

Question for written answer E-000233/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Tibet and Tibetan independence

Will the High Representative acknowledge that Tibetans inside Tibet, in their ongoing resistance to Chinese occupation, are demanding independence for Tibet?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini
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In its contacts with the Chinese authorities, the EU has called upon them to ensure that the human rights of the Tibetan people are respected, including their right to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, as well as to enjoy their own culture, to practice their own religion and to use their own language. The EU has also urged the Chinese authorities to allow unrestricted access by foreign diplomats and journalists to all Tibetan autonomous areas.

Both publicly and in private, the EU has consistently supported the resumption of the dialogue - on the basis of the Dalai Lama's Middle Way approach ("Umaylam") - between the Chinese authorities and the Envoys of the Dalai Lama, which has been stalled since early 2010.