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## Regional Tibetan Youth Congress of New York & New Jersey

March 3, 2016

H.E. MR. BAN KI-MOON  
SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS  
NEW YORK, NY 10017, USA

Your Excellency,

I, on behalf of The Regional Tibetan Youth Congress of New York and New Jersey, would like to bring to your kind attention the current dire situation of Tibetans in Tibet under the Chinese government.

Just three days ago, on February 29, 2016, Dorjee Tsering, a sixteen-year-old Tibetan boy set himself on fire at Herbertpur near Dehradun in Northern India to protest against the Chinese government and highlight the Tibet issue. We have just received the sad news that he passed away from his burn injuries today in a hospital in New Delhi.

With only a few hours apart, another Tibetan, Kalsang Wangdu, an eighteen year-old monk of Retsokha Aryaling Monastery (in Nyarong, Eastern Tibet) has also died after setting himself on fire near the monastery.

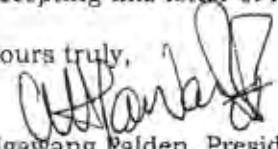
Since 2009, there have been 152 self-immolations all across Tibet and in exile. The Chinese authorities in Tibet have intensified measures to prevent information about the self-immolations from reaching the outside world. This has been combined with a more aggressive and formalized response to the self-immolations such as, harsh sentencing and torture for those suspected of involvement, even if that is simply bearing witness.

People's Republic of China continue to inflict untold sufferings to millions of Tibetans who dare question their discriminatory and repressive policies. It is because of China's atrocious and deceitful policies of colonialism that the people of Tibet are unable to endure the situation any longer; peaceful protests and demonstrations are organized; and helplessness ignites some to resort to the drastic measure of self-immolation for the mere hope and sacrifice of drawing the attention of the Chinese leaders and help from the international community.

The current situation in Tibet is extremely grave. How can we accept and stay quiet when the Chinese officials are continually using lethal force to suppress the Tibetans for voicing their concern and faith? Are the Tibetans not allowed to peacefully voice their concerns? Why are Tibetans repeatedly detained and tortured for simply exercising normal human rights?

Your Excellency, I thank you on behalf of the Tibetan Youth Congress and Tibetans everywhere for accepting this letter of request and urge for Your Excellency's urgent attention to this matter.

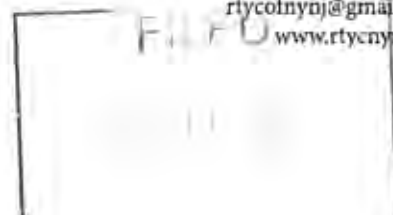
Yours truly,

  
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