

5th International Conference of Tibet Support Groups

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Mr the Master of Ceremony, Mr Marc Liègeois,

Mr President of Belgian Interparliamentary Group for Tibet, Mr Walter Muls,

Mr the Minister Vijai Singh Mankotia,

Dear Professors,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a real honour to be here today among you to inaugurate the fifth International Conference of Tibet Support Group which takes place in Brussels this year.

I wish you the best for your work, which I consider to be very important in the world's seek of peace.

I feel very concerned about what happens in Tibet and I know how hard His Holiness Dalai Lama's action is.

I had the honour to welcome His Holiness Dalai Lama last year, when he visited the Belgian Senate on June, 1st.

I feel sorry he hadn't been able to come this time, and I wish he will assist to the next International Conference.

As He Himself says, the virtue lies in the struggle not in the prize, and I think this illustrates well your philosophy.

I hope you all will have a great moment here, taking time to consider many subjects during your workshops and working groups, treating central issues as human rights, or sustainable development.

It is an exceptional opportunity for people from all over the world to discuss together those essential questions in this peaceful framework.

Buddhist's thoughts are very positive and bring us all real lessons of life, showing the good side of life and how to get happiness and hope.

Your vision of the world makes people see it more in love and peace than in hate and war.

As His Holiness says, "*Pleasant thoughts make pleasant lives*".

I look forward to host another event with you and His Holiness Dalai Lama another time in my country, and once again I wish you a splendid day today.