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Your Excellency,

We are writing on behalf of more than 150 Tibet-related non-governmental organizations from around the world, to express our grave concerns regarding the treatment of Tibetans attempting to take part in peaceful protests in Nepal. It is our understanding that Nepal police have consistently, and with excess force, suppressed peaceful protests by exiled Tibetans, who are merely attempting to express their deep anxiety about human rights violations in Tibet.

We understand that in the period since 10 March, the Nepal police have:

- * detained without justification more than 1,500 people, including many preemptively, in an attempt to prevent protests from taking place.
- * used lathis and tear gas and handled protestors with excessive force, resulting in numerous injuries. Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have said that direct interviews with detainees suggest a pattern of delayed and limited medical treatment, and have reported beatings in Boudha and Singha Durba police stations.
- * restricted freedom of movement of Tibetans in parts of Kathmandu; this especially applies to monks and nuns.

Furthermore, your government has threatened to deport Tibetans who engage in protest. As we and many governments have pointed out on a number of occasions in the past, this places the individuals concerned in extreme danger of torture and imprisonment by China. As a state party to Convention Against Torture, Nepal should respect Article 3 of the Convention, which prohibits any deportation to a country, where an individual faces a danger of torture.

Your foreign Ministry spokesman, Hira Bahadur Thapa, told the Italian Inter Press Service on 2 April that Nepal "cannot allow the use of Nepali land to activities detrimental to the interests of China." Nepal may be responding to pressure from China to restrict peaceful protests by Tibetans, but it risks the condemnation of the rest of the world for its failure to allow Tibetans the right to freedom of expression, and brutal suppression of peaceful protests.

Yours sincerely,

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