PREFACE

At the outset, I must clarify my position on the main sources used for this thesis. Since Chinese source on Human Rights situation are rather limited for various reasons, I have to rely mostly on the Tibetan and Western sources, which tend to be sympathetic to the Tibetan cause. However, I am convinced after my research that there is considerable violation of Human Rights in Tibet. Hence my sympathy.

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