

**Speech by Chu Teh, Chairman of the NPC Standing Committee at the closing session of the NPC Standing Committee, 13 September 1959**  
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The so-called MacMahon line is precisely a product of this British imperialist aggression against China's Tibet... For the sake of upholding Sino-Indian friendship, Chinese troops and administrative personnel have never crossed this so-called MacMahon line, pending a settlement and delimitation of the boundary by the two governments. This good will and good intention of the Chinese Government, however, was not understood by the Indian Government. Just as all those present have said, the facts today are that it is Indian troops who have encroached on China, not Chinese troops encroaching on India, and that it is not China but certain persons in India who have violated the Five Principles and Sino-Indian friendship and created tension on the border. These facts are crystal clear; nobody can deny them. China and India are two great powers. The friendship and unity between the peoples of the two countries are of great significance to the defence of peace in Asia and the world. That is why imperialism is always bent on undermining the friendship and unity between China and India. The anti-Chinese campaign whipped up in India today can only benefit imperialism; it will not benefit the Chinese and Indian peoples. We hope that Prime Minister Nehru and the Indian Government will hold in high esteem Sino-Indian friendship, immediately correct the extremely erroneous approach of exerting military and diplomatic pressure and the pressure of public opinion on China and immediately put a stop to all the anti-Chinese clamours aimed at disrupting Sino-Indian friendship and the Five principles of peaceful co-existence. We believe that so long as we base ourselves on the Five Principles and carry out peaceful negotiations, the boundary disputes between China and India can certainly be settled satisfactorily.