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Resolution on human rights in Tibet 23 May 1996

The European Parliament,

- recalling its earlier resolutions on the situation in Tibet,
 - A. gravely concerned by reports from Beijing and Lhasa that the Chinese authorities of occupied Tibet have widened a ban on pictures of the Dalai Lama from monasteries and temples to include schools and private homes, whereas pictures of the Dalai Lama in Tibet had been allowed since 1979,
 - B. deploring that, according to these reports, house-to-house searches are being made to check for possession of photographs of the Dalai Lama,
 - C. noting the reports of death and serious injury of a number of Tibetans as a result of violent suppression of the resulting protest,
 - 1. Deplores China's increasing policy of repression and intimidation, as well as their continued policy of transferring population, in Tibet;
 - 2. Calls on the Chinese authorities to respect the freedom of religion of the Tibetan people;
 - 3. Urges the Chinese authorities to ensure that all those injured are allowed access to medical treatment without fear of arrest or intimidation;
 - 4. Instructs its Delegation for Relations with China to raise these issues with their counterparts during the upcoming meeting in Beijing in an appropriate manner;
 - 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Tibetan Government in Exile