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## THIRD EUROPE TIBETAN BUDDHISM CONFERENCE, YEUNTENLING, HUY, BELGIUM

### DECLARATION

The Third Europe Tibetan Buddhism Conference was held in Yeuntenling, Huy, Belgium, from December 7 - 8, 2019 and discussed at length the vital issue of reincarnation of the Dalai Lamas.

The undersigned Buddhist Centres in Europe have unanimously resolved in this regard to declare:

1. our deep gratitude at the passing of 3-Point Special Resolution by the Tibetan religious leaders at the 14th Tibetan Buddhist Conference in Dharamshala, India on November 27, 2019 on the issue of reincarnation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
2. to reiterate and make it categorically clear that China has not only suppressed Buddhism in Tibet but has been using all means to control it. In 2007 it had announced the so-called Article 5, which seeks to regulate the recognition of reincarnation of Tibetan Buddhism. We strongly condemn and reject such measures. Recognition of reincarnation is intrinsically a religious matter. Communist China has no role in it.
3. that more importantly and specifically China has deviously sought to bring under its control the search of future Dalai Lamas. We believe Tibetan Buddhism has reached a critical crossroad. It is therefore imperative for us to plead to His Holiness the Dalai Lama for the continuation of the Institution of the Dalai Lama. As to the recognition of his reincarnation His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the officers of Gaden Phodrang Trust have the sole power and responsibility and nobody else.

December 8, 2019