



Dear Fellow Tibetans in Europe

Over the past weeks and months, I have been repeatedly asked by concerned people if I am prepared to run again for the Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE). My answer is: Yes, I feel very excited about this and ask you to **nominate me** and support me in the pre-elections (18 October 2015).

I have been in office for only 12 months. This is actually not enough time to do a review. Nevertheless, I can state that I have been able to quickly find my way into the Tibetan Parliament in Exile. I travelled to seven European countries and met hundreds of people, took part in over 30 official events and interacted with wonderful people.

Together with my colleague Thubten Wangchen la, I have been able to initiate in Dharamsala, as well as in Europe, some very concrete projects and also to see some positive outcomes – such

as the March Rally in Paris, sensibilisation for asylum seekers’ problems or a better handling of the Green Book – that will be of importance for Tibet and the Tibetans in Europe.

There are some issues and projects that pre-occupied me a lot in the past 12 months and that I would love to work on:

- Build up political support for Tibet in Europe
- Strengthen the liberal principles in our democracy & community
- Provide practical inputs for the security of H.H. the Dalai Lama’s visits
- Evaluate systematically the Tibet China policy
- Encourage community centers for Tibetans in Europe.

Check my website for more detailed ideas.

Your support and the hopes of the Tibetans in Tibet for a better future motivate me to struggle with all my energy for the Freedom of Tibet. A start has been made. I would be very happy if you could lend me your support and trust for the continuation of my work.

For Tibet’s Freedom!

Wangpo Tethong

Jona, 22 July 2015

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### Achievements for Tibet

- Coordinator & founding member of international Tibet Olympic Campaign 2001 to 2008
- First protest by an exile Tibetan on Tiananmen/Beijing in 2006
- Founding member of ICT Germany, 2004
- Founding member of Filming for Tibet, 2008  
Founding member of Tibet Film Festival, 2009
- Executive Coordinator of three successful political rallies with His Holiness the Dalai Lama (2008 Berlin, 2010 Zurich and 2012 Vienna)
- Founding member of Lamtön (counselling for Tibetan asylum seeker in Switzerland), 2004
- Founding member of Radio Free Tibet, 1990
- Founding member of STAFT (Students Group for Tibet at Zurich Univesity, 1993)
- Organizer of first ever Tibetan election debate, in Winterthur/Switzerland in 1991
- Founding member of Kharikhatuk Debate Group, 1989
- Founding member of Aktion Ladakh, 1982

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# A Life for Tibet

Born on 16. April 1963, Trogen, Switzerland, History Masters degree from the Phil. Departement I, University of Zurich, Working now as consultant for public affairs, research, communication and film productions, married, two children. Former spokesperson for Greenpeace, Green Party and senior consultant at Campaignforum Ltd., Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile since 2014

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## Board Member and Activist, Filming for Tibet since 2008

Founding member of Filming for Tibet. Responsible for search of fundings, production, post-production and distribution of "Leaving Fear Behind" a film by Dhondup Wangchen. Responsible for advocacy work related to imprisoned Dhondup Wangchen and Golog Jigme, including contacts to Amnesty International, Committee to Protect Journalists, etc.



Scene from "Leaving Fear Behind"

## National Olympic Committee of Tibet (NOC Tibet), President, Board Member and Activist, 2006-2008

Founding member of NOC Tibet. Membership application to IOC and launching a team of Tibetan athletes for the Olympics in Beijing. Managed all negotiations with IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland. Managed lobby work, including a presentation in the European Parliament and achieving a resolution for Team Tibet.

## International Tibet Support Network (ITSN), Board Member and Chair of Olympics Working Group



Press conference in front of the IOC in Lausanne/Switzerland

2004-2007 In charge of the strategy process that led to the Beijing 2008 campaign of the International Support. Presenting and launching of the campaign at the meeting of the International Support Groups in 2007 in Bruxelles. Participant of the first protest of a Tibetan (Exile) on Tianamen in Beijing launching ITSN's Olympic campaign for 2008.

## Swiss Tibetan Friendship Association (Gesellschaft Schweizerisch-Tibetische Freundschaft GSTF), President and Board Member, 2002-2004

Responsible for organizational process to professionalize the organisation. Author of the strategy paper that led to internal reform. Responsible for hiring the executive director of GSTF. Introduction of new forms of campaigning methods.



**International Campaign for Tibet Germany, Board member, 2003-2005** The only Tibetan board member. Responsible to overlook the work of the executive director of ICT Germany.

**Young Tibet – Junges Tibet – Bhodshon, Editor, 1987-1994** Bi-lingual magazin (Tibetan/German) of the Tibetan Youth Association Europe, TYAE.

**Tibetan Youth Association Europe (TYAE), President and board member, 1987-1989**

One of the achievements I am most proud of is the tour of Tibetan youngsters through Europe that led us into the City Halls of many major European cities where we performed Tibetan songs and dances. In Switzerland: Help launching parliamentary group for Tibet.

**Volunteer for Tibet Office Zurich, 1985 to 1989**

Setting up Database, mailing and applying visa for Tibetans travelling to India.



Tibet Debate in Swiss Television, 2008

**Radio Free Tibet, Editor and Producer, 1989**

First not-government sponsored Tibetan Exile radio programme (Tibetan/Chinese). After few months, radio ship blocked by Chinese navy.

**Aktion Ladakh – Help for TCV project in Ladakh/Choklam-sar, 1982/83**

Participation in an one-year-fundraising-tour by young Tibetan students from Trogen/Switzerland