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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on The abduction of Tibetan children and forced assimilation practices through Chinese boarding schools in Tibet
(2023/3025(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on The abduction of Tibetan children and forced assimilation practices through Chinese boarding schools in Tibet (2023/3025(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, under the leadership of Xi Jinping, the Chinese Government has become increasingly oppressive domestically, repressing any form of dissent, and targeting ethnic and religious minorities, such as Tibetans and Uyghurs, with systematic repression and persecution;
- B. whereas in recent years, a residential pre-school and school system for Tibetan children has become mandatory with the aim of assimilating Tibetans into a majority Han culture, language and religion; whereas such programme deplorably separates children from their families and communities as early as the age of 4, thereby depriving them from access to traditionally or culturally relevant Tibetan learning;
- C. whereas around 80% of Tibetan children were reportedly being affected by this programme, while, on average, 20% of children are enrolled in residential schools in the rest of the country;
- 1. Strongly condemns Chinese authorities' assimilationist and repressive policies in Tibet that violate the educational, religious, cultural and linguistic rights of the Tibetan people and threaten to ultimately eradicate Tibetan culture and identity; urges China to immediately re-establish rights of minorities to mother-tongue instruction in schools;
- 2. Calls on the HRVP and the Council to consider sanctions against the Chinese officials responsible for designing and implementing the boarding school and pre-school system in Tibet;
- 3. Condemns the promulgation of the "Administrative Measures for Religious Activity Venues" in September 2023 requiring temples, monasteries or mosques to be managed by individuals loyal to the Chinese Communist Party, and having residence in the mainland as well as Chinese nationality; is alarmed at reports and evidence of increasing destruction of religious heritage sites in Tibet;
- 4. expresses strong concern at evidence that so-called "labour transfer" and "vocational training" programmes in Tibet are systematically being used as a way to undermine Tibetan identity, to monitor and politically indoctrinate Tibetans, and is extremely concerned that such programmes could lead to situations of widespread forced labour, similarly to what has been occurring in Xinjiang; calls on the Council to urgently reach a Common Approach on a EU forced labour import ban and before the end of the present legislative term;
- 5. urges Chinese authorities to provide information about the nine environmental human rights defenders serving prison sentences for peacefully protesting against illegal mining activities;
- 6. urges the Chinese authorities to allow international and independent observers to access Tibet, as well as to resume access for foreign journalists;

7. Regrets the dialogue between the PRC and the Dalai Lama has been stalled for several years; underlines the goal of bringing about genuine autonomy for Tibetans within the PRC;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the EU institutions and the government and parliament of the PRC.