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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 the boarding school and pre-school system has separated over 1 million Tibetan children from their families, language and culture; whereas this system violates the educational, religious, cultural and linguistic rights of the Tibetan people and threaten ultimately to eradicate Tibetan culture and identity; whereas the schools aim at re-molding children into Chinese nationals loyal to the Chinese Communist Party; whereas the article 2(e) of the Genocide Convention states that forcible child transfer committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group amounts to genocide;
- B. whereas the abduction of Tibetan children by Chinese kidnappers increased in recent years; whereas these abductions happen with the consent of the Chinese authorities; whereas some Tibetan childrens' organs are reportedly sold to Chinese hospitals and rich people;
- C. whereas the human rights situation of the Tibetan people keeps degrading, notably with their religious and cultural rights, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and association, as well as social and economic rights being extensively curtailed; whereas the promotion of and respect for human rights should be at the centre of the relationship between the EU and China;
 - 1. Strongly condemns the abduction of Tibetan children and the forced assimilation practices through Chinese boarding schools in Tibet; urges the Chinese authorities to immediately end and abolish their aggressive practices and coercive policies of Sinification in Tibet;
 - 2. Condemns the human rights violations inflicted on the Tibetan people and calls on the People's Republic of China (PRC) to respect human rights, including the freedoms of expression, association and religion of the Tibetan people as enshrined in the Chinese Constitution;
 - 3. Recalls the EU to raise the issue of human rights violations in PRC, in particular the case of minorities in Tibet and the respect for freedom of religion or belief, at every political and human rights dialogue with the Chinese authorities; calls on the EU and the Member States to put this issue at the forefront of discussions about PRC at the UN and other international fora;
 - 4. Welcomes the US announcement to restrict visas on PRC officials tied to the Chinese boarding schools in Tibet; urges the EU Member States and the Council to adopt similar

measures;

5. Reiterates again its call on the Chinese Government to engage with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his representatives, and expresses its support for a peaceful resolution of the issue of Tibet through dialogue and negotiations with a view to granting Tibet genuine autonomy within the framework of the Chinese Constitution;
6. Urges PRC to release and account for the whereabouts and wellbeing of the Panchen Lama 28 years after the Chinese government kidnapped him at age 6 and to refrain from interfering in the Tibetan spiritual leader' designation;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the VP/HR and the Government and the Parliament of PRC