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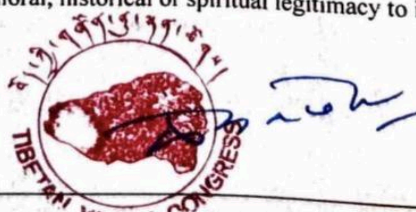
The Tibetan Youth Congress expresses deep concern over the recent remarks made by Gyaltsen Norbu, the China-appointed and politically installed Panchen Lama. His statements, delivered on 08th Dec 2025 at a state sponsored symposium in Shigatse, that the recognition of the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama reincarnations must adhere to Chinese law and receive formal approval from Beijing. He further asserted that the process must take place “without any interference from organizations or individuals outside the country,” and praised the Chinese government’s intervention in his own selection as a “legalized and standardized” method.

At a time when global attention is focused on the future reincarnation of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, such statements further heighten tensions. Although the Qing dynasty “golden urn” system was later incorporated into Tibetan religious practice, the Chinese Communist Party’s attempt to depict Tibetan reincarnation traditions as inherently Chinese is a political strategy aimed at legitimizing state control. Beijing’s position reflects a calculated effort to assert authority over Tibetan religion as a means of reinforcing political sovereignty.

The comments made by the Chinese-appointed monk Gyaltsen Norbu demonstrate a clear disregard for Tibet’s spiritual traditions, religious freedom, and long-held cultural rights. They serve as a political maneuver to justify potential plans to install a state-selected, illegitimate 15th Dalai Lama.

It is essential to remind the international communities that the true 11th Panchen Lama, Gendhun Choekyi Nyima, recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 1995, was abducted by Chinese authorities at the age of six. He has not been seen publicly since. His whereabouts and wellbeing remain unknown, and China continues to deny independent access to verify his safety.

Beijing’s claim to religious authority over Tibetan Buddhism violates centuries-old traditions as well as international human rights standards, particularly the fundamental right to religious freedom. The Chinese Communist Party holds no moral, historical or spiritual legitimacy to interfere in the sacred



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