

Question for written answer E-000784/2022

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: The current state of Sino-Lithuanian relations

China moved to restrict diplomatic relations with Lithuania after Taiwan opened a representative office in Vilnius using the word 'Taiwanese' in the title and not the name of its metropolis Taipei. China expelled Lithuanian diplomats before Christmas and is deliberately seeking to damage the Lithuanian economy by suspending food export licensing and banning imports of Lithuanian products and parts used by other EU companies in their products. This is having a negative impact on the EU single market and putting pressure on other European states.

1. What is the VP/HR's position on this issue?
2. How does the VP/HR intend to proceed if China continues to threaten mutual diplomatic and economic relations?