



STATEMENT CONDEMNING CHINA'S “ETHNIC UNITY AND PROGRESS LAW”

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Tibet expresses its grave concern over the entry into force on 1 July 2026 of China's **“Ethnic Unity and Progress Law”**.

Despite its benign title, this law is a dangerous legal instrument that entrenches the Chinese government's policy of forced assimilation. It targets not only Tibetans, but also Uyghurs, Southern Mongolians and other ethnic nationalities, threatening their languages, cultures, religions and identities through compulsory Mandarin education, intensified surveillance, demographic engineering and ideological control.

The Central Tibetan Administration has warned that, for Tibetans, the law "acts as a death blow to the original constitutional promise of meaningful regional autonomy."

The law also has implications beyond China's borders. Article 63 provides a basis for the Chinese authorities to target individuals and organisations overseas alleged to have "undermined ethnic unity", raising serious concerns for Tibetans, human rights defenders, researchers, parliamentarians and others in the United Kingdom exercising their fundamental freedoms.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Tibet unequivocally condemns this law and calls on the UK Government to formally convey its opposition to the Chinese Government, reject the implementation of this legislation, work with international partners to resist transnational repression, and urge its repeal in line with international human rights standards and the values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

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