

**Question for written answer E-004654/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Detention of pro-human rights activists in China

Last week, several Chinese pro-human rights activists who had planned various actions, to coincide with International Women's Day, to condemn the sexual assault and violence faced by women in that country, were detained.

This week, the President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, paid an official visit to China, where he met with several of the country's leaders. During this visit, one of the key issues on the agenda was human rights.

Given that the promotion, consolidation and protection of human rights is one of the fundamental objectives of the EU's external action, and that the European Parliament Resolution on EU-China relations (2012/2137(INI)) praises and defends the role of Chinese activists, I would like to ask the Vice President/High Representative:

1. Will the Vice President/High Representative demand the release of the activists detained by the Chinese Government?
2. In view of the new strategy on human rights and democracy, which requires the inclusion of human rights in all bilateral relations that the EU may enter into, is the Vice President/High Representative aware of the commitments obtained by the Chinese government, in relation to human rights, during Schulz's visit?
3. What action is the EEAS planning to take in view of the Chinese government's plan to increase supervision of the activities of foreign NGOs, which could lead to their disappearance, in practice?