

I am writing to express my deep concern that The Procuratorate resubmitted Mr. Tashi Wangchuk's case to the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture Intermediate People's Court in early January 2017. Mr. Tashi Wangchuk, formally arrested in March 2016 on suspicion of "inciting separatism", has been detained by Chinese authorities since 27 January 2016 and he could face 15 years in prison, if convicted of "inciting separatism".

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Mr. Tashi Wangchuk, who is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

I also urge you to ensure that he has regular, unrestricted access to his family and lawyers of his choice without delay, and is protected from torture or other-ill-treatment.

Sincerely yours