WRITTEN QUESTION E-1660/09 by James Nicholson (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Human rights in Tibet

It has been reported that the Chinese authorities are continuing to step up their control of Tibet in advance of the 50th Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising on 10 March. Increased numbers of military personnel have been sent to the plateau, and the Chinese Government has been stating that it will crush supporters of the Dalai Lama. Recent events in which protestors have been met with brute force would indicate that the authorities intend to carry out their threat.

What representations has the Commission made to the Chinese Government in recent weeks in respect of the situation in Tibet?