



**Anniversary of Tibetan Uprising Day:
“March 10: Out of Exile, Into the Streets!”**

Human Rights in China (HRIC) Statement
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Human Rights in China (HRIC) is very honored to support this call to action for Tibetans around the world. We stand with you in the struggle for the survival of Tibetan culture, religion, and community, and the return of Tibetans to your homeland.

Despite international pressures, we continued to witness atrocities throughout the past year—like the shooting of a young Tibetan nun at Nangpa La Pass in September 2006, and the subsequent detention and torture of her fellow travelers. There is ongoing and systematic discrimination in political participation, economic development, and expressions of cultural identity. Although there have been some releases of prominent political prisoners, over 110 Tibetan prisoners of conscience remain in Chinese custody, demonstrating China’s continued disregard for civil and political freedom.

The current abuses of human rights in Tibet by the PRC government call for much more serious and effective intervention by the international community. Your efforts and presence here, and that of Tibetans around the world today, are making it loud and clear that China must be accountable for human rights violations. Your passion and commitment to the Tibetan cause serves as an example to human rights activists worldwide.

In our work promoting human rights, we are inspired by your dedication, and have learned so much from our cooperation with Tibetan activists, NGOs, and student groups. By gathering here today, we not only pay tribute to the tens of thousands who have given their lives, but also to commit to the ongoing struggle.

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