Since the occupation of Tibet by People's Republic of China, a number of Parliamentarians have taken immense interest in and expressed sympathy for the cause of the Tibetan people. Particularly, following the brutal crackdown on the peaceful public demonstrations, which rocked the Tibetan capital Lhasa, leading to martial law in Tibet in the late 80s, the interest and sympathies galvanized into active support with the formation of parliamentary groups for Tibet in many countries.

The parliamentarians mobilized their actions for the cause of Tibet in their respective countries, which resulted in the introduction of bills and resolutions, organizing parliamentary hearings on Tibet and sensitizing the public to the issue of Tibet.