

**The Council of the European Buddhist Union, on the occasion of the Annual General meeting in Brussels of 24 September 2023, has adopted the following declaration:**

1. We urge the Chinese government to implement Articles 10 and 11 of the Law on Autonomy of Ethnic Areas of the People's Republic of China, which guarantees the freedom of language and religion of ethnic minorities.
2. We call on the Chinese government not to interfere in Tibetan Buddhist affairs, not to dismantle Tibetan Buddhist monasteries and Buddhist statues, and not to interfere in the recognition of reincarnations of high Lamas and in the organization of monasteries.
3. We affirm that the selection of reincarnations of Tibetan Lamas, including the future 15<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, is the prerogative of the Tibetan people and the Dalai Lama's Office.
4. Future Tibetan reincarnated Lamas, including the Dalai Lama, should be selected by the Tibetan people according to their spiritual tradition. We urge the international community not to recognize any Lama selected and appointed by the Chinese authority.
5. We call on the Chinese government to resume negotiations with the Dalai Lama in order to find peaceful solutions that serve the common interests of both the Tibetan and Chinese peoples.

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