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It is my great pleasure to give my sincere and full support for the Gelongma ordination in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. Since beginningless time until today, women have been responsible for many important roles within the structure of a family, a community and the world at large. Although in the modern age, women in different professional fields have been recognised for their contribution, in our spiritual tradition, the recognition in the form of Gelongma ordination is still yet in place.

In fact, in many corners of the world, the female voice is still very soft and sometimes, so soft that it cannot be heard. Therefore, promoting and encouraging gender equality is a very important and urgent task at hand. The world, especially the spiritual world in this age, needs a joint choir of the male and the female to make it more complete.

Gelongma ordination is a way to promote gender equality among not only the ordained Sangha members of the Buddha's family, but also the general human population. It would be an inspiration to the rest of the world where females have been suppressed for centuries and denied their common rights as their male counterparts to learn, live, enjoy and excel.

It is my distinct honour to be associated with Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo, in working for this dream that one day the Gelongma ordination will truly be a reality and qualified female practitioners will be recognised, so that many more less fortunate beings will be encouraged and helped. This will definitely be an inspiration for women who are interested to pursue a spiritual path in Tibetan Buddhism.

From the depth of my heart, I pray that this benevolent wish to benefit all the beings through the establishment of the Gelongma ordination in our Buddhist tradition will be accomplished effortlessly.

With warm regards



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