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We are delighted to invite you to join us for a press conference announcing the **The 15th annual UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival)** In Palo Alto - San Francisco - East Palo Alto - San Jose - Stanford University The theme for 2012 is "HUMAN DIGNITY"

15th Anniversary UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival) to screen 70 Documentaries, presenting topics with more timely stories than ever: renewable energy, cyber crime and Internet freedom, interracial marriage and tolerance, looted art, wars in the name of God, torture programs and medical ethics, battle for water not oil, human trafficking and modern slavery, philanthropy and social change.

TUESDAY, September 18th, 2012

World Affairs Council of Northern California 312 Sutter Street (between Grant and Stockton), Second Floor San Francisco, CA

5:15pm Reception

Delicious international food

5:45pm Press Conference

Introductory remarks by Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic of UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival), who will present the festival trailer, program and filmmakers (Bay Area filmmakers present).

7:00pm Film Screening

State of Control (90 minutes) China/India/Nepal/Tibet/USA

Using a combination of vérité footage and compelling personal stories, *State of Control* shows a never-before-seen side of the Tibet/China struggle. The film also broadens out to look at the global question of Internet freedom. This isn't just an issue for Tibetans; it's an issue which affects us all. *State of Control* tells the story of five individuals who try to battle China's repression in the restive region. First, there's Dhondup Wangchen, a citizen journalist who is arrested for daring to talk with ordinary Tibetans. Then there's Tenzin Seldon—a young Stanford undergraduate who experiences China's grip on the Internet as well as the real world—who decides to take action. The third character is Tenzin Sundue, a veteran activist who is working to overthrow China's hold on Tibet. We also join two American filmmakers, Darren Mann and Christian Johnston, as they follow in Dhondup's footsteps, going undercover in Tibet.

Q&A with the filmmakers Christian Johnston, Darren Mann and Tenzin Seldom

For more information, please contact Chris Scheerder: <u>chris@unaff.org</u> or visit **UNAFF 2012** at: <u>www.unaff.org</u> Press kits and screening schedules will be available on the web site after the Press Conference Please RSVP to Chris Scheerder by September 15th