forced resettlement



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of Tibetan nomads, the situation of political prisoners including the Panchen Lama, the self-immolations, the Cultural Genocide, and the need for a dialogue between the Chinese government and Tibetan representatives. While we appreciate your words of concern over the deteriorating situation in Tibet, we demand action now.

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

- To allow unfettered access to all Tibetan restive regions for international media, foreign diplomats and UN independent experts;
- To respect the rights of Tibetan people guaranteed in China's Constitution including religious freedom, freedom of expression and assembly;
- To respect the principle of Equality of Nationalities – Equality of Languages;
- To respect the Tibetan womens' rights;
- To stop the practice of torture, the Cultural Genocide, and the forced resettlement of Tibetan nomads;
- To release all political prisoners, including the Panchen Lama, without condition;
- To end the so-called "Patriotic Re-education" in monasteries and allow monks and nuns to freely practice their religion;
- To resume the dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama or his envoys to find mutually agreeable solution to longstanding political problems.

Yours sincerely,

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