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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **INPaT To Launch Parliamentarians' Petition on Tibet Campaign**

On 8 November 2012, the International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPaT) will launch a global "Parliamentarians' Petition on Tibet" which is addressed to the President of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The Petition which will collect signatures from parliamentarians in democratic countries expresses alarm at the escalating situation of persistent violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Tibetan people, including deep concerns over the extreme action of self-immolations by Tibetans, mainly monks, to demonstrate in defence of their rights.

The Petition among other things calls upon the Chinese leadership to:

- Grant the Tibetans the maximum degree of self-governance as outlined in the "Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People" in line with the Chinese Constitution;
- End the suppression of peaceful protests in Tibet, including the cycle of arbitrary detentions and enforced disappearances of Tibetans, including human rights defenders;
- Respect the inalienable human rights of the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association and the freedom of movement of the Tibetan people and elsewhere in China;
- Provide access for independent observers, including parliamentarians and the foreign media to ascertain the prevailing situation faced by the Tibetan people;
- Receive the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to conduct a fact-finding mission as invited; and,
- Resume the Sino-Tibetan talks as a priority.

The Petition remains deeply concerned that no independent observers, including United Nations human rights experts and the foreign media are being

allowed to Tibet.

During this campaign, INPaT Working Group members will visit regions to request parliamentarians to initiate action on Tibet at their national parliaments wherever appropriate and at regional avenues like the European Parliament.

The Petition will be submitted to the Chinese leadership on 10 March, 2013, a day on which Tibetans commemorate the Tibetan National Uprising Day.

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*Note:*

-- 133 Members from 33 worldwide Parliaments who took part in the 5th World Parliamentarians' Convention on Tibet (18/19 November 2009, Rome) adopted the "Rome Declaration on Tibet" which constituted the International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet (INPaT).