



# Tweede Kamer

DER STATEN-GENERAAL

Den Haag, 29 oktober 2013

Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken**

Activiteit: **Bijzondere procedure**  
Datum: dinsdag 12 november 2013  
Tijd: 17.00 - 18.00 uur  
Openbaar/besloten: besloten

Onderwerp: Ontvangst vijf Tibetaanse Parlementariërs uit India

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Agendapunt: **Het lid Ten Broeke ontvangt in het kader van de bijzondere procedure vijf Tibetaanse parlementariërs uit India over de kritieke mensenrechtensituatie in Tibet (voor biografie zie bijlage)**

Het lid Ten Broeke nodigt u van harte uit hierbij aanwezig te zijn.

Zaak: Brief derden - International Campaign for Tibet Europe (ICT) te Amsterdam – 9 oktober 2013  
Verzoek ICT n.a.v. bezoek vijf Tibetaanse parlementariërs uit India om gesprek met vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken over de kritieke mensenrechtensituatie in Tibet d.d. 8 t/m 12 november 2013 - 2013Z19667

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# Biographies

## Delegation of Members of the Tibetan-Parliament-in-Exile *Visit to Europe – November 2013*

### **Speaker Penpa Tsering**

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### **Mrs. Dolma Tsering, Member**

She was born in 1956 at Dagne, Tibet, and currently lives in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India. After completing her teacher training course, she taught at the Central School for Tibetans, Kollegal, for 17 years, during which period she had served as the cultural secretary of the Regional Tibetan Youth Congress. From 1994 she taught at the Tibetan Children's Village school, Dharamsala. While teaching, she earned a bachelor's degree from IGNOU. She was felicitated by the Education Department of the TGiE and awarded a certificate for her 26 years of teaching service in the Tibetan community. She completed a one-year study in the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship. She served as the president of the 9th U-Tsang Central Executive Committee till 2007 and was re-elected, in 2008, as a president of 10th U-Tsang Central Executive Committee. She became a Deputy for the first time during the 13th ATPD. Got re-elected to 14th and 15th TPiE. Presently she is serving as the Standing Committee member of the 15th TPiE.

### **Ven. Geshe Atuk Tseten, Member**

He came to India from Tibet in 1991 and joined the Drepung Monastery in South India where he observed a monastic life and pursued Tibetan Buddhist Studies. His perseverance and academic excellence saw him rewarded with a "Geshe" degree i.e the equivalent of a conventional Ph.D. He presently serves as a Member of the Tibetan Parliament.

### **Dr. Khenrab Gyamtso, Member**

He was born in Amdo, Tibet. He had done his schooling from Tibet. In year 1991, he came into exile. From 1992 to 1996, he studied Tibetan Medicine at Tibetan Medical and Astrological Institute at Dharamsala, India and got the doctorate degree in 1997. From 1998 onwards, he had been working as a Tibetan Doctor at the Institute itself and during these times, he had officially travelled to Switzerland, France, Germany and United States of America.

He got elected as a member to the 15th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (TPiE) in year 2012 and presently he is serving as the Member of Standing Committee of the 15th TPiE;

**Thupten Wangchen, Member** (Based in Barcelona, Spain)

The Ven. Thupten Wangchen was born in 1954 in Tibet, in the village of kirong. He went to a school for Tibetan refugees in Dalhousie. At the age of sixteen decided to enter a monastery for more in-depth study of Buddhist philosophy. He managed to enter the Namgyal monastery in Dharamsala, northern India, and host city of Tibetan government in exile. He spent eleven years studying the Buddhist doctrine and its rituals, ceremonies, dances...

At the end of 1981 first came to Spain as translator for a Tibetan Lama. Subsequently has been organizing conferences, exhibitions and seminars on different areas of Tibetan culture. In 1989 and for three years was director of the "Lama project", a project of collecting video recording of the traditional teachings preserved by the elderly lamas, to ensure its continuity.

He decided to inaugurate a Cultural Center in Spain and the Tibet House, Barcelona was established with the aim of disseminating Tibetan culture and religion. In December 1994 H.H. the Dalai Lama inaugurated the headquarters of the Tibet House, which Thubten Wangchen is the President and its Director. In 2000, Tibet House became foundation with the aim of enhancing the dissemination and advocacy of Tibetan culture, Human rights and cooperation and solidarity with the Tibetan people in exile, especially in education programs and health.