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Dear Yangke Ning

I am contacting you to raise the case of Jo Lobsang Jamyang, also known by his pen-name Lomig (江央/洛米). Lomig is a monk and a writer and blogger. He was arrested in April 2015. Although no reason has been disclosed for this arrest, sources in Tibet believe it was for writing articles criticising China's policies in Tibet. After spending over a year in detention, he was sentenced to seven and a half years in prison on 9 May, reportedly for "sharing government secrets and attempting to divide the nation."

Lomig has committed no internationally-recognised crime. His arrest, detention and conviction appear to be in response to him peacefully expressing his beliefs in his blogs and his writings. As you know, Article 35 of the Chinese constitution guarantees freedom of speech for all citizens.

I urge you to do everything within your power in your capacity of governor of Aba Prefecture to immediately and unconditionally release Lomig. So long as he remains in prison, I also call on you to guarantee that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, that he has access to a lawyer of their choice, and that they have access to family members and any medical treatment that they may require, as required under China's Human Rights Action Plan and the Prison Law of the People's Republic of China.

Yours sincerely