

**Question for written answer E-001299/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ban on Grindr in China

Grindr, a dating app for gays and for bisexual and trans men, has not been available in several app stores in China since 27 January 2022. China announced a digital ‘clean-up operation’ just a few days before Grindr disappeared from app stores there. Shortly before the opening of the Winter Olympics on 4 February 2022, the Cyberspace Administration of China reported that it would be stepping up its net monitoring for a month.

1. What is the Commission’s assessment of the ban on Grindr in China?
2. Does the European External Action Service intend to raise this issue with the Chinese authorities and, if it does, when and with what arguments?
3. Does the Commission consider that the EU should link economic cooperation with China to fundamental rights issues and, if it does, to what extent?