Question for written answer E-003750/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Fernando Maura Barandiarán (ALDE)

Subject: VP/HR - Human rights and religious freedom in China

Amnesty International has recently drawn attention to a draft law proposed by the People's Republic of China which may tighten yet further restrictions on religious freedom - Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These restrictions mainly affect the Christian communities – both Catholic and Protestant – and people of the Islamic faith, above all in the region of Xinjiang Uyghur.

Bearing in mind the Resolution of the European Parliament of 14 March 2013 on EU-China relations, specifically the terms of paragraph 32 and the request to the EEAS in paragraph 35 thereof, I should like to ask the following questions:

- 1. What position will the EEAS and the High Representative adopt to try to prevent further restrictions on human rights in China?
- 2. Will the High Representative call the Chinese ambassador to the EU institutions for consultations?

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