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Dear Madam/ Sir,

On behalf of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, I should like to refer to the report you submitted on the disappearance in China of:

-Mr. Lobsang Thokmey (case no. 10000734)

This case was transmitted by the Working Group to the Government of China, and the latter has provided the attached reply.

The Working Group would be grateful if you could inform the family concerned of these reply from the Government and communicate to the Group, as soon as possible, any observation or comment, or any queries on specific elements of the Government's reply that you or the relatives might wish to make thereon. **If no response requiring further consideration (for example contesting the information from the Government) is received by the Working Group from your organization and/or the families within a period of six months from the date of this letter, this case will be considered clarified, therefore no longer under the consideration of the Working Group.** Please contact the Working Group secretariat if you have any questions regarding this important matter (wgeid@ohchr.org; fax: 4122 917 9006).

I wish to emphasize that, in view of the purely humanitarian character of the Working Group's action, any information given to you on this matter is exclusively destined for the relatives of the reportedly disappeared person.

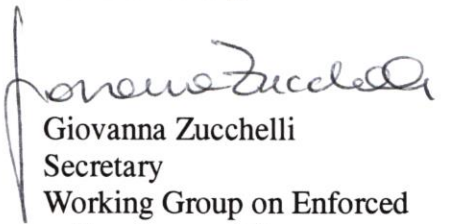
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I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Working Group will hold its 85th session at the United Nations Office at Buenos Aires in July 2008. All efforts will be made to process written information on situations of disappearances, or additional information presented for the Working Group's consideration at this session if it is received by 31 May 2008.

In conformity with its methods of work, requests may be made to have a meeting with the Working Group during the first three days of its next session, to discuss outstanding cases you have submitted and the related situation. Should you wish to do so, you may contact the Group's secretariat at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (fax +4122 917 9006, email: wgeid@ohchr.org), in order to request an appointment with the Group. Please indicate in your request the case (s) you wish to discuss.

Should you have further questions, you may contact the Working Group's secretariat at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva by fax or email given above.

Yours sincerely,



Giovanna Zucchelli
Secretary
Working Group on Enforced
or Involuntary Disappearances



Report on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances



CHINA

Case No: 1000734

NAME: Thokmey

First Name: Lobsang

Transmitted for the first time: 05/09/2007

Clarification Code: 6

I. Identity of the disappeared person

NAME: Thokmey

First Name: Lobsang

Sex: Male

Age at Disappearance: 36

Profession: MONK

Home address: Drakar Latse Village, Lithang
County, Karze, Sichuan Province,
China

II. 1 Date of LAST SEEN:

19 August 2007

III. 1 Place of LAST SEEN:

Location: Wu Hou Si Guesthouse, Ganzi bing guan

City: Er Huan Lu

District: Chengdu

Province: Sichuan

Country: China

IV. 1 Forces believed to be responsible for the LAST SEEN:

Forces believed to be responsible: Chengdu Public Security Bureau, Police

Number:



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VI. Steps taken:

NO STEPS TAKEN

Date:

Place: No action was taken to locate the subject because of fear of reprisals.

VII. Information concerning the author of the present report:

Confidential

Date of submission: 4/9/2007

VII. Summary:

Session: 083

INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

Date: 4/9/2007

It was reported that on 21 August 2007, Mr. Lobsang Thokmey (Lothok), was arrested at the Wu Hou Si Guesthouse, Ganzi bing guan, Er Huan Lu, in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, by the Chengdu Public Security Bureau and Police. The subject was reportedly arrested in connection with a political protest in his hometown of Karze. No action was taken to locate him because of fear of reprisals. His fate and whereabouts remain unknown.

Transmitted to Government on: 5/9/2007

Transmitted to Source on: 19/1/2008

Session: 084

INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT

Date: 20/11/2007

"Lobsang Thokmey, male, 36 years old, ethnic Tibetan, herder from Laza village in Benge rural township, Litang county, Garzê prefecture, Sichuan province. On 20 August 2007, Lobsang Thokmey was taken into criminal custody by the Chengdu city public security authorities on suspicion of having conducted activities that endangered State security and, on 8 September, he was handed over to the Garzê prefecture public security authorities. On 15 September, in accordance with the provisions of article 111 of the Criminal Code of the People's Republic of China, his arrest was approved by the Garzê prefecture people's procurator's office and he is currently being held in the Garzê prefecture detention centre."

Transmitted to Government on: 3/4/2008

Transmitted to Source on: 3/4/2008

SIX MONTH RULE APPLIED

The Working Group transmitted this information to the source and informed it that in accordance with the WG method's of work, this case will be considered clarified should no observations requiring further consideration by the WG be received within a period of six month