

RESOLUTION

Halting the ratification of the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment and condemning the People's Republic of China's human right's violations

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Recognising that:

1. The People's Republic of China is a strategic competitor and geopolitical power in Europe.
2. The People's Republic of China continues to be a necessary trade partner and that an economic agreement in some form is desirable.
3. A sustainable relationship is required if the threat of global warming is to be successfully curbed.
4. The United States continues to be a close ally in an era of great power competition and especially concerning policy towards the People's Republic of China.
5. Any ratification of a trade agreement by the European Parliament is not possible as long as members of its body are under sanctions by the People's Republic of China.

Acknowledging that:

1. The EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) raises numerous concerns regarding the relationship between the EU and the People's Republic of China before the final agreement is ratified.
2. The CAI continues to allow bigger subsidies for Chinese companies than for example British companies that are allowed under the agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom. The agreement also does not tackle how to confront subsidize payments, thus a solution must be accepted by both parties.



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3. The agreement does not manage to secure a fair playing field for European companies in the People's Republic of China. The CAI fails to create a market access that ensures reciprocity.
4. The CAI risks undermining the possibility for the European Union to continue to criticize the People's Republic of China's egregious actions towards the Republic of China, Hong Kong and the Uyghur population of the Xinjiang region.
5. Any agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of China that risks silencing criticism or actions towards the People's Republic of China's heinous actions against Hong Kong are unacceptable.
6. A genocide against the Uyghur population is taking place in the Xinjiang region in the People's Republic of China.
7. The European Union is a union based on common values and liberal democracy and such values will permeate the relationships the European Union has with other nations in the world.

YEPP calls on:

1. The European Union to recognize the genocide taking place in the Xinjiang region in the People's Republic of China.
2. The European Union to introduce restrictive measures through a ban on merchandise and goods originating from the Xinjiang region of the People's Republic of China.
3. The European Union to recognize that any agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of China that risks silencing criticism or action towards the People's Republic of China's heinous actions against Hong Kong are unacceptable.
4. The European union to halt the ratification process of the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment until Chinese sanctions towards members of the European parliament are lifted.



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5. The European Union to work closer with and coordinate more of our policy towards the People's Republic of China with the United States.

6. The European Union member states to respect European Parliament's resolution 2020/2665(RSP) and to fill a join lawsuit against PRC in the International Court of Justice for the breach of international agreement – the Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong