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**Parliamentary Group Tibet congratulates H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama on his 87th birthday.**

**Appeal to the Federal Council to intercede with the PRC in favour of respect for cultural, in particular religious rights and human rights for the Tibetan people.**

On 6 July, H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama will be 87 years old. On this occasion, the members of the PG Tibet send him their best wishes for a long life, together with the hope that his vision of an autonomous, self-determined, peaceful Tibet committed to the preservation of the natural environment may be fulfilled.

Already 33 years ago, the Dalai Lama's consistent commitment to peace and non-violence was rewarded with the Nobel Peace Prize. In all cultures he has long been considered one of the most credible exponents of public life.

In addition to his lifelong commitment to the autonomy and self-determination of his people with the call to pursue this only in a non-violent way, H.H. the Dalai Lama has for years been committed to "Secular Ethics". In this way he encourages people to overcome religious fanaticism and the boundaries between religions. It is not individual religions that will provide all the answers to the pressing questions of our time, but rather the rooting of the human being in an ethic that overcomes differences.

The Parliamentary Group for Tibet is very concerned to hear about the continuing human rights violations and the drastic restrictions on the cultural and religious rights of Tibetans in Tibet imposed by the authorities of the People's Republic of China. Especially the impossibility of cultivating the Tibetan language in Tibetan schools is alarming! We call on the Swiss Federal Council to make representations to the government of the People's Republic of China to ensure that the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people in their homeland are respected.

It is a great concern for all friends of Tibet in Switzerland that our Federal Council also clearly declares its support for the Tibetan people and their rights. After all, Tibet was a victim of an aggressive neighbouring country more than 70 years ago, just as the Ukrainian people are unfortunately currently experiencing at the hands of their brutal neighbour Russia.

On behalf of the PG Tibet

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