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His Excellency Mr Penpa Tsering
Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration
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c/o Mr Ngodup Dorjee
Office of Tibet in Pretoria, South Africa
via email rep.sa@tibet.net

Your Excellency,

I am delighted to congratulate you on your election and swearing in as Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration. On behalf of the IFP, I wish you tremendous strength, courage and wisdom as you continue to serve your people.

It is a particular pleasure for me to see a friend achieve such high office. When we met in Rome in 2009, you were serving as Speaker of the 14th Parliament in Exile. Your friendship was immediate, and I felt that great strides were made for the cause of freedom under your leadership.

I can never forget your great kindness towards my Advisor, Dr Mario Oriani-Ambrosini, in sending him medicine and giving him support during his illness. Your condolences to me and to his family on his passing were a great comfort.

I look forward now to your leadership as Sikyong. It is good to know that your work will be ably supported by Tibet's excellent ambassador in South Africa, Mr Ngodup Dorjee.

A few years ago, the IFP had the privilege of hosting your predecessor, His Excellency Dr Lobsang Sangay, for the opening of Parliament and the State of the Nation Address. Last year, just weeks before South Africa went into lockdown due to the global pandemic, we hosted the Hon. Mr Pema Jungney as well.

It would be an honour, Your Excellency, to have you as our guest at the next opening of Parliament, should you be able to travel to South Africa. I realise that much will depend on the state of the pandemic early next year, but I hope that travel will be possible by then and that our Parliament will be holding full capacity, in person sittings.

We are indeed in very strange times! But it is encouraging to see someone of your calibre take up leadership at this pivotal moment in history.

With assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,



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