

**Question for written answer E-002287/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights situation in Xinjiang, China

The parliaments of the Netherlands and Canada and the US State Department have declared the systematic suppression of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang China a genocide. This marks an important step in defending human rights around the world and taking appropriate measures such as sanctions against Chinese officials active in Xinjiang.

In a recent report, Human Rights Watch stated that the treatment of Uyghurs is a crime against humanity. This again underlines the pressing situation of the Uyghur population and how they are systematically oppressed, detained and deprived of their basic human rights by the Chinese Government. These violations are yet another example of Chinese human rights abuses and could have implications for the situation in Tibet and the suppression of the democratic opposition in Hong Kong.

1. Does the Commission intend to expand the list of sanctions against Chinese officials linked to human rights abuses in Xinjiang?
2. Does it agree that the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment between the EU and China cannot be brought forward for the finalisation process and eventual consent procedure as long as China is severely violating human rights and sanctioning MEPs, European Parliament bodies and other individuals and entities associated with the EU?