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CORE GROUP FOR TIBETAN CAUSE (CGTC-I) DEMANDS G-20 LEADERS HOLD CHINESE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CALLS FOR RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA

New Delhi, [24th August,2023] – The Core Group for Tibetan Cause – India (CGTC-I) is the apex body of all the Tibet Support Groups (TSGs) in India. It is the umbrella organization of the Indian supporting Tibetan cause in the country with task of coordinating, directing, planning and initiating activities in support of the Tibetan cause.

The Core Group for Tibetan Cause - India (CGTC-I) is urgently calling upon the G-20 leaders, as they convene for a G-20 summit on 9th and 10th September 2023 here in New Delhi, to exert pressure on Chinese Government to address the gross human rights violation especially the reports that over a million Tibetan children's are separated away from their parents and put into a coercive residential school system in Tibet. This policy is aimed at cultural, religious, and linguistic assimilation through a coercive residential school system in Tibet where they are politically indoctrinated with Chinese communist ideologies and narratives.

Tibet, once an independent nation, is currently under illegal and forceful occupation of China. Tibet, much like India during its freedom movement, continues to face relentless challenge and is a region of great concern, with reports of severe human rights abuses, cultural suppression, and religious discrimination perpetrated by the Chinese Government. The situation has reached an alarming state, necessitating immediate global attention and action. The Core Group for Tibetan Cause - India (CGTC-I) believes that the G-20 leaders, representing the world's most influential nations, have a moral responsibility to address these pressing issues.

The Tibetan people's struggle for their rights and identity continues to be met with immense hardship, with cases of enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, and cultural subjugation being rampant in the region. CGTC-I calls upon the G-20 leaders to stand united against these atrocities and uphold the principles of human rights and dignity for all.

As leaders from the G-20 nations gather for the upcoming summit in New Delhi from 9th to 10th September, CGTC-I urges them to prioritize the following demands:

The Core Group for Tibetan Cause-India (CGTC-I) Demands:

1. Immediate Accountability for Human Rights Violations:
 - The G-20 leaders must hold its member state China accountable for its gross human rights violations in Tibet, including those targeting the Tibetan children through coercive residential schools.
 - Demand transparency and independent investigations into reports of human rights abuses.
 - Allow free access to world diplomats, media, academics and public to visit Tibet.
2. Reincarnation of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama
 - The final authority on decisions regarding the reincarnation of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama rests indisputably and completely with His Holiness the Dalai Lama himself.

- No nation, government including the Chinese Government, entity or any individual can claim to recognize the reincarnation of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.
3. Protection of Tibetan Children's Rights:
 - Strongly condemn and address the grave violations of the rights of over a million Tibetan children subjected to forced assimilation through coercive residential schools.
 - Urge the Chinese Government to immediately cease all policies that infringe upon the Tibetan children's right to maintain their unique cultural, religious, and linguistic identities. The residential school system enforced by the Chinese authorities in Tibet has caused untold suffering and irreparable damage to the Tibetan children in Tibet. Reports from reliable sources indicate that children are forcibly separated from their families and subjected to coercive measures aimed at eradicating their unique cultural, religious and linguistic identities.
 4. Resumption of Dialogue with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's Representatives:
 - The G-20 leaders must exert diplomatic pressure on the Chinese Government to resume meaningful & constructive dialogue & negotiation with the representatives of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to reach a peaceful and mutually acceptable resolution for Tibetan issue.
 5. Inclusion of Tibet as a Crucial Topic on the G-20 Summit Agenda:
 - Calls upon the G-20 leaders to consider Tibet as a global issue and therefore must highlight Tibet as a central and vital topic on the summit's agenda.

CGTC-I demands that the G-20 summit address the crucial issues of Tibet and take a unified stand. By addressing these crucial issues of Tibet at the G-20 summit, the international community can pave the way for justice, human rights, and lasting peace in Tibet.

Core Group for Tibetan Cause-India (CGTC-I) remains committed in advocating for the Tibetan cause and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the Tibetan are heard on the global stage and bring a lasting solution for Tibet.

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