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TIBETAN YOUTH CONGRESS

Statement on the 51st Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising Day

Tibet, referred to as "the roof of the world" was invaded by China in 1949 and they started to implement many evil policies to annihilate Tibet by its root after the brutal occupation. Even today, China continues to implement their evil policies and the situation inside Tibet is getting worst than ever before. Moreover, during the recently held "Fifth Forum for Tibet", it was clearly shown that they will continue their erroneous policies in Tibet.

On 10th March 1959, with their slogans; "Long Live His Holiness the Dalai Lama", "China out of Tibet", and "Tibet is Independent", Tibetan people from all across the three provinces of Tibet gathered in Lhasa displaying their patriotism, courage and rock solid determination to protect their leader and the nation. These three slogans echoed from Lhasa to across the world and is the signal of determination to regain Tibet's independence through uprising by Tibetan people. Tibet will never die and Tibet belongs to Tibetan.

Today marks the 51st anniversary of the Tibetan People's Uprising and Tibet is still kept alive by the three slogans. On this day, Tibetan Youth Congress proudly and loudly declares to the world in general and to China in particular that even in future, the three slogans will not only keep Tibet alive, but restore its independence. And, for the youth of the land of the snow, our determination and the recognition of our struggle becomes ever more clear and firm since the year 2008.

The three slogans are the hope of the living and the will of the dead that inspires us to continue our fight for this historic struggle. And to raise these slogans during any peaceful demonstrations, both in and outside Tibet is the right and only choice for the future of our nation and people.

The issue of Tibet is alive today on international arena due to the belief in our own self by honoring the history, by the grace of our leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama and due to the unity of the Tibetan people. In future also, we can restore our independence by the strength of unity and belief in our own self.

In sixty years of China's genocide inside Tibet, the Tibetan nation is filled with cries of orphans and widows. Tibetan people's indomitable courage and devotion towards our nation and continuing to protest China's occupation of Tibet represents our struggle that is grandeur in life and glorious in death.

Communist China is the largest totalitarian nation in the world that suppresses every dissent with violent crackdowns by deploying their military and police. But the successive demonstrations and political prisoners inside Tibet represent the courage and determination of the Tibetan people and this will surely inspire the future generations. With the rays of these sacrifices, we must continue our just struggle until we regain our Independence. Our strength and responsibility is clearly written in Tibetan history by our patriots and we must study and follow their footsteps to achieve our common goal and the essence of our life.