



INTERNATIONAL TIBET YOUTH FORUM

Empowering Voices and Inspiring Action for Tibet's Future

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Declaration of International Tibet Youth Forum

We, the 100 participants of the International Tibet Youth Forum in Dharamshala are part of a wide and growing global network of young professionals and students of diverse expertise, united by our Tibetan identity and commitment to the Tibetan freedom movement. Our people's unshakable spirit fuels our resilience and motivation to carry on the legacy of our ancestors and to stand in solidarity with Tibetans inside and outside Tibet.

Occupied Tibet remains one of the least free places in the world as China attempts to eradicate every facet of the Tibetan identity. The wide-known oppressive practices of the Chinese government only underscore their insecurities and illegitimate rule of Tibet. Any trust left in the current regime will continue to erode with each uprising and act of dissent. We firmly reject and will continue to oppose China's false narratives and attempts to dictate Tibetans' way of life.

Our mission is to harness our collective power to inform the world and its leaders of the truth about Tibet, its historical independence, illegal occupation, and our people's nonviolent struggle for freedom. We will also highlight the global relevance of Tibet's geopolitical, economic, and environmental significance in the world and the responsibilities of the international community to support the peaceful resolution of the Tibet-China conflict. We shall strategically and innovatively utilize every avenue and leverage the support of our many allies to achieve our mission.

Tibetans are not alone in facing this struggle for freedom and human rights; we are in solidarity with all those fighting for justice and dignity. We urge all who value freedom to stand in solidarity with us in our struggle against the world's largest authoritarian regime.

We demand an end to China's occupation of Tibet and a free exercise of our people's right to self-determination. In unity, we call for the immediate and safe return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and exiled Tibetans to our rightful homeland and declare our unwavering

dedication to the Tibetan freedom movement. Our generation remains steadfast in our commitment to safeguard our culture, preserve our heritage, and to fight for a better future for the Tibetan nation and people.