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Ms. Roberta Metsola President European Parliament Brussels

Dear President, Ms. Metsola,

Re: European Parliament's Resolution on Organ Harvesting in China

On behalf of Europe India Chamber of Commerce, I write to you to thank the European Parliament for overwhelmingly passing an urgency resolution condemning forced organ harvesting in China. This issue though has been raised by the international community, so far it has no effect on China.

Forced organ harvesting is inhumane, immoral, and cruel, and the European Parliament must do everything it can to fight this despicable practice. The forced harvesting of organs of the political prisoners and religious followers that China arrests, particularly of the Chinese religious movement known as the Falun Gong, is the most ghoulish manifestation of gangsterism by Chinese Communist Party. The phenomenon of live organ harvesting illustrates a fundamental point about the Chinese Communist Party that it has scant or no respect for human lives. Evidence suggests that execution by organ donation is part of a systematic campaign against people Beijing classifies as politically problematic.

There is growing evidence that the Chinese Communist Party has continued to harvest organs from persecuted religious groups, prisoners of conscience, but what is more disturbing is its new fond territory. We have credible information from reliable source that this organ harvesting industry is not confined to prison and camps only, the Chinese authorities are now indulged in forcibly removing organs from seriously sick Covid infected persons in the age group between 30-40 in the Xinjiang province. This is shocking, horrifying, insane and reflects utter disregard for the dignity of the human lives and members of the Chinese Community Party must be held accountable for the unspeakable practice. They have taken advantage of abused political prisoners, minority groups, and religious groups for too long, and it is time to hold Beijing accountable for these heinous acts.

In the last five and half years (since 2017), the European Parliament has passed Seventeen resolutions on violation of human rights, democracy and freedom and yet China has expressed little or no concern or has shown any appetite to act. It is a matter of concern for us that the European Union has largely ignored the rising challenge and unacceptable behavior of

China. The EU is very much aware that Chinese Communist Party is a corrupt elite which aggressively claims territory in the South China Sea, pilfers intellectual property, steals European jobs, and conducts massive espionage in Europe's institutions and enterprises. You will agree, it is time for EU and European Parliament to start taking the Chinese challenge seriously.

This industry in China has a dark, hidden and often illegal side and we hope that European Parliament will take some strong steps to punish China. The European Parliament has tools, mechanism, and instruments to act and show its capacity to strike.

Madam President, does China deserve to have an investment agreement with EU? In our view, it is absolutely not. If the European Parliament under your Presidency denies the ratification of the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI), if ever it comes up for discussion, it shall send a strong message to China that European Parliament means business.

It is not out of context to state that the recent visit of the UN Human Rights Chief to China has been a disaster as the visit has made mockery of the U.N. Human Rights Office by adopting Beijing's narrative. Therefore, it is no surprise that there are calls for the UN human rights chief to resign for failing to condemn China after visiting its remote Xinjiang region where the international community accuses Beijing of genocide.

We once again thank European Parliament for its condemnation of China's egregiously barbaric and inhumane act that has no place in our world. As the Apex institution of Europe protecting human rights, defending democracy and speaking for the voiceless, the EP has a moral obligation to expose these crimes, and ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice. The EU and EP together with international community must do more to put an end to the horrific abuse by China's Communist regime who kill innocent people and sell their organs for profit. A strong global response and coordinated action is desperately needed to sanction those responsible for this crime and to stop this gross human rights abuse.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary General

Cc. Mr. Josep Borrell, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission