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Dear Commissioner,

In 1998 the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the organs trade in China - a copy is enclosed for your information. The resolution condemned the flourishing trade in the organs of persons sentenced to death and noted that this practice is an infringement of international conventions on the treatment of prisoners. It also called on the Commission and the Council to initiate an international ban on the trade of human organs, and to work alongside the UN to establish an international committee of enquiry to investigate the trade.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> of this year *The Epoch Times*, specialists in media coverage of China, carried a story about the mass harvesting of organs from Falun Gong practitioners held in a Chinese concentration camp. According to the reports, organs are removed from prisoners whilst they are still alive and their bodies then destroyed in on-site crematorium. The newspaper also carries other stories that expose the practices at Suijatun camp in Liaoning Province, China. Please see, for example, [www.theepochtimes.com/news/6-3-15/39359.html](http://www.theepochtimes.com/news/6-3-15/39359.html) and <http://www.theepochtimes.com/news/6-3-11/39169.html>.

I feel sure that you will share my horror at learning about the trade in human organs from prisoners, and at the apparent scale of the operation conducted at the Suijatun camp. I trust that you will raise this matter with the Chinese authorities as a matter of the utmost urgency. I would also be pleased to learn what the Commission has done to expose and bring about an end to the global organ trade, and what measures are in place to ensure that European companies are not involved.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,



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