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Call on the five governments who attempted to observe Tashi’s trial - the EU, US, UK, Germany and Canada - and urge them to press China for Tashi Wangchuk’s immediate and unconditional release.

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