ICT’s History and Mission

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For more than 30 years, ICT has served the vision of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the people of Tibet.

As the largest Tibet support group in the world, we help Tibetans in their peaceful struggle for democracy and human rights and seek to preserve Tibet’s ancient culture of wisdom.

Since 1988, ICT has fought to get the international community to take action for Tibet. We’ve worked with elected leaders and citizens throughout the world to provide political and humanitarian support for Tibetans. Through these efforts, we’ve helped pass groundbreaking laws like the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act and the Tibetan Policy Act.

ICT has supported the release and rehabilitation of Tibetans who were unjustly imprisoned for their political and religious beliefs. We’ve also provided programs to assist the Tibetan community, such as the Tibetan Youth Leadership Program and the Rowell Fund for Tibet.

Through our monitoring and reports, we’ve told the world the truth about human rights, environmental issues and political conditions in Tibet, which the Chinese government tries to hide. At the same time, we’ve reached out to Chinese people to build relationships, mutual understanding and trust.

Throughout our more than 30 years, ICT has made progress in promoting the cause of self-determination for the people of Tibet.

A 501(c)(3) organization, ICT has offices in Washington, DC, Amsterdam, Berlin and Brussels.

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