



On Dec. 12, 2103, the European Parliament has passed a resolution in Strasbourg, France, expressing “deep concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from nonconsenting prisoners of conscience in the People’s Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups.”

The resolution calls on China to: “immediately end the practice of organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience”; respond to requests from the UN special rapporteurs on torture and on freedom of religion or belief as to the source of the organs used in transplantation and allow the rapporteurs to conduct an investigation; and immediately release “all prisoners of conscience in China, including the Falun Gong practitioners.”

It recommends that the EU and its member states publicly condemn the transplantation abuses in China and to raise awareness among their citizens travelling to the PRC. The resolution calls for the EU to conduct a “full and transparent investigation” into the PRC’s organ transplant practices and “for the prosecution of those found to have engaged in such unethical practices.”

The victims of forced organ harvesting in China are identified: “In July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party launched an intensive, nationwide persecution designed to eradicate the spiritual practice of Falun Gong leading to the arrest and detention of hundreds of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners ... there are reports that Uyghur and Tibetan prisoners have also been subject to forced organ transplantations.”

### **Crimes against humanity**

Erping Zhang from the Falun Dafa Information Center, said the EU resolution “has sent a loud message to the CCP regime that such crimes against humanity are unacceptable by members of civilized societies.”

He said that the practice of forced organ harvesting in China “is essentially the expression of the CCP’s system of eradicating all dissenting voices.”

“The ultimate solution to ending injustice in today’s China is a change in the system, namely a China free of the Communist Party, where the citizens of China can freely practice their personal beliefs and follow their cultural traditions.”

## European Parliament Passes Resolution Against China's Forced Organ Harvesting

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The resolution refers to U.N. conventions, previous EU resolutions, hearings at which “former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific David Kilgour and human rights lawyer David Matas” testified, and reports by U.N. special rapporteurs.

The resolution is deeply humiliating for the Chinese regime which attempts to censor all such exposures and to intimidate other countries into 'closed door talks' on human rights issues.

When the NSW State Parliament in Australia sits again in early 2014, it will consider a bill that will prohibit obtaining organs harvested from unwilling victims.