

AMSTERDAM DECLARATION 2024
Fourth Europe Tibetan Associations' General Meeting
31st August- 1st September 2024

WE, the Presidents, Vice Presidents and/or Representatives of the Tibetan communities across Europe have assembled for the fourth general meeting of the Europe Tibetan associations in Amsterdam, Netherlands from 31st August to 1st September 2024 and hereby:

REAFFIRM that His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama, the manifestation of Avalokiteshwara in human form, the designated deity of Tibet, is the divine lord of the Three Realms, a champion of world peace, the master of all Buddhist teachings, the protector of all Tibetans, and our supreme leader and guide, the objective embodiment of the Tibetan people, the symbol of our unity, and a free spokesperson for all Tibetans who attained this status based on the ardent aspirations of the Tibetan people with centuries-old historical development, culture and sovereignty;

EXPRESS our deep gratitude to His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama for all the continuous benefactions being bestowed upon all sentient beings;

FEEL buoyed by His Holiness' assurance to live beyond 110 years during the long-life prayer offering and teachings held in Zurich, Switzerland on 25 August 2024;

PRAY that His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama live long and that all His wishes be fulfilled;

APPEAL that the institution of the Dalai Lamas may continue to flourish for eons to come for the benefit of all sentient beings;

UNDERTAKE AND PLEDGE our allegiance and obeisance to the future Dalai Lama recognized in accordance with the religious activity conducted and carried out by persons and bodies so enshrined in the Gaden Phodrang Trust of the Office of His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama;

AFFIRM that the right to identify and recognize our religious leader is an inalienable human right and forms the cornerstone of our right to freedom of religion or belief;

And UNEQUIVOCALLY DECLARE that no other State, Government, Organization or individual including the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China or the Communist Party of China, has any right to meddle or interfere in the process of recognition of His Holiness the Great 14th Dalai Lama's reincarnation;

AND HEREBY SO DECLARED.

1 September 2024

Amsterdam, Netherlands.