

Question for written answer E-002223/2022

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

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Subject: Follow-up on the human rights situation in Xinjiang

On 9 June 2022, Parliament adopted a resolution in which it recognises that the systemic repression against Uyghurs 'amount[s] to crimes against humanity and represent[s] a serious risk of genocide'.

The resolution consequently 'calls for the EU and its Member States to take all necessary steps, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide [UNCPPCG], to put an end to these atrocities and ensure responsibility for the crimes committed, including through international accountability mechanisms'. It also urges the EU to swiftly adopt additional sanctions.

1. Will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) recommend enforcing existing obligations under the UNCPPCG to prevent such atrocity crimes 'at the instant that the State learns of, or should normally have learned of, the existence of a serious risk that genocide will be committed'?
2. Will the VP/HR submit a proposal to the Council on amending the sanctions list and adopting additional restrictive measures against the high-ranking officials involved in systemic human rights violations in Xinjiang named in the resolution?
3. Following on from the answer² to Written Question E-001326/2022, can the VP/HR specify what efforts the EU is concretely making to 'support the work of international courts and tribunals' with the aim of prosecuting these crimes?

¹ International Court of Justice judgment of 26 February 2007 in *Bosnia and Herzegovina v Serbia and Montenegro*.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-001326-ASW_EN.pdf