

## **Motion - 30 April 2008 Council Meeting**

This Council acknowledges that during the bidding process for the Olympic Games the Chinese authorities made a commitment to use the opportunity of hosting the Olympics to develop human rights.

While welcoming the choice of Beijing as the host city for the 29<sup>th</sup> Olympiad, this Council is concerned that the human rights situation in China has deteriorated since that commitment was made. This Council is particularly concerned at the recent gross neglect of human rights by the Chinese Government in Tibet.

This Council therefore calls on the Government of the UK, the International Olympic Committee and corporate sponsors to use their influence by condemning the failure of the Chinese Government to honour its commitment and improve its human rights record. This Council believes that a positive Olympic legacy depends upon this action.

(Proposed by Greg Szanto; Seconded by Alex Hough)