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Your Excellency,

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According to media reports, a Japanese journalist Yoichi Shimatsu had at a conference at Qinghua University in Beijing stated that His Eminence Panchen Rinpoche Gedhun Choekyi Nyima had died of cancer some years ago, which is in total contradiction to your government's stated position that all is well with the Panchen Rinpoche.

We are deeply concerned and worried about the statement if it is true. Therefore we call on you to make it clear to the whole world whether Panchen Rinpoche Gedhun Choekyi Nyima is still alive or not and if he is alive, details of his well being and whereabouts should be made public without delay.

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