

Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2016/2990(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the case of Gui Minhai, jailed publisher in China		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		
Geographical area China		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
24/11/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/11/2016	Debate in Parliament		
24/11/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0444/2016	Summary
24/11/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2016/2990(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B8-1256/2016	22/11/2016	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-1257/2016	22/11/2016	EP	
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Joint motion for resolution		RC-B8-1256/2016	22/11/2016		
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0444/2016	24/11/2016	EP	Summary

Resolution on the case of Gui Minhai, jailed publisher in China

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the case of Gui Minhai, jailed publisher in China.

The resolution was tabled by the EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL and EFDD groups.

Members recalled that Gui Minhai, a book publisher and shareholder of the publishing house and of a bookstore selling literary works critical of Beijing, disappeared in Pattaya, Thailand, on 17 October 2015 without trace. Gui Minhai is a Swedish citizen of Chinese origin and therefore an EU citizen.

Members also recalled that he has been under arrest for more than a year, incommunicado, and his whereabouts are unknown. They urged the relevant authorities in Thailand, China and Hong Kong to clarify the circumstances of the disappearances and stressed that the independence of book editors, journalists and bloggers must be safeguarded.

Members were also concerned about the new law on cybersecurity, which would bolster and institutionalise the practices of cyberspace censorship and monitoring in China, and the forthcoming entry into force of the new Foreign NGO Management Law on 1 January 2017, given that the latter would drastically hamper the activities of Chinese civil society and would severely restrict the freedoms of association and expression in the country.

Parliament emphasised the European Unions commitment to strengthening the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and fundamental freedoms and rights, in particular transparency and freedom of speech and expression, in all the countries with which it has bilateral relations. It urged the relevant EU institutions to act swiftly and to place the case of Gui Minhai on the agenda of the next EU-China Dialogue on Human Rights.