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2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: Questionnaire for national political parties

HUMAN RIGHTS & GENERAL QUESTIONS

While international attention has shifted, the human rights situation in Tibet has dramatically deteriorated in recent years. Tibet is repeatedly rated as one of the least free territories on earth by human rights indexes and Tibetans face arbitrary arrest, enforced disappearances and torture simply for exercising their fundamental rights.

QUESTION 1

What consequences should these widespread and systematic human rights violations committed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in Tibet have on EU-China relations?

QUESTION 2

Does your party support the extension of sanction under the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime to Chinese individuals and entities responsible for rights violations in Tibet?

QUESTION 3

Will you encourage elected Members of the European Parliament from your party to support the adoption of European Parliament's resolutions addressing human rights violations in Tibet?

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

First founded 1989, the European Parliament's Tibet Intergroup has played a key role in ensuring that Tibet remains a high priority on the agenda of the European Parliament, creating awareness and encouraging debate on possible ways of action to improve the situation in Tibet.

QUESTION 4

Will you encourage elected Members of the European Parliament from your party to support the re-establishment of the Parliament's Tibet Intergroup for the 2024-2029 legislative term, and to be active members?

QUESTION 5

The Sino-Tibetan dialogue - a direct dialogue between envoys of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and representatives of the Chinese government - has been stalled since 2010.

What measures could the European Union take to push the Chinese government to return to the negotiating table to find a durable and mutual solution to the Tibetan crisis?

BOARDING SCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

QUESTION 6

On 14 December 2023, the European Parliament adopted a resolution condemning China's boarding school system in Tibet, which has separated nearly 1 million Tibetan children from their families and sent them to colonial-style boarding schools.

What will your party do at the EU level to follow-up on this resolution?

QUESTION 7

The Chinese government has on several occasions indicated its intention to interfere in the succession of the Tibetan spiritual leader in exile the Dalai Lama. Meanwhile, several EU Member States have officially declared that it is the prerogative of the Tibetan religious community to choose the future Dalai Lama.

Do you think that the EU should adopt a common joint position opposing Chinese government interferences in the succession of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama?

QUESTION 8

Over 30 Chinese police stations have been discovered in 13 EU Member States, that are being used by the Chinese government to threaten and silence dissidents – including those of Tibetan descent. These covert and unlawful police operations conducted by the Chinese regime violate the rule of law and may also violate the territorial integrity of those Member States.

What will your party do at the EU level to protect European citizens from transnational repression from China?

QUESTION 9

For years, and in particular since the wave of protests that swept across Tibet in 2008, China has tightly restricted access to Tibet - including for EU foreign diplomats, parliamentarians and journalists - in order to prevent the truth about its oppression there from reaching the outside world.

Will you encourage elected Members of the European Parliament from your party to request and take part in a visit of a delegation of the European Parliament to Tibet?