



What can the Czech Republic and the European Union do to address the crisis in Tibet?

And why is its resolution in Europe's interest?

Monday 14 November 2022 - 10h00-15h30
Senate of the Czech Republic

A conference organised by the Czech Senate's Vice-Presidents Mrs. Jitka Seitlová and Mr. Jiří Oberfalzer in cooperation with the Friends of Tibet Group in the Senate and the International Campaign for Tibet, Czechs Support Tibet, Sinopsis and European Values Center for Security Policy

Programme

❖ Opening Session (10h00-10h30)

Moderator: Kateřina Procházková, journalist

- **Opening statement by Jiří Oberfalzer**, Vice-President of the Czech Senate
- **Welcome address by Přemysl Rabas**, Chairman of the Tibet support group in the Czech Senate
- **Welcome address by Jiří Kozák**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Welcome address by Marek Havrda**, Deputy Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Welcome address by Youdon Aukatsang**, Member of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

❖ Session 1: The situation in Tibet (10h30-11h15)

Moderator: Tomáš Etzler, journalist

- Overview of the human rights situation in Tibet
Thinlay Chukki, Representative of the Dalai Lama and the CTA for Central and Eastern Europe
- Freedom of religion in Tibet and the succession of Tibetan Lamas
Tenpa Yarphel, Member of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile
- The status of Tibet and international responsibility in resolving the Sino-Tibetan conflict
Michael van Walt van Praag, International Law professor



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Break (11h15-11h30)

❖ **Session 2: What can the European Union do to address the Tibetan crisis? (11h30-12h45)**

Moderator: *Kateřina Procházková, journalist*

- Why is it in Europe's interest to support Tibet?
Youdon Aukatsang, Member of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile
- The state and prospects of EU-China relations
Balázs Gargya, Policy Officer - China, European External Action Service
- The war in Ukraine: what impacts on EU foreign policy on China and Tibet?
David Plášek, Analyst, European Values Center for Security Policy
- The role of the European Parliament
Isabel Santos, Member of the European Parliament

Lunch (12h45-13h30)

❖ **Session 3: The international perspective and the prospects for cooperation and partnership with Tibetans in exile (13h30-14h45)**

Moderator: *Tomáš Etzler, journalist*

- Searching for options to resolve the Tibetan crisis: the role of liberal democracy
Pavel Fischer, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security
- Advancing human rights in Tibet: the importance of cooperation between like-minded states
Eva Decroix, Member of the Chamber of Deputies
- The UN Human Rights Council: a battleground for human rights in China and Tibet
Kai Müller, Head of the UN advocacy team and Executive Director, International Campaign for Tibet Germany
- Hong Kong and Tibet: what bridges and opportunities to advance human rights and democracy?
Samuel Chu, President, The Campaign for Hong Kong

❖ **Closing remarks (14h45-15h00)**

- **Closing remarks by Wangpo Tethong**, Executive Director, International Campaign for Tibet Europe
- **Closing remarks by Hayato Josef Okamura**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Tibet support group of the Czech Chamber of Deputies
- **Closing remarks by Jitka Seitlová**, Vice-President of the Czech Senate

❖ **Refreshments and informal talks (15h00-15h30)**

Venue: *Senate of the Czech Republic
Assembly Room, Wallenstein Palace, Reception entrance A
Valdštejnské náměstí 17/4, Prague*

This event will be livestreamed on the website of the Czech Senate

