



INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

WHY TIBET?

Strategic Imperatives for International Peace and Security

The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) urges policymakers in the United States, Europe, Asia and elsewhere to prioritize Tibet amid China's growing challenge to international norms which have buttressed global peace and security for decades. China's expanding influence and disregard for international law and human rights threaten not only the freedoms of the Tibetan people but also geopolitical stability and environmental sustainability in the broader South Asia region. China leverages Tibet's location and exploits its vast economic resources precisely because of Beijing's systematic repression of the Tibetan people and its denial of their self-determination. Elevating Tibet as a critical issue is both a moral obligation and a strategic imperative to uphold international peace and security.

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Recommendations for the US and Likeminded Governments:

- 1 Promote Tibet as a zone of peace, as articulated in the Dalai Lama's Five Point Peace Plan;
- 2 Enhance cooperation with regional partners, specifically India;
- 3 Legally limit companies' investments in Chinese projects in Tibet that support militarization or exploit natural resources;
- 4 Recognize Chinese rule in Tibet as colonialism that threaten the survival of Tibet's unique civilization and heritage;
- 5 Implement existing legislation on Tibet, or introduce new legislation if none exists, that calls for diplomatic efforts on Tibetan religious freedom;
- 6 US policymakers: implement the *2024 Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act*;
- 7 Allocate assistance to the Central Tibetan Administration to protect and promote Tibetan language, religion, culture, and environment, helping to sustain Tibetan identity amidst Chinese Sinicization policies;
- 8 Support academic conferences and research that assess Tibet's strategic role in shaping the future security architecture of the region.

