

**Question for written answer E-002542/2023**

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

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Subject: EU-China relations in the light of developments in Macau

The signing by the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Portugal of the Joint Declaration on the Question of Macau and the consequent transfer of sovereignty of Macau to the PRC are milestones in the history of bilateral relations between Portugal and China. The EU and Portugal are thus politically and morally duty-bound to pay close attention to developments in the Macao Special Administrative Region.

In June 2023 the European Parliament stressed that the PRC had breached the 'one country, two systems' principle, the Sino-British and Sino-Portuguese Joint Declarations and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The Commission's recent annual report points out that the amendment by the PRC's Legislative Assembly of the National Security Law risks leading to violations of the basic rights, freedoms and guarantees enjoyed by Macau's citizens,

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. What implications these developments will have for the EU-China dialogue?
2. What measures will the Commission take concerning the backsliding in the basic rights, freedoms and guarantees enjoyed by Macau citizens mentioned in its annual report?

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