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Resolution on the resolution on China and Tibet submitted to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the position of the EU countries 18 April 1996

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the human rights situation in China and Tibet,
 - A. having regard to the 52nd session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights,
 - B. whereas the Vienna Declaration and the United Nations Action Plan reaffirm the requirement that all Member States should promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and respect the undertakings given in international conventions,
 - C. whereas the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China is still very serious, as highlighted in the reports by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch Asia; whereas the situation in occupied Tibet is growing worse,
 - D. welcoming the decision by the European Union to submit a resolution on human rights violations in the People's Republic of China and Tibet,
 - 1. Calls on the Member States of the European Union to use all the diplomatic means available to them, while making a determined effort to gain support from other members of the UN Commission on Human Rights, to ensure that a resolution on the human rights situation in China and Tibet is approved by the UN Commission on Human Rights and that it takes account of previous resolutions adopted by the European Parliament;
 - 2. Calls on the Member States of the Union to work in cooperation with the United States of America in presenting and supporting the resolution;
 - 3. Calls on the Council to inform Parliament and its Committee on Foreign Affairs on the strategy followed and the results obtained by the Union at the UN Commission on Human Rights;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the member countries of the UN Commission on Human Rights and the Tibetan Government in exile.