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**Certificate issued by the Buddhist Institutes of the Gyalwa Karmapa
regarding Lama Ole Nydahl**

From 1969 until 1981 Ole Nydahl has received the Refuge, Genyen-vows, Bodhisattva-vow and many Vajrayana empowerments and instructions from the late 16th Gyalwa Karmapa and was under his direct guidance. For several years he practised and studied intensively in the Himalayas under the direction of His Holiness Karmapa. The long Bodhisattva-vow he received from Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche.

His Holiness Karmapa personally asked Ole Nydahl to spread the Dharma everywhere. He instructed him to teach with genuine compassion and loving kindness as motivation and without any worldly concern. Following H. H. the Karmapa's advice, Ole Nydahl put all his energy into teaching the Dharma all over the world, often using the nights for travelling and the days for teaching. His activity includes also helping people stop taking drugs, overcoming mental crises and supporting them in leading a normal healthy live.

After His Holiness passed away in 1981 Ole Nydahl continued his teaching activity, working even harder than before. In his constant effort, he put more energy into spreading the Dharma than most of the Buddhist teachers from the East. In 1987 Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche who represents the Karmapa's religious administration asked Ole Nydahl to see to it that people in the West do not become religious fanatics but develop a sound and practical style in their Buddhist path.

Ole Nydahl is very familiar with the Dharma, is capable to present Buddhism clearly and is therefore very successful in his teaching activity. Rumours which are spread regarding his qualification or doubts which are created concerning him are merely brought about due to jealousy and in order to disturb his beneficial activity. We have checked the quality of Ole Nydahl's teachings from recordings and have found nothing which is not in accordance with or against the Buddha's teachings.

Ole Nydahl does not present the Dharma in the framework of the traditional Tibetan style, such as wearing a certain robe when teaching. This, however, is also not necessary and it is completely up to his own choice to, for example, dress himself in an informal way during teachings.

Being someone who is familiar with the Buddha's teachings and passing them compassionately on to others, Ole Nydahl therefore is a qualified teacher or Lama in the Tibetan language. In Indian and Tibetan Buddhism teachers can either be laypeople or monks and nuns.

For this reason we hereby recognize Ole Nydahl as a qualified Buddhist layman-teacher, as a Lama.

On behalf of the Buddhist Institutes of Gyalwa Karmapa

Khenpo Chödrak Tenphel Rinpoche