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(f) B3-1257 and 1307/93

Resolution on the detention of the Tibetans Gendun Rinchen, Loosang Yontam and Damchoe Pemo and other violations of human rights in Tibet*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the statement of concern issued by EPC on 1 June 1993,
 - recalling its earlier resolutions and in particular that of 24 June 1993, on repression in Tibet and the exclusion of the Dalai Lama from the World Conference on Human Rights (1),
 - having regard to the statement of concern of Amnesty International,
- A. aware of the deplorable violation of human rights in Tibet and the huge number of political prisoners, including 107 apparently arrested during the period April to July 1993 for taking part in demonstrations for independence or calling for the release of dissidents,
 - B. recalling the arrest of Gendun Rinchen and other Tibetan human rights activists before the arrival of a delegation of EC Ambassadors in Tibet last May, in an apparent attempt by the Chinese authorities to prevent contacts with the EC delegation and in particular to prevent them receiving information about political prisoners,
 - C. concerned about the fact that Gendun Rinchen since being arrested is being detained incommunicado and is accused of 'stealing state secrets', a charge which can carry the death sentence,
 - D. gravely concerned by the reports of the arrest and maltreatment by the police of Damchoe Pemo who, when 20 weeks pregnant, miscarried, having been forced to remain standing for at least 12 hours and having been beaten with electric batons,
 - E. gravely concerned by the reports that the village of Kymishi in Gongkar County in the Lhoka Prefecture has been surrounded by hundreds of Chinese soldiers who have set up machine gun posts and that 35 people in the village have been arrested,
 - F. convinced that the relations between the EC and China should not be determined only by economic interests, but should be dependent on respect for human rights and democracy,
1. Calls on the Chinese authorities to release forthwith all those detained solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression and to ensure that Tibetan detainees are protected from torture and ill treatment and are granted access to relatives and to a lawyer of their choice;
 2. Supports the courageous activity of Gendun Rinchen and his combatants in support of the respect of human rights and in particular the situation of the political prisoners in Tibet;
 3. Recalls its demand to the Commission to make all future economic and commercial agreements with the People's Republic of China dependent upon respect for human rights in China and in the Tibetan region;

(1) Minutes of that Sitting, Part II, Item 4(e).

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4. Takes the view that the Olympic Games should not be held in Peking in the year 2000 unless significant progress is made in ensuring respect for human rights by the Chinese regime;
5. Instructs its delegation to China to insist on discussing the question of the violation of human rights, especially in Tibet, during its forthcoming visit to the People's Republic;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, EPC and to the Governments of the People's Republic of China and of the Tibet Autonomous Region.

(g) B3-1289/93

Resolution on the continued detention of Kuwaitis and other non-Iraqis by the Government of Iraq

The European Parliament,

- A. recalling the obligation of the Iraqi Government under UN Security Council resolutions to release all those arrested by the Iraqi Government during its illegal occupation of Kuwait,
 - B. recalling the special obligations on Member States who took part in the Gulf War to ensure that the terms of the ceasefire are respected,
 - C. drawing attention to the Amnesty International report, which identified 140 individuals, of whom 129 are Kuwaiti and the remainder come from Bahrain, Iran, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria or are stateless, whose fate is unknown since they were arrested by the Iraqis,
 - D. drawing attention to the Kuwaiti Government's claim that over 650 Kuwaitis are still held prisoner in Iraq,
 - E. recalling its previous resolutions on the human rights situation in Iraq,
1. Demands that the Iraqi Government release without further delay all people arrested during the Iraqi Government's illegal occupation of Kuwait;
 2. Calls on EPC, acting under the authority of UN Security Council resolutions and the terms of the ceasefire, to do all in their power to help the Kuwaiti and other Arab governments to trace the people who have disappeared and to ensure their release;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, EPC, the Member States of the Security Council, the Governments of Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Syria, the Secretary-General of the UN and the Government of Iraq.

(h) B3-1298/93

Resolution on the health situation in Haiti

The European Parliament,

- A. noting with satisfaction the progress made in Haiti towards the solution of the constitutional problems that stemmed from the overthrow and enforced exile of President J.B. Aristide,