



RESOLUTION OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN TIBETAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT (ETYP)

The first European Tibetan Youth Parliament (ETYP) was held under the motto „We are Tibet“ in Zurich, Switzerland, from April 9-11, 2010. 122 Youth Parliamentarians, aged between 16-40 years, from 11 different European countries attended this unique gathering.

The aims of the first ETYP are to perceive the positions among young Tibetans in Europe and to find common grounds to develop new effective measures for the Tibet movement and to strengthen the network for European-wide coordinated actions.

Based on these aims the first ETYP has reached the following common positions:

1. Democratisation

The first ETYP:

- advocates the introduction of an upper and lower house, the upper house being the current parliament without the representatives of the Buddhist schools and Bon tradition and by reducing the number of the Parliamentarians and the lower house being based on political parties, population and residency.
- advocates the strengthening of the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall simplify and facilitate the registration process for the Green Book. They shall also improve communication and enhance the amount of information given about the election process.
- requests future candidates of the Elections in 2011 to hold election campaigns via the internet.
- advocates the implementation of more political education for youth in local communities.

2. Activism & Resistance

The first ETYP:

- regarding our resistance movement, still believes in the principle of non-violence.
- stands in solidarity with the individual who decides by himself to perform a hunger strike but does not encourage the initiation of it.
- considers conventional methods of protest, such as demonstrations, petitions, vigils and lobbying as effective ways to pursue our goals.



- recommends obtaining permits for protest actions in general. Only if permits are not granted for reasons that are unacceptable, we accept protest actions without permits.
- considers boycotts as an ineffective measure with which to apply pressure on the Chinese government.
- approves of the continuation of the dialogue with the Chinese Government only if the following preconditions are fulfilled:
 - A third party observer is admitted to the dialogue process.
 - The venue of the talks should be outside the PRC.
 - The Chinese side has acknowledged that there is a Tibetan issue.
- considers the preservation of Tibetan culture as highly important and therefore asks all Tibetans to wear Tibetan dress and speak Tibetan during Tibetan events and protest actions.
- advocates the cooperation of Tibetan NGOs in Europe with non-Tibetan organisations, to create a synergy effect and to spread awareness of the Tibetan issue through other organisations such as environmental organisations.
- recommends the establishment of an activist network within the next 3 years. The purpose of this network is to train activists, coordinate non-violent direct actions internationally and to support detained activists. At a later stage, it should support activists inside Tibet as well.

3. Secularisation

The first ETYP:

- supports the secularisation process in the Tibetan society but with regard to the political situation of Tibet, we Tibetans have to retain the importance of religion in our society in order to preserve our cultural identity. Nevertheless we Tibetans should work on fostering the secularisation process in the Tibetan society. Political decisions should be based on evidence and facts and every Tibetan should be aware of his or her individual responsibility.
- advocates the amendment in the Charter of Tibetans in Exile (constitution) regarding the removal of the reserved seats for the Tibetan Buddhist sects. As a consequence, the dual voting right of monks and nuns is to be abolished.



4. Relation CTA – Tibetan Youth

The first ETYP encourages the CTA to ensure highly qualified CTA employees who can interact successfully with today's youth on an equal level to achieve the following goals:

- recruitment of CTA employees being based on motivation and qualifications. Furthermore, relaxed language restrictions for highly qualified applicants. Nepotism must be avoided at all costs.
- a youth internship program for offices of Tibet in Europe by improving the cooperation of the CTA with the Tibetan youth in Europe.

5. Young Tibetans in Europe

The first ETYP:

- advocates the initiation of a second European Tibetan Youth Parliament.
- advocates the founding of new TYAE branches in other European countries where needed, and the collaboration with existing local Tibetan youth organisations.
- advocates the organisation of European-wide events to bring young Tibetans in Europe together in order to overcome linguistic and geographical barriers.