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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to refer to the application of the NGO Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) seeking accreditation in the participatory process leading up to the Durban Review Conference.

The Government of the People's Republic of China has examined the information provided by TCHRD taking into account the relevant decision of the Preparatory Committee of the Durban Review Conference at its First Session held from 27 to 31 August 2007. In this respect, the Government of China would like to state the following:

- (i) In accordance to ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31, a NGO's programme and activities should be relevant to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process and it should be involved in the subject areas of the Conference. Tibetans are one of the 56 ethnic groups in China. All 56 ethnic groups belongs to the same Chinese family since ancient times. In this regard, the alleged mission by TCHRD as "promotion and protection of human rights of Tibetans in China" falls outside of the purview and subjects of the Durban Review Conference which is the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. The information provided by TCHRD does not demonstrate any solid link between its activities and the subjects of the Conference.
- (ii) The information provided by TCHRD proves TCHRD was established in

Dharamsala of North India, where the illegal "Exile Tibetan Government" exists. The information shows close interaction between TCHRD and the "Exile Government". In fact, TCHRD is founded and supported by the "Exile Government" and its members are those who are involved in seeking "Tibet Independence".

- (iii) TCHRD claims its mission as "promotion and protection of human rights of the Tibetans in China". However, its real mission is to seek "Tibet Independence" and to undermine the territorial integrity of China. When TCHRD attended various kinds of activities, it aimed at carrying out the propaganda of "Tibet Independence" instead of promoting and protecting human rights. In all these years since its establishment, TCHRD has not made any contribution to the development of Tibet Autonomous Region of China. Instead, the information shows TCHRD has closely cooperated with the illegal "Exile Government" to carry out separatist activities.
- (iv) Respect for the territorial and sovereign integrity of a UN Member State is the most fundamental principle enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. All States and other stakeholders including NGOs to the Durban Review Conference must uphold the principles and purposes of the UN Charter. However, the information clearly demonstrates that TCHRD, founded and supported by the illegal "Exile Government", has deeply involved in activities to separate the territory of China, which is a serious breach of the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.
- (v) Durban Review Conference is another cornerstone in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. All states and stakeholders including NGOs should join their efforts and contributes to the formulation of a roadmap for the noble cause of anti-racism in the coming years. However, the accreditation of TCHRD would only damage and jeopardize the whole process.

In view of the foregoing and after taking into account all aspects and information available, the Government of China is of the view that TCHRD does not meet the criteria spelt out in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31 and relevant decision of the Preparatory Committee, and it should not be granted accreditation.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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