

## Resolution

### UNPO XV General Assembly

#### On Formal UNPO Leaders

- *Whereas*, in April 2020, the founding General Secretary of the UNPO Michael van Walt van Praag was recognized by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for his work on behalf of unrepresented nations and peoples through the royal distinction of Commander in the Order of Orange-Nassau;
- *Whereas*, in October 2018 Lodi Gyari, the former Special Envoy to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and UNPO co-founder, passed away, leaving behind a life-long legacy of significant advancement of the cause of self-determination, non-violence and dignity, not only for the Tibetan people, but for all unrepresented nations and peoples worldwide;
- *Whereas*, in November 2019, the former UNPO President, Ngawang Choephel, passed away, leaving behind him a legacy of international awareness of Tibet and rights of unrepresented nations and peoples more generally;
- *Whereas*, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the assassination of the Ogoni leader and then UNPO Presidency member, Ken Saro Wiwa, by the government of Nigeria in large part because of his tireless campaigning against the exploitation of traditional Ogoni lands by Royal Dutch Shell, the devastation of the Ogoni environment by the Petroleum trade and the denigration of the Ogoni people in Nigeria;

**Therefore, we, the XV UNPO General Assembly:**

1. *Warmly congratulate* Mr van Walt van Praag on this latest recognition of his global contributions and invite him to join us at the XVI UNPO General Assembly to celebrate the UNPO's 30th Anniversary and so that we may also honor him in person;

2. *Send our deepest sympathies* to the families and loved ones of Lodi Gyari and Ngawang Choephel and to the Tibetan people more generally for the loss of such great people;
3. *Send our support* to the family of Ken Saro Wiwa as they continue to seek justice for the unlawful murder of their loved one;
4. *Join with* the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) on 10 November 2020 as they commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the murder of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni environmental activists;
5. *Reaffirm* our strong commitment to the causes of the Ogoni and Tibetan people;
6. *Decry* the fact that the human rights of the Tibetan people in Tibet and the Ogoni people in Nigeria continue to be violated unabated;
7. *Urge* the government of the People's Republic of China to respect the right to self-determination of the Tibetan people;
8. *Urge* the government of Nigeria to fully and transparently implement the United Nations Environment Programme Report on Ogoni.
9. *Urge* the international community to live up to the legacies of these great leaders by continually striving for the implementation of international standards in Tibet and Ogoni;
10. *Further Urge* the governments of the USA and European Union, including the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to hold to account all of their citizens, including legal entities, that have committed or profited from human rights violations in Ogoni and Tibet, and the perpetrators of the crimes committed against the Ogoni and Tibetan people more generally.