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### People's Republic of China (PRC)

#### European-Parliament debates Imports from LAOGAI

LAOGAI means "Reform through Hard Labour". LAOGAI is the PRC's foremost tool of suppression and comprises a Forced Labour System of approx. 1.000 camps and prisons. Many Parliaments incl. Camera dei Deputati, US Congress, European Parliament, German Bundestag have condemned the LAOGAI system because of the unacceptable conditions in the prisons. Since the recent unrests many more Uighurs and Tibetians are incarcerated in the local LAOGAI, few survive.

The UN Special Rapporteur for Torture was never allowed to visit a LAOGAI prison of his own choice.

Contrary to own promises, the PRC exports LAOGAI made goods around the globe and into the EU, for example children's toys. Most probably the LAOGAI is also the origin of many Chinese counterfeit products. Typical LAOGAI products are textiles, uniforms, working clothes, electric appliances, tools, i. e. usually very cheap products, which the European consumer buys unknowingly.

The EU does not want to import Forced Labour Products and has set up rigid standards. LAOGAI Research Foundation Europe (LRFE) suggests that the EU temporarily suspends the advantages of the EC GSP Preferential Customs System for Chinese goods because they violate many of our standards. The EC Commissioner Trade examines the case.

On September 23rd the EU Parliament will debate all aspects of importing LAOGAI made goods into the EU.

Weitere Informationen

<http://laogai.org/system/files/u1/handbook2008-all.pdf>

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