

December 10, 2012

Honourable Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General
United Nations, New York

Subject: Appeal letter on Tibet.

Your Excellency,

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Since 2008 the Chinese security forces have particularly cracked down hard on Tibetans leading to numerous deaths and countless tortures. The situation is getting worse each day. Consequently, the Tibetan people have been setting themselves on fire one after another to demand a peaceful resolution of the Tibetan issue, return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet and to let the UN and the international community know about the Tibetan people’s aspirations and the sorrows hidden deep within their hearts. Tibet today is like hell on earth.

We, the undersigned stand in solidarity with the courageous and selfless acts of brave Tibetan martyrs inside Tibet and strongly urge your Excellency to look into the following demands immediately and resolve the issue of Tibet:

1. The United Nations must discuss the issue of Tibet based on the resolutions that it has passed in 1959, 1961 and 1965, and continuously make efforts to fulfil the substance of these resolutions
2. An independent international fact-finding delegations must immediately be sent to investigate the ongoing crisis in Tibet
3. The United Nations must take special responsibility to ensure that the basic aspirations of the Tibetans inside Tibet are fulfilled

These hundreds of thousands of signatures are collected from different countries across the world through which the Flame of Truth travelled. The historic relay concludes today on 10 December with simultaneous submission of appeal letters and signatures to your esteemed office, UN Human Rights Council in Geneva and UN Information centre in New Delhi.

With Regards

Yours Sincerely

TPiE’s Committee on “Flame of Truth” Relay

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