

AUSTRALIAN SENATE
Canberra
November 14, 1994

Senator Reid amended her notice of motion by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved —

That the Senate —

- a) calls for the immediate release of Gari Fourteen, a group of Buddhist nuns from Gari nunnery who are detainees within the Chinese prison system in Tibet;
- b) notes reports that these young nuns and other Tibetan political prisoners are subjected to routine torture, are used as forced labour and have limited access to medical treatment;
- c) acknowledges that whilst it is alleged that 12 of the nuns were arrested for taking part in a pro-independence rally on 14 June 1993, there are no witnesses to a rally that day, and no evidence exists that it ever occurred; and
- d) calls on the leaders of the People's Republic of China to comply with both the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention Against Torture.