

**Question for written answer E-001159/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Forced organ harvesting in China and EU-funded programmes

In 2021, a group of UN Special Rapporteurs and human rights experts issued a joint correspondence to the Chinese Government¹ regarding credible allegations of forced organ harvesting in China. The following year, Parliament adopted a resolution² also raising concern over forced organ harvesting in China and called on 'the relevant institutions in the Member States to evaluate and revisit the terms of their collaborations with Chinese institutions on transplant medicine, research and training'.

This, coupled with the launch of 'New Horizon' – an EU-China transplant training programme, whose honoured guest, Professor Shusen Zheng, is a Chinese transplant surgeon accused of involvement in forced organ harvesting³ – has raised concerns over whether this allocation of funding upholds EU values.

Given that EU funds may have unintentionally supported forced organ harvesting, we would like to kindly ask the Commission:

1. What mechanisms are in place to prevent EU complicity in forced organ harvesting when funding medical collaborations involving non-EU countries?
2. Will the Commission investigate any EU-funded medical programmes which may be aiding and abetting forced organ harvesting?

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¹ China: UN human rights experts alarmed by 'organ harvesting' allegations | OHCHR
<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=26382>.

² Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0200, 'Reports of continued organ harvesting in China' Thursday, 5 May 2022 (europa.eu).

³ Oxford University held training sessions for Chinese doctors accused of harvesting organs (telegraph.co.uk).