

**Australian Senate
Canberra
29 May 1997**

That the Senate:

1. Notes the United States' policy on Tibet as outlined by Jeffrey Bader, US Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, on 13 May 1997; viz:

"The United States encourages China and the Dalai Lama to hold serious discussions aimed at resolution of differences at an early date, without preconditions ... We have consistently asserted that any questions surrounding Tibet and its relationship to Chinese authorities in Beijing should be resolved by direct dialogue between the Tibetans, in particular the Dalai Lama, and the Chinese."

2. Urges the Australian Government to emulate this policy.

3. Calls on the People's Republic of China and the Tibetans, in particular the Dalai Lama, to enter into direct dialogue about the future of Tibet.