

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
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The European Parliament,

— having regard to its previous resolutions on Tibet;

- A. whereas the Chinese authorities continue their repression in occupied Tibet,
 - B. whereas His Holiness the Dalai Lama proposes to start negotiations on the future of Tibet between the Chinese Government and the Tibetan Government in exile, notably on autonomy and self-government for the Tibetan people,
 - C. whereas the three UN General Assembly resolutions passed in 1959, 1961 and 1965 acknowledged Tibet's right to self determination,
1. Reiterates its condemnation of the continuing human rights violations by the Chinese authorities in Tibet;
 2. Supports the Dalai Lama's proposal on negotiations on the future of Tibet and invites the Chinese Government to react in an official and positive way to this proposal;
 3. Asks the Council, the Member States and the Commission to do everything possible in the framework of the relations between the Union and the Republic of China and the United Nations in order to bring the two sides together with a view to reaching an agreement which satisfies the legitimate requests of the Tibetan people;
 4. Calls on the governments of the Member States to have the question of Tibet's occupation and decolonization placed on the agenda of the UN General Assembly;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the Government of the People's Republic of China, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Government in exile and the United Nations.