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Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my concern about the Tibetan prisoner of conscience

Jigme Gyatso, a native of district Kershul, province Gansu, who was detained on 30 March 1996 and sentenced to 15 years. Later on his sentence was increased to 18 years. Jigme Gyatso is currently serving his sentence in Chushul Prison (Quhui), on the outskirts of Lhasa city.

There are reports that **Jigme Gyatso** has been severely tortured while in detention and kept in solitary confinement for more than a year. Due to torture he suffered a leg injury and had to be hospitalized. Nowadays he is in a very precarious state of health and we fear for his life. We therefore call for his immediate release on medical parole or to give him a chance to receive proper medical treatment in line with international human rights standards on the treatment of prisoners. It is believed that he is being held in isolation from other prisoners and he has been denied his right to family visits on three occasions in the last few months.

We express our deepest concern at the continued imprisonment of seriously ill **Jigme Gyatso** and urge your government to order his immediate release on compassionate health grounds.

During his visit to Tibet in 2005 the UN rapporteur on torture Dr Nowak listed a number of serious shortcomings in China's efforts to control torture, including the lack of an independent monitoring mechanism of all places of detention, and a functional complaints mechanism. We ask for clear commitments from China concerning their proposals to address torture. Specifically to consistently outlaw the use of torture to extract 'confessions' from detainees.

We also ask China to properly implement the Convention against Torture, which it ratified in 1988, and to withdraw its reservations to the Convention. China should also sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (CAT) which allows unannounced visits by independent investigators to prisons and other institutions of concern. China should especially allow all UN Special Representatives and Working Groups unhindered access to Tibet to investigate human rights concerns.

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