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on the unacceptable repression of the Tibetan people by China

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Written declaration on the unacceptable repression of the Tibetan people by China

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 8 September 2005 on the violation of human rights in China,
 - having regard to its resolution of 26 October 2006 on Tibet,
 - having regard to the Conclusions of the Council of 11-12 December 2006 on the Strategic Partnership between the EU and China,
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the recent bloody repression of Tibetan patriots which has been carried out by the Chinese occupation forces in Lhasa, and not only there, has once again dramatically focused world attention on the aggressive and totalitarian policy of the Beijing authorities which for years have been trying to destroy the traditional culture and identity of Tibet, based in particular on the Buddhist religion,
- B. whereas this policy pursued by China clearly has as its purpose the 'cultural genocide' of the Tibetan people,
- C. having regard to the role of the European Union as an 'exporter' of fundamental rights,
1. Calls for a suspension of the 'strategic partnership' between the European Union and China, and stresses the urgent need to send a permanent EU mission to Lhasa with a remit to protect the rights of the Tibetan people;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Member States, the Commission and the Council.