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## **Statement**

On the occasion of the historic World Buddhist Conference in Bodhgaya from 20-23 December, 2023, we, the Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation in Europe condemn in the strongest possible terms the interference of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Tibetan Buddhist affairs, namely the recognition of the reincarnation of high lamas, including His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

It is a contradiction for a government that calls itself atheist to decide the fate of a spiritual leader.

We believe the system of recognising reincarnated spiritual beings is a practice unique to Tibetan Buddhism and should be the sole prerogative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and no one else.

We therefore, call on the government of the PRC to stop interfering in Tibetan Buddhist affairs and respect the rights of the Tibetans to freedom of religion or belief.

Similarly, we urge the people international community not to recognise the reincarnation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed by the PRC.



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