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Launch of Tibetan guidebook on UN Human Rights Mechanisms

United Nations (UN) Day is celebrated on 24 October every year to commemorate the official establishment of the UN in 1945. This year marks the 77th anniversary of its founding. The UN has evolved over the years to keep pace with a rapidly changing world, yet it has remained "one place where the world's nations can gather together, discuss common problems and find shared solutions." One of the main goals of the UN charter is to protect and promote human rights and, as such, numerous provisions based on charter and treaty-based mechanisms are mandated to be put into practice. Under the aforementioned provisions and mechanisms, working groups, independent experts, and special rapporteurs have been able to put pressure on China over its violation of human rights.

To mark United Nations Day, the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy is launching a Tibetan guidebook on UN Human Rights Mechanisms to facilitate easy access for Tibetans in general, and to assist in the work of Tibetan advocates, human rights activists, and academics.

Since the guidebook is the first of its kind in its presentation of the correlation between UN human rights mechanisms and China's violation of human rights in the Tibetan language, Nyima Woeser, the centre's Tibetan researcher has scrupulously translated concepts and key terminologies of the guidebook using official documents of the United Nations as its foundational reference.

The guidebook consists of five chapters: "Introduction to the United Nations", "International Human Rights Treaties and their Relevant Bodies", "Charter-based Mechanisms", "Treaty-based Mechanisms", and "Terminologies in Tibetan". A separate section on "information related to China" is added at the end of every chapter. Moreover, China's human rights records that have been reviewed, raised, and highlighted by UN human rights treaty bodies are mentioned separately.

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