

CHINA: Roundtable discussion at the European Parliament about religious freedom (video)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day (10 December), Human Rights Without Frontiers (HRWF) in collaboration with EU Reporter has held a roundtable discussion at the European Parliament about religious freedom in China. China is regarded as one of the worst offenders of this human right as one million Uyghur Muslims are in re-education camps, crosses have been removed from the top of Catholic churches, Protestants are under heavy pressure and are often put in prison, over 1,200 Church of Almighty God members are now in prison, and more than 2,000 Falun Gong practitioners are now in prison (see database of prisoners here). Furthermore, all believers who are arrested often face physical and mental torture and are forced to recant their faith if they want to get released.

Human Rights Without Frontiers calls upon China

- to put an end to the detention of Uyghur Muslims and believers of all faiths in re-education camps;
- to respect its international obligations concerning freedom of religion or belief;

Human Rights Without Frontiers calls upon the international community, including the European Union,

- to press China to respect the individual right to have a religion, to manifest one's religion in public and in private, to create religious associations, to peacefully worship and assemble for religious purposes;

- to grant political asylum to any Chinese citizen persecuted in his country because of his/her faith and not to deport them back to China.

Program of the video (about 25 minutes)

MEP Zdechovsky (EPP): 00.00 – 09.05
Lea Perekrests (HRWF): 11.00 – 12.45
Willy Fautre (HRWF): 12.45 – 16.00
Dr Zsuzsa Anna Ferenczy: 16.05 – 22.00
Lea Perekrests (HRWF): 22.00 – 23.00
Dr Zsuzsa Anna Ferenczy: 23.00 – 25.14
Willy Fautre (HRWF): 25.14 – 25.35

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