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At the IUSY World Congress Paraguay in 2012, IUSY World Council Germany 2013 and IUSY World Council Meeting 2017 resolutions reasserting and reaffirming support for an Independent Tibet and condemning the illegal occupation of Tibet were adopted.

Since the People’s Republic of China’s illegal occupation of Tibet in 1949, the Communist Party has enforced a series of campaigns and policies to systematically stifle Tibetan culture, language, identity, and spiritual traditions and destroy Tibet’s fragile environment. Tibet today faces a life and death struggle. Over 1.2 million Tibetans have lost their lives and Tibetans in Tibet today continue to be oppressed and discriminated through various policies designed to marginalize the Tibetan people and wipe out our religion and culture.

Reports have confirmed 156 Tibetans have self-immolated since February 27, 2009 inside Tibet. While 124 of them are known to have died; whereabouts and the conditions of others remain unknown. Thousands of Tibetans peacefully rallying on the streets of Tibet are mercilessly shot with automatic weapons, ruthlessly beaten with spiked batons or were later arbitrarily sent to prison to be tortured.
The government of China’s response has been heavy deployment of police and armed forces, the disproportionate use of force in the suppression of peaceful protests include opening fire on Tibetan protesters, barring Tibetans from attending funerals of the self-immolators, vilifying the self-immolators as “terrorists”, “thieves” and “disgruntled lovers”, resorting to corrupt practices of luring family members, informants and friends with money, launching a widespread campaign to criminalize the self-immolations and blame the Dalai Lama, the exile leadership and the Tibetan Youth Congress for the crisis thereby further exacerbating the situation.

The current situation in Tibet is extremely grim. In over sixty years of the illegal occupation of Tibet, we could perhaps state that this is the ‘darkest period’ in the history of the nation. The hardline polices introduced by the Chinese government while ignoring cries of freedom, have left no choice to Tibetans but to resort to actions like self-immolations.

The issues at stake here at freedom, independence, human rights, justice and equality. The world and we at IUSY must not and cannot remain silent while Tibet is burning. Today we urge member of IUSY to stand with Tibet and demand the United Nations for concrete actions for the people of Tibet.

1. It is under such circumstances that the Tibetan Youth Congress; Recognizing the dire situation of the Tibetan people in Tibet call on the IUSY World Council to:

2. Issue a statement condemning China’s continued occupation and oppression of the Tibetan people leading to self-immolation and harassment of their relatives, friends and crackdown on citizen journalists and human rights defenders.

3. Reassert/Reaffirm its support for an independent Tibet and condemn the illegal occupation of Tibet.

4. Demand the government of China to allow UN experts or independent international agencies or governments to visit Tibet to assess the situation.

5. Demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners
6. Demand to know about the whereabouts of the Panchen Rinpoche, Gedun Choekyi Nyima who the government of China has abducted since he was a mere six-year old in 1996.

7. Urge UN for a Special Session on Tibet.
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