PETITION FOR THE RELEASE OF DHONDUP WANGCHEN

Dear Minister Wu Aiying:

Dhondup Wangchen has been detained and imprisoned by Chinese authorities for filming interviews with Tibetans. Both Dhondup Wangchen and his cameraman Jigme Gyatso were detained in late March 2008 in Siling in eastern Tibet (Ch: Xining, Qinghai Province). Dhondup Wangchen is reportedly being held without charge at Ershilipu Detention Center in Xining Kachu town (Ch: Linxia, Gansu Province) and Jigme Gyatso was released "temporarily" in October 2008.

Jigme Gyatso was beaten and tortured before being released from detention in October 2008. Dhondup Wangchen and Jigme Gyatso are not guilty of any crime. They simply documented the opinions of a variety of Tibetans, exercising the right to freedom of speech recognized by Premier Wen and enshrined in international law.

Therefore…We, the undersigned, call on you to immediately release Dhondup Wangchen and drop all charges against Jigme Gyatso.

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