

The 2nd European Tibetan Congress Resolution

PREAMBLE

The Second European Tibetan Congress, 16th and 17th October, 2010, Salle des Fêtes à la Mairie du 11^{ème} arrondissement de Paris

ETC is a biennial general assembly of all the Tibetan Communities in Europe which is held with the prime objective of preserving and promoting the unique Tibetan cultural heritage.

The mission is to educate Tibetans in Europe; the culture of Democracy and the Rule of Law, encouraging them to integrate to the society of their respective country of residency:

It recalls the first European Tibetan Congress held in Basel, Switzerland ; the resolutions and the action Programmes.

SECTION I: POLITICAL STATEMENT

Article 1.1 (*Unanimous decision*)

Tibetan delegates from 12 European countries unanimously proclaim, recognise and reaffirm that the **democratic Tibetan Government in Exile led by His Holiness the IVth Dalai Lama of Tibet is the sole legitimate government of Tibetan People.**

The congress express its strong continuous commitment to follow the Exile Government leadership based on **principles of democracy.**

Article 1.2 (*Unanimous decision*)

ETC reasserts its support to the **Middle Way Policy** initiated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and enacted by the Parliament in Exile; Recognises it as the most practical Policy. Genuine autonomy is for the mutual benefit of Tibetans in all the three Provinces of Tibet and the Chinese people.

Article 1.2 (*Unanimous decision*)

The congress extends its solidarity and reaffirms its support to the Tibetans living inside Tibet for their **non-violent struggle** against Chinese rule in Tibet.

Article 1.3 (*Unanimous decision*)

The **principal adversary of the Tibetan People** in and outside Tibet is the Chinese Government's segregation policy based on Han Chauvinist ideology; endless repression against Tibetans and its colonial economic exploitation of Tibet for the last 51 years.

Article 1.4 (*Unanimous decision*)

The situation in Tibet is **continuously deteriorating** due to the rule imposed by the Chinese authority. Therefore , Tibetans must focus on strengthening unity and integrity among them, challenging the repressive policies with the strong spirit and determination and action.

Article 1.5 (*Majority decision*)

ETC regrets that a handful of Tibetans in the name of democracy create **misunderstandings and misconceptions** in the exile Tibetan society ; proposing a so-called alternative between the «Leadership of His Holiness the Dalai Lama» and «Democracy».

Article 1.6 (*Unanimous decision*)

In the context of Chinese government attempts to infiltrate the Tibetan diaspora; adopting the divide and rule Policy; creating division between the Tibetan Government and its people. and among the Tibetans. ETC **condemns those Tibetans who attend the events organised by the Chinese Embassies for their propoganda purposes.**

SECTION 2: EDUCATION

Article 2.1 (Unanimous decision)

With a vision to provide well organised **Tibetan language courses** to the new generation of Tibetans in Europe, the Presidents, counsellors or Teachers concerned of the various Tibetan Communities to meet and discuss.

Article 2.2 (Unanimous decision)

Developing the Educative Programme and to organise **cultural and literary competitions** within two years.

Article 2.3 (Unanimous decision)

Organise workshops during school holidays in Europe. **Summer camps** to focus on development of Tibetan culture and values among the new generation of Tibetans born and brought up in Europe.

Article 2.4 (Unanimous decision)

In collaboration and with the support of the Tibetan Buddhist Centres, Tibetan Communities to organise **introductory courses** on Buddhist Philosophy , debates, seminars etc.

SECTION 3: FINANCE ORGANIZATION

Article 3.1 (Unanimous decision)

Tibetan communities should **collect membership fee** from its members.

Article 3.2 (Unanimous decision)

Inform members about **community bank account number** to make it easier to pay the community membership fee.

Article 3.3 (Unanimous decision)

Tibetan Communities should prepare **project proposals** to seek funding from local government.

Article 3.4 (Unanimous decision)

Each community **pay EUR 1 per tibetan** living in that community/country.

Article 3.5 (Majority decision)

Each and every Tibetan living in Europe contribute one Euro a year as a support to the Finance department of the Central Tibetan Administration. If the **Finance Department inform the Tibetans in Europe about the project where the fund was used**, the Tibetans in Europe would highly appreciate it, and this would help encourage to contribute continuously over the following years.

Article 3.6 (Unanimous decision)

Tibetan communities should participate in **local events** for fundraising.

Article 3.7 (Unanimous decision)

Dedicate the profits of one of the events during the year to CTA.

SECTION 4: GREEN BOOK

Article 4.1 (Unanimous decision)

Tibetan communities in cooperation with the Office of Tibet strive to **increase the number of Green book contributors**.

Article 4.2 (Unanimous decision)

CTA should **simplify the process of Green book registration** and provide solutions for the currently existing problems.

Article 4.3 (Unanimous decision)

Community presidents should take the responsibility to **inform about the CTA budget and expenses**. This help the members to understand where the Green book contribution goes.

Article 4.4 (Unanimous decision)

Use community events to remind the community members about **who has not paid the Green book contributions**.

SECTION 5: COOPERATION

Article 5.1 (Unanimous decision)

For better cooperation, arrange **monthly Tibetan community Presidents' meeting** through Skype. This is based on experience of the 2nd ETC Organizing Committee.

Article 5.2 (Unanimous decision)

The Tibetan Communities in Europe in coordination with the Office of Tibet in Brussels and the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) to launch a **Tibet Lobby day (to be held in 2011)**, directed towards the European Union. This can be arranged at the same time as the the Community Presidential meeting every two years to save time and costs. This initiative aims to highlight the issue of Tibet within the European Union institutions and the international community in general.

Article 5.3 (Unanimous decision)

Arrange European Tibetan **Summer camp** for youth and children on yearly or two-yearly rotating basis, or to arrange by each community for themselves.

Article 5.4 (Majority decision)

Urge all tibetan communities to elect executive members for a mandate of **three years term**.

SECTION 6: POLITICAL

Article 6.1 (Unanimous decision)

Tibetan communities and Office of Tibet (Brussel), together with International Campaign for Tibet will seek support from **European Parliamentarian** friends.

Article 6.2 (Unanimous decision)

To continue uniting all Tibetans in a strategic important European city for a **common 10. March** demonstration every two year.

Article 6.3 (Unanimous decision)

To build better **relationship with Chinese community** by establishing Chinese-Tibetan community friendship network. Method to establish this association could include such as cultural exchange events etc.

Article 6.4 (Unanimous decision)

To organise a **Candle Light vigil** as the closing ceremony of the future 3rd ETC together with the local tibetan community.

Note: Where the english translation should have discrepancies with the tibetan version, the Tibetan version is the reference.