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Your Excellency,

The International Federation of ACAT, which has consultative status with the United Nations, has informed me of the continued detention of Lama Tenzin Delek Rinpoche.

The Xinhua agency alerted us on 26 January to the situation of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche. This Tibetan lama who was sentenced to death on 2 December 2002, and whose case sparked off a massive international protest, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment by the High Court in Sichuan, which also deprived him of his political rights for life.

The court maintains that he had confessed to the crime during his appeal. However, we deplore the fact that the two Chinese lawyers from Beijing who were engaged on this occasion were refused access to his dossier. Moreover, Tenzin Delek Rinpoche protested his innocence during the trial and also in a statement broadcast by Radio Free Asia.

Furthermore, we are very concerned for the health of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, who suffers from high blood pressure and heart disease, and we are also concerned that it is impossible to visit him.

We are therefore asking you to release Tenzin Delek Rinpoche.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my request.

With respect,

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