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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

With request for inclusion in the debate on topical
And urgent subjects of major importance

Pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

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On behalf of the PES group

On China

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to Article J.1.(2) of the Treaty of European Union and Article 130u of the EC Treaty, which establish the promotion of human rights as an objective of the CFSP,
 - Having regard to the communication from the Commission (COM(98)0181 - C4-0248/98) and its comprehensive partnership with China,
 - Having regard to its resolution of 12 June 1997 on the Commission communication on a long-term policy for China-Europe relations (COM(95)0279 - C4-0288/95) and its resolution of 8 October 1998 on the communication from the Commission to the Council on the European Union and Hong Kong: Beyond 1997 (COM(97)0171 - C4-0214/97),
 - Having regard also to its other numerous resolutions concerning China,
 - Having regard to the communiqué from the EU-China Summit held in Beijing on 21 December 1999,
- A. Whereas the Final Act of the Human Rights Conference of Vienna (July 1993) reaffirmed the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of human rights,
- B. Recognising that poverty remains a fundamental obstacle to the realisation of human rights around the world;
- C. Whereas the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China is still very serious, as highlighted in the reports by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch Asia; whereas the situation in Tibet is growing worse and a high ranking religious leader, recognized by China, recently left his country,
- D. Whereas the 56th Session of the UN Commission on Human Rights is scheduled for 20 March 2000 in Geneva,

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1. Urges the Council to raise the issue of religious intolerance, since there is an increasing trend towards violations of freedom of religion;
2. Calls for special efforts to assist and protect migrants and refugees ghrroughout the world;
3. Deplores the continuing use of the death penalty in many countries and calls on the EU and its Member States to make the most substantial, practical efforts possible to follow up the resolutions on the abolition of the death penalty adopted ty the Commission on Human Rights in 1997 and 1998;
4. Calls on the Member States of the European Union to use all the diplomatic means available to them, while making a determined effort to gain support from other members of the UN Commission on Human Rights, to ensure that a resolution on the human rights situation in China and Tibet is approved by the UN Commission on Human Rights and that it takes account of previous resolutions adopted by the European Parliament;
- Calls on the Council to inform Parliament and its Committee on Foreign Affairs on the strategy followed and the results obtained by the Union at the UN Commission on Human Rights;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the member countries of the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Government of the People's Republic of China.

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