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TIBETAN PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE

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Shrimati Leila Kabirji,
S-114, Panchsheel Park
New Delhi

Dated : January 29, 2019

Dear Smt. Leila Kabirji and family members,

It is with great sadness that I am writing this letter in response to the sad demise of Former Defence Minister of India, late Hon. Shri George Fernandes, a true leader. I, on behalf of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile and Tibetans in and outside Tibet, would like to offer our deepest condolences to you and your family at this sorrowful moment.

Late Hon. George Fernandes had served ninth times in Lok Sabha and one time in Rajya Sabha as a Member of Parliament and also served at various important ministerial portfolios such as Defence, Railway, Union, Communications and Industry. Beside that, he was also a Journalist and an Agriculturist. He was a champion of civil rights, always raising his voice for the right of the needy and downtrodden people. For no doubt, India has lost a great leader and a fighter, leaving behind a big void in the Indian politics.

Tibetan people are eternally grateful for his strong and consistent support for the cause of Tibet since from 1959s. He continuously raised his voice for Tibetan cause in and outside the perimeter of Indian parliament. He was invited to Dharamsala several times and we were deeply honoured by his distinguished presence on the 48th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising Day on 10th March, 2007, with other Members of All Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet. Above that, he initiated the First World Parliamentarians' Convention on Tibet in 1994 held in New Delhi along with other Members of Indian Parliament.

He had a profound relationship with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Our deepest condolence to you, your entire family members and all his admirers. May you all get the strength to bear this irreparable loss. Our prayers are with you all.

With condolence,


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