



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ongoing persecution of Falun Gong in China, notably the case of Mr Ding Yuande
(2024/2504(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the ongoing persecution of Falun Gong in China, notably the case of Mr Ding Yuande (2024/2504(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on China,
 - having regard to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, ratified by China on 4 October 1988,
 - having regard to Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 20 July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched an intensive, nationwide and systematic persecution to eradicate the Chinese spiritual practice of Falun Gong;
- B. whereas thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been documented to have died from abuse during the CCP's persecution since 1999, and many more have gone undocumented;
- C. whereas Falun Gong practitioners in detention suffer torture, psychiatric abuse, forced drug administration, forced medical testing, sexual assault, sleep deprivation, and organ harvesting to force practitioners to renounce their faith;
- D. whereas on 5 May 2022 the European Parliament condemned the persistent, systematic, inhumane and state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting from prisoners in the People's Republic of China, and, more specially, from Falun Gong practitioners and other minorities;
- E. whereas on 12 May 2023 Falun Gong practitioners Mr Ding Yuande and his wife Mrs Ma Ruimei were arrested without an arrest warrant; whereas on 24 May Mrs Ma was released on bail, but was threatened by police in Rizhao city, because of the rescue campaign issued by their son Ding Lebin for his parents abroad; whereas Mr. Ding was detained with no family visits for 8 months;
- F. whereas on 28 November Mr Ding had a trial before the Wulian County People's Court, and on 15 December has been sentenced to three years in prison with a 15,000 RMB fine; whereas the judgment was appealed;
1. Strongly urges the Chinese Government to immediately end persecution of Falun Gong and all other prisoners of conscience in China; demands the immediate and unconditional release of Mr Ding and all other arrested and persecuted Falun Gong practitioners in China;
 2. Strongly urges the Chinese authorities to end the state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners, other prisoners of conscience, and members of religious and ethnic minorities;

3. Calls on the EU and its Member States to conduct a full and transparent investigation into the prosecution of Falun Gong and relevant unethical practices;
4. Calls on the EU and its Member States to publicly condemn organ transplant abuses in China, and use the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime and national human rights sanctions regimes against all perpetrators, their family members, as well as entities that have contributed to the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China and abroad; stresses that the sanctions should include visa refusal, freezing of assets, expulsion from EU territories, criminal prosecution or the initiation of international criminal charges;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the Government and Parliament of the People's Republic of China.