

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1889/06
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to the Commission

Subject: The situation of Falun Gong adherents in China

The Falun Gong religious minority in China has been persecuted by the People's Republic of China since 1999. Human rights organisations report that there are large detention camps where members of this minority are tortured and murdered. In Sujiatun in Lianoning province, for example, there is said to be a camp where an estimated 6000 Falun Gong adherents are being tortured, who have organs surgically removed in order for them to be sold to hospitals.

What information does the Commission have concerning the practices in detention camps such as these and concerning the persecution of the Falun Gong minority in China in general?

How does the Commission bring pressure to bear on the People's Republic of China, for example in the annual human rights dialogue between the EU and China, to reveal the conditions which exist in such detention camps and to put an end to these serious human rights abuses?