



International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPaT)

Mandate: The 5th World Parliamentarians Convention on Tibet (WPCT), held in Rome on the 18th and 19th of November 2009, resolved to form a network of parliamentarians for Tibet to facilitate coordination among parliamentarians and parliamentary groups in order to effectively advance Tibet issues in a concerted manner. Notwithstanding the above, individual parliamentarians or parliamentary groups should initiate action plans conducive to their political environment.

INPaT Working Group:

The names of six parliamentarians were proposed and unanimously approved by vote of the attending parliamentarians at the 5th WPCT to serve as the INPaT Working Group.

1. Hon. Matteo Meccaci, Italy
2. Hon. Consiglio Di Nino, Canada
3. Hon. Thomas Mann, European Parliament
4. Hon. Birgitta Jonstidr, Iceland
5. Hon. Takam Sanjoy, India
6. Hon Peter Slipper, Australia

Term of the Working Group:

The term of the Working Group members shall be until the 6th World Parliamentarians' Convention on Tibet.

In the event of a vacancy in the Working Group, the parliamentary group/individual members of that country will designate another sitting member of parliament in his/her place.

Co-Chairs of the Working Group:

The Working Group members shall elect/nominate two Co-Chairs responsible for coordination of the INPaT for one year.

Working Group meetings:

The Co-chairs shall call meetings of the Working Group (at least once a year). The Speakers of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile shall represent the Tibetans in such meetings. The Co-chairs shall have the discretion to invite any additional person/s to the Working Group meetings.

All major decisions of the Working Group shall be communicated to the Tibetan Parliament in Exile, the Kalon Tripa and the Kalon for Information and International Relations of the Central Tibetan Administration.

The Working Group shall additionally maintain communication with the Special Envoy and Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Tibetan Parliament and the Tibetan Cabinet shall maintain communication with the INPaT directly or through designated representatives.

Mission:

1. The INPaT shall implement the action plan specified in the resolution adopted by the 5th WPCT.
2. The INPaT Working Group shall develop and coordinate the implementation of a near-term action plan to advance Tibet issues internationally in consideration of the current situation in Tibet and the priorities of the Central Tibetan Administration.
3. The INPaT shall periodically update through the Secretariat other members of parliament on developments in Tibet, China and internationally that have bearing on the cause of Tibet.
4. The INPaT shall consider national and multi-national platforms where Tibet issues should be raised and discussed.
5. The INPaT Working Group, in consultation with the Tibetan Parliament in Exile, shall decide on the dates, venue and possible organizing partners for the 6th WPCT.
6. The INPaT Working Group shall find funding to facilitate its meetings and other necessary expenses.
7. The INPaT Working Group shall have oversight of the functions of the Secretariat.

Secretariat of the International Network of Parliamentarians for Tibet

Mandate: The Declaration of the 5th WPCT provided for the INPaT to identify a Secretariat, in consultation with the Tibetan Parliament in Exile. The INPaT and the Standing Committee of Tibetan Parliament have identified the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) for this purpose, as ICT is a non-governmental organization with demonstrated international capacity and competency in government advocacy for Tibet.

In particular, the ICT Europe office in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, will serve as the operational base of the Secretariat, under the supervision of Ms. Tsering Jampa, the Executive Director of ICT Europe. Ms. Jampa will additionally coordinate the work of the Secretariat by ICT staff in Berlin, Brussels, London, and Washington, D.C.

Functions of the Secretariat:

Functions of the Secretariat are as follows:

1. The Secretariat shall support the INPaT at an operational level.
2. The Secretariat shall have no fiduciary responsibility for the INPaT.
3. The Secretariat, on the instruction of the Working Group, shall assist in coordinating the implementation of action plans, disseminating the decisions of the Working Group, updating the INPaT on developments in Tibet, China and internationally, and on parliamentary initiatives for Tibet.
4. The Secretariat may propose to the Working Group actions for consideration by the INPaT to make full use of emerging opportunities for advancing Tibet issues.
5. The Secretariat shall assist the INPaT in requesting governments, NGOs and other multinational bodies to examine issues related to human rights, environment, security, economy, geopolitics and other issues relevant to Tibet.
6. The Secretariat may propose to the Working Group INPaT support for programs to provide assistance to Tibetan communities in and out of Tibet.
7. The Secretariat shall assist the INPaT in organizing national or multinational parliamentary delegations to visit Tibet for determining the real situation inside Tibet.