

URGENT ACTION

TIBETAN MONK, IMPRISONED SINCE 1996, RELEASED

Jigme Gyatso, a Tibetan prisoner of conscience and former monk, was released on 30 March and has returned home.

Further information will be provided if and when it becomes available.

Jigme Gyatso was detained in 1996 for his activities in support of Tibetan independence, including setting up a group called the “Association of Tibetan Freedom Movement” and distributing pro-independence leaflets. He was sentenced to 15 years’ imprisonment in November 1996 as a “counter-revolutionary ringleader”. He was tortured or otherwise ill-treated on several occasions during his imprisonment. In May 2004, Jigme Gyatso was beaten for shouting pro-Dalai Lama slogans and given an additional sentence for “inciting separatism”. According to Chinese authorities, he was released upon completion of his term.

There is no need to take further action on this case. Many thanks to everyone who has campaigned on his behalf.

This is the first update of UA 5/11. Further information: <http://amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA17/002/2011/en>

Name: Jigme Gyatso

Gender m/f: Male

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**

