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His Excellency Hu Jintao  
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Your Excellency,

We write to you once again about Dolma Kyab (aka Lobsang Kelsang Gyatso), who is serving a ten-year prison sentence in the Tibet Autonomous Region for his writings. We are deeply concerned to hear that his health has deteriorated and we seek your assurance that he is receiving all necessary medical care.

Sydney PEN, part of International PEN, a non-political, nongovernmental organisation in formal consultative relations with UNESCO, exists to support literature and defend freedom of expression. We continue to believe Dolma Kyab is wrongly imprisoned and call for his immediate and unconditional release in accordance with Article 19 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

According to reports we've received, Dolma Kyab was charged with "endangering state security", and this charge is related to his writings – both a manuscript entitled *The Himalayas in Turmoil (Saodong de Ximalayashan)*, which explores issues of democracy, the sovereignty of Tibet, Tibet under communism, colonialism, and religion, and another manuscript on geographical aspects of Tibet, which includes such sensitive topics as the location and number of Chinese military camps in the TAR. We understand that in July of this year, he was transferred to Seilong (Xining) prison, 400 kilometres from Lhasa, where he is serving the remainder of his sentence.

We have enclosed our previous letter about Dolma Kyab and urge you to take the steps necessary to ensure his speedy release.

Yours truly,

Chip Rolley  
On behalf of Sydney PEN

cc: Procurator General Mr Jia Chunwang  
Dr Geoff Raby, Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

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