



PETITION TO STOP THE EXECUTIONS OF LOBSANG GYALTSEN AND LOYAK

Dear Minister Wu Aiying:

On April 8th, 2009 the Chinese government sentenced Lobsang Gyaltzen and Loyak to death for their alleged involvement in the March 2008 protests in Lhasa, Tibet. A number of other Tibetans have also received harsh prison sentences, including: Tenzin Phuntsok and Kangtsuk (sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve), Dawa Sangpo (life imprisonment), and three Tibetan women in their early twenties - Penkyi (death sentence with a two-year reprieve), Penkyi (life imprisonment), and Chime Lhamo (10 years' imprisonment).

Chinese authorities routinely deny Tibetans their basic legal rights, and these trials were not conducted in accordance with international judicial standards. The Chinese government has responded to last year's protests with extreme violence, and these convictions are part of a widespread campaign to punish and intimidate Tibetans who dare to speak out against Chinese rule.

Therefore...We, the undersigned, call on the Chinese government to immediately halt the executions of Lobsang Gyaltzen and Loyak. We further call for an independent inquiry into the cases of all Tibetans convicted in connection with last year's protests.

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