

**Statement by Czech Senators on the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Enforced Disappearance of  
Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, Panchen Lama of Tibet**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> year of enforced disappearance of the 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his entire family, WE the undersigned members of Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic express our support and solidarity for Tibet and its people for their non-violent movement to find justice, peace and freedom for Tibet.

Recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama of Tibet, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was a six-year-old boy then. Within three days of his recognition, the Chinese authorities abducted him and his entire family on 17 May 1995. He became the youngest political prisoner of the world and his case is one of the longest drawn cases of enforced disappearance at the UN.

By Refusing to reveal any information about Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family, China is committing a continuous crime as per the UN definition of enforced disappearance. China is committing this crime against Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family for the last 25 years.

In the last six decades, China has brought more destruction in Tibet than development. Tibet is continuously ranked as the second least free region in the world, next only to Syria. The European Parliament Intergroup on Freedom of Religion has ranked China as one of the worst violators of religious freedom in the world.

Reiterating our calls to China to respect the rights of Tibetan people and their unique cultural identity, we call upon China to reveal the whereabouts and the well-beings of Panchen Lama of Tibet, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and release him and his family unconditionally.

We urge our foreign affairs ministry to take serious note of China's unabated human rights violations with impunity and send a strong message to Beijing to free 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama of Tibet, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, his family and all political prisoners in Tibet.

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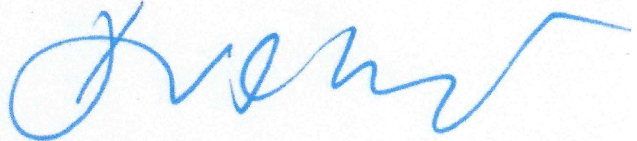
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