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### **Item 3: ID With the Special Rapporteur on Education**

*Statement delivered by Kai Mueller on behalf of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights*

Mr. President,

We welcome the report by the Special Rapporteur on academic freedom and the right to education (A/HRC/56/58).

The Chinese government, in addition to imposing a harmful boarding school system, openly declares its agenda to indoctrinate Tibetan children and students with Chinese Communist Party ideology.

Such indoctrination measures are applied systematically. They prescribe military personnel to inculcate primary school students in so called national security issues, trips to propaganda sites, speech contests, and study sessions. Slogans such as "inheriting the red gene and cultivating patriotic sentiments" are repeatedly used, leaving no doubt about the intentions of the Chinese authorities.<sup>1</sup>

The above-mentioned measures solely and forcefully convey the Chinese government's ideology vis-à-vis the Tibetan people and omit the rights violations of the Chinese state against the Tibetan people, at present and particularly in history. They violate the right to quality education and, the right of all individuals, groups and peoples to enjoy and have access to their own cultural heritage. They also violate the right to freedom of opinion, expression, and information, as enshrined in Art. 13 of the ICESCR and Art. 28 and 29 of the CRC.

We therefore call on the Chinese government to end all indoctrination measures imposed on Tibetan children.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> “传承红色基因 培育爱国情怀”(“Inheriting the red gene and cultivating patriotic sentiments”), 3 September 2023, [https://www.xzxw.com/xw/2023-11/03/content\\_1015328.html](https://www.xzxw.com/xw/2023-11/03/content_1015328.html).