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## TIBET

On March 10, a petition regarding Tibet, circulated by a group called the "Canada - Tibet Committee", was presented to officials of the Department of External Affairs by representatives of the group. Officials of the Department outlined to the group the position of the Government.

On March 7, 1989, officials of the Department of External Affairs raised Canadian concerns about recent events in Tibet with officials of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, and called upon the Chinese authorities to respect basic human rights and freedoms in their management of the situation. While Canada does not challenge Chinese sovereignty over Tibet, the Canadian Government expects China to adhere to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Canadian Embassy in Beijing has also been instructed to reiterate Canada's concerns regarding the situation in Tibet to the appropriate Chinese authorities.

To the Government's knowledge, there are currently no Canadians in Tibet, and consequently no Canadians in danger due to the situation there.

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