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Arctic Indigenous Peoples Dialogue
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About UNPO

UNPO was founded in the Hague in 1991



15 Founding Members: Armenia, Australian Aboriginals, Cordillera, Crimean Tatars

East Turkestan, Estonia, Georgia, Greek Minority in Albania, Iraqi Kurdistan

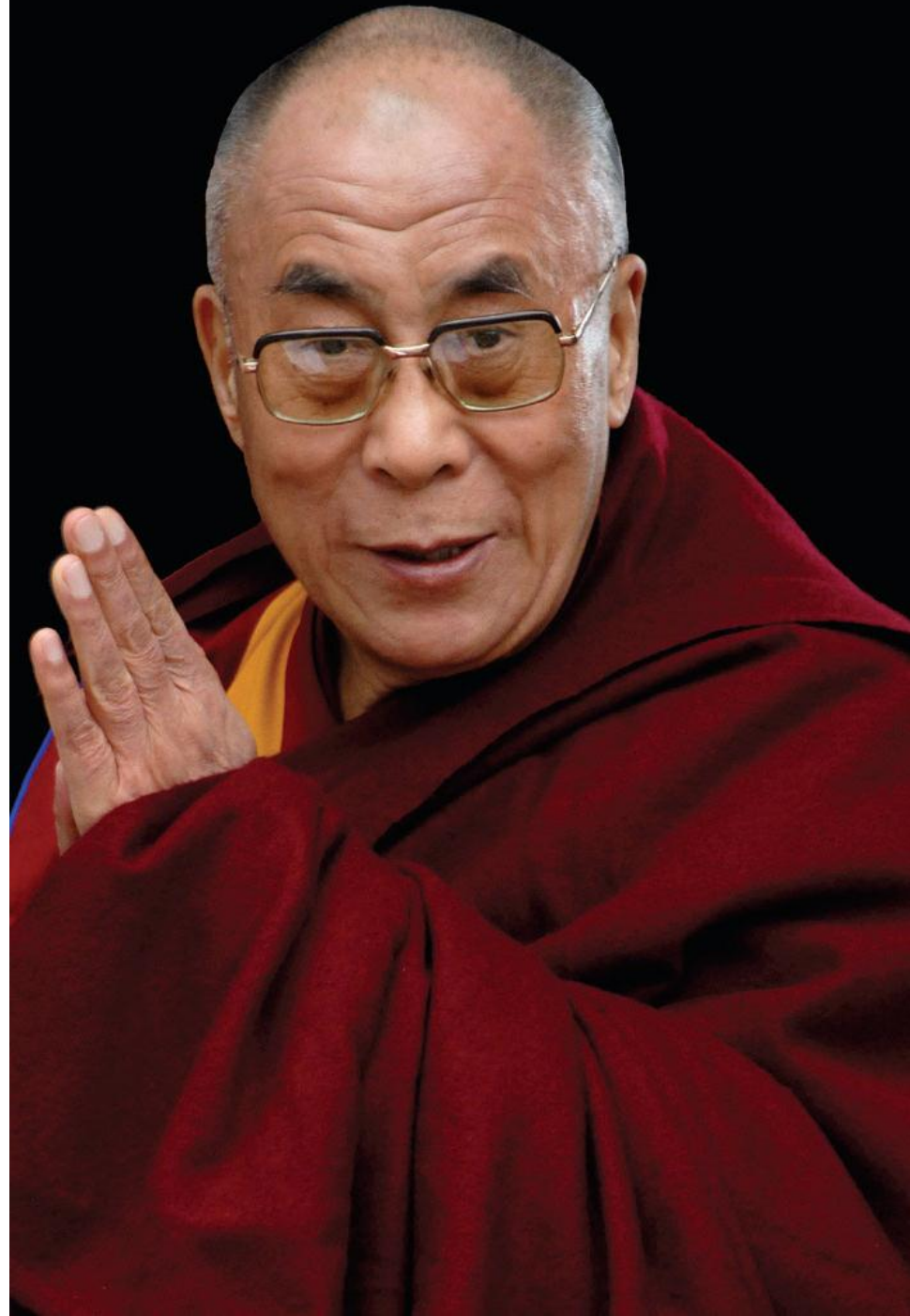
Latvia, Palau, Taiwan, Tibet, West Papua



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“UNPO’s objective is to assist its Members to achieve the greater freedom and dignity to which all peoples have a right”

-His Holiness the Dalai Lama





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UNPO Structure

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Abkhazia	Haratin	Oromo
Acheh	Hmong	Rehoboth Basters
Afrikaner	Hungarian Minority in Romania	Savoy
Ahwazi	Inner Mongolia	Sindh
Assyria	Iranian Kurdistan	Somaliland
Balochistan	Iraqi Kurdistan	South Moluccas
Barotseland	Iraqi Turkmen	Southern Azerbaijan
Batwa	Khmer Krom	Southern Cameroons
Chin	Kosova	Taiwan
Chittagong Hill Tracts	Lezghin	Talysh
Circassia	Mapuche	Tibet
Cordillera	Moro	Vhavenda
Crimean Tatars	Nagalim	West Balochistan
Degar-Montagnards	Ogaden	West Papua
East Turkestan	Ogoni	Zanzibar
Gilgit Baltistan		

The General Assembly:

- consists of all 46 UNPO Members
- elects the Presidency



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UNPO Structure



The Presidency:

- supervises the implementation of the overall policy of the Organization
- represents the General Assembly
- Collaborates closely with the General Secretary in carrying out the overall activity of the Organization

ABOUT UNPO

Values



liberty *respect*
dignity *human*
equality *the rule of law* *rights*
non- *democracy*
violence

Human rights are those basic standards without which people cannot live in dignity, such as the right to life, freedom from torture, freedom of movement, the right to an adequate standard of living, freedom of religion, the right to self-determination, the right to participation in cultural and political life and the right to education.

Convinced that the principles, methodology, and practice of Gandhian nonviolence and nonviolent civil-resistance are the most effective means of pursuing and enforcing both collective and individual rights, UNPO rejects terrorism, extremism, and violence in all its forms.

Free elections alone are not sufficient for a country to become a true democracy; the culture of the country's political institutions and civil service must also change.



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Challenges

- Adequate representation
- Realisation of the right to self-determination
- Recognition as an Indigenous People
- Relocation and dispossession of land
- Human rights violations





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What does UNPO do? European Institutions



Meetings with Members of the European Parliament, EEAS officials

Contribute to and participate in parliamentary hearings

Organise high-level conferences and cultural events

Lobby for parliamentary questions and resolutions



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Awareness is the key...

TIBET'S ENVIRONMENT

DENUDING DEGRADING & DEPOPULATING

Jointly hosted by MEPs Hassi, Mann and Geringer de Oedenberg.
Keynote speaker Mr Tenzin Norbu,
Director, Environment and Development Desk,
Central Tibetan Administration.

You are invited to the official opening of:

kurdish genocide

an exhibition

26 March 2013, 18:00
PHS Building, 2nd Floor
Mezzanine Meruhin
European Parliament, Brussels

Hosted by Prof. Joanna Senyszyn MEP
With contributions from:

Dr Hans-Gert Pötinger MEP	Mr Struan Stevenson MEP
Ms Ana Gomes MEP	Mr Delwar Ajgoy (JERO)
E.E. Dr Mohammed Al Humaidi, Iraqi Ambassador	

Press Release

Save the Date

Democracy and Minority Rights in Azerbaijan

Presentation of Fact-Finding Report

Tuesday 17 September 2013

...to progress.



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What does UNPO do? United Nations



Reports for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and treaty body mechanisms

Attending Human Rights Council, lobbying permanent missions

Side-events and demonstrations

UNPFII and UNFMI



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What does UNPO do? Training programmes



Human rights advocacy

EU and UN bodies, tools, mechanisms

Grassroots funding

Communication strategies



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Questions and Answers

