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Sikyong Penpa Tsering
Tibetan Government in Exile
Dharamshala / India

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Congratulations on being elected and sworn in as Sikyong, President of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile (Central Tibetan Administration) and to all your Kalons

Esteemed Sikyong Penpa Tsering la, esteemed Kalons

we would like to congratulate you on your glorious 2nd term of the election and the swearing-in as President of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile. We also congratulate your ministers sworn in today as members of your government.

The Swiss-Tibetan Friendship Association STFA has been constantly working for the legitimate rights of the Tibetan people since its foundation in 1983. We support to the best of our ability the non-violent struggle and commitment for human rights in Tibet and the preservation of Tibet's unique culture.

In our political work, we are in constant exchange with the Parliamentary Group for Tibet PGT, for which the STFA-chair provides the secretariat, and we prepare interventions in the name of the Tibet organisations to be brought forward by the PGT to the Swiss parliament. Whenever necessary we launch petitions together with other NGOs to the Swiss government for the rights of Tibetans.

We are also in close contact with the representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama in the Office of Tibet, Geneva, and the Tibetan community in Switzerland and Liechtenstein and the Tibetan NGOs, in order to bring Tibet's occupation by the PRC into Swiss politics and the public sphere. In this context we specially like to focus on the recent report of the Swiss government about Transnational Repression by the PRC towards Tibetans and Uighurs in Switzerland, which was based on a research of the University of Basel and had its roots on initiatives of the STFA together with the PGT.

In various meetings with you during your visits in Switzerland, we received direct and valuable inputs from you as the head of the Government-in-Exile in Dharamshala. We would like to continue this exchange with you and your cabinet.

We are looking forward to your next visit to Switzerland in the near future to maintain direct contact with you as Sikyong.

We wish you, your Kalons and the newly elected Chitues in the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile a successful legislature.

Long live H.H. the Dalai Lama! Bhoed Gyalo!

With sincere respect

Thomas Büchli
President of the STFA

Nathalie Bravaccini
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