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TIBETAN PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE

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This short report on proceedings of the parliament is sent to the leaders of Tibetan Communities in Europe for the kind information of all Tibetans living in their respective countries.

The first session of the 14th Tibetan Parliament-in-exile (TPIE) was held from 30th May to 2nd June 2006. The 14th Tibetan Parliament-in-exile has 43 deputies representing Tibetans from 3 provinces (Cholkhasum), 5 religious traditions (Bonpo, Nyingma, Sakya, Kagyue, Gelug), Europe and North America. After taking oath of office, the deputies have elected the chairperson and vice chairperson of the parliament.

The Parliamentary Secretariat distributed 17 documents concerning the statement of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, ordinance, legal affairs and motions. The parliament debated on these documents and passed resolutions.

1. In His statement His Holiness the Dalai Lama greeted the deputies and asked the older and younger deputies to put their experiences and modern knowledge together in preserving and enhancing our culture and cause without sectarian feelings to instil a very stable democratic system within Tibetan society. He said everybody should support the efforts of dialogue for resolution of Tibet Question based on His "Middle Way Approach" policy for the mutual benefit of Tibetan and Chinese peoples.
2. Debate on Ordinance resulted not to amend procedure of oath of office of chairperson and vice chairperson as enshrined in the Charter of Tibetans in exile.
3. The deputies will take oath of office in front Interim Chairperson who should be eldest deputy of the house.
4. Amended Public Service Commission Rules concerning recruiting civil servants.
5. A thank you resolution for the statement of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
6. Since May 2006 the authorities of Tibet Autonomous Region and some Chinese leaders have stepped up criticism of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in the state media by issuing the baseless and derogatory criticism of His Holiness and spreading false information on the Tibetan Government in exile and Tibetans. The parliament passed a resolution asking the Central Tibetan Administration to retort the Chinese criticism.

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