

**Question for written answer E-000669/2023**

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

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Subject: EU measures in view of the violation of human rights of the Tibetan minority in China

UN experts have recognised that the Han Chinese majority is oppressing the Tibetan minority through a series of actions against Tibetan educational, religious and linguistic institutions<sup>1</sup>. The Chinese Government's policies aim to assimilate Tibetan people culturally, religiously and linguistically through a residential school system. Tibetan children are losing their native language skills and the ability to communicate easily with their parents and grandparents in the Tibetan language, contributing to their assimilation and the erosion of their identity.

A number of initiatives to promote the Tibetan language and culture are reportedly being suppressed and individuals advocating for the Tibetan language and education are being persecuted<sup>2</sup>. In other words, China is violating the prohibition of discrimination against the Tibetan people and also violating their education, linguistic and cultural rights, freedom of religion or belief and other minority rights.

In view of the EU commitment to the promotion of human rights enshrined in Article 3(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU):

1. What measures regarding EU-China relations is the Vice-President / High Representative taking to address the violation of rights of the Tibetan minority?
2. Is the Commission providing any support to Tibetan diaspora organisations?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=27444>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/china-un-experts-alarmed-separation-1-million-tibetan-children-families-and>.