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Draft resolution on the human rights situation in Tibet

Tabled by Mrs Roberta Angelilli, on behalf of the UEN group (see EPP text)

The European Parliament,

- recalling its earlier resolutions on Tibet and the human rights situation in China,

A. whereas on 3 December 2002 the Kardze (Ganzi) Intermediate People's Court in the Kardze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Sichuan Province sentenced Tenzin Delek, an influential Buddhist lama, to death with a two year suspension and sentenced his attendant, Lobsang Dhondup, to death pronounced to be immediate,

B. whereas Tenzin Delek and Lobsang Dhondup had been arrested on 7 April 2002 following a bombing incident in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, which took place on 3 April 2002,

C. whereas Tenzin Delek is accused for "causing explosions" and "inciting separatism" and Lobsang Dhondup for "inciting separatism", "causing explosions" and "illegal possession of guns and ammunition",

D. whereas Tenzin Delek was reportedly held incommunicado for eight months from the time of his arrest until the time of the trial,

E. whereas Tenzin Delek and Lobsang Dhondup have not been proven guilty,

F. whereas this is the first reported case for many years of death sentences being passed against Tibetans for alleged political offences,

G. whereas the Chinese Government has received representatives of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, recently,

1. Reiterates its support for the rule of law and urges the Chinese government to immediately overturn the death sentences given to Tenzin Delek and Lobsang Dhondup;
2. Expresses its dismay about the imprisonment and isolation of Tenzin Delek and Lobsang Dhondup for eight months from the time of his arrest until the time of the trial;
3. Calls on the Chinese authorities to do all in its power to ascertain that international human rights and humanitarian law standards are being respected and, in particular, to guarantee internationally recognised legal proceedings for those who have been arrested;
4. Underlines the importance of the fight against terrorism, but this must go hand in hand with the rule of law;
5. Calls on the Government of China to continue the dialogue with the government and the representatives of the Dalai Lama;
6. Calls on the EU to make its financial aid available in the light of progress towards the human rights situation in Tibet;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the UN Secretary-General and the government of China.

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