

**Australian Senate
Canberra
24 November 1997**

That the Senate:

1. Notes the appointment of Mr. Gregory B Craig as Us Special Coordinator for Tibet on 31 October 1997 and that he:
 - (a) will travel to all Tibetan Regions (not just TAR) as well as visit Tibetan communities in India and Nepal;
 - (b) will be provided with adequate resources, staff and bureaucratic support for the mission; and
 - (c) will have a direct chain of command to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs
2. Welcomes the Us Government's commitment that:
 - (a) "a central objective will...be to promote substantive dialogue between the Chinese government and the Dalai Lama or his representatives"; and
 - (b) The Special Coordinator's focus will be to advance the protection of human rights in Tibet and "to preserve the unique religious, cultural, and linguistic heritage of Tibetans".
3. Calls on the Australian Government to emulate this constructive move by the USA and to appoint in a similar role an Australian Coordinator for Tibet.