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JOINT STATEMENT

Leading MEPs regret current tensions at the Sino-Indian border

-) Regret the casualties incurred during recent tensions
-) Call upon India and China to avoid any further escalation
-) Appeal on India and China to settle down their disagreements in a peaceful manner through dialogue

Joint statement by leading MEPs on EU-China and EU-India relations on the current tensions at the Sino-Indian border.

The Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs, [David McAllister](#) (EPP, DE), the Chair of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, [Reinhard Bütikofer](#) (The Greens/EFA, DE), and the acting Chair of the Delegation for relations with India, [Tudor Ciuhodaru](#) (S&D, RO), issued the following statement today:

"We deeply regret the casualties incurred during recent tensions at the Line of Actual Control between India and China and convey our sympathy and condolences to the affected families.

As strategic partners of the European Union, we call upon India and China to avoid any further escalation, not least in view of their extremely important role for peace and stability in the region and globally.

We appeal to India and China to resolve their disagreements in a peaceful manner through dialogue.

Last but not least, we stand ready to engage with both countries by means of parliamentary diplomacy."

David McALLISTER

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