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3. Extends its condolences to the family of the victims, strongly condemns the harassment to which they are being subjected and demands public protection for them;
4. Strongly condemns the decision to force Ms Feng to have an abortion and condemns the practice of forced abortions and sterilisations globally, especially in the context of the one-child policy;
5. Welcomes the Ankang municipal government's decision to offer Ms Feng's family compensation and strongly to sanction local officials involved in the case;
6. Takes note of the fact that Ms Feng's case became widely known thanks to the internet and stresses the importance of freedom of expression, including online; welcomes with satisfaction the emergence of a public sphere for debate, thanks partly to microblogging;
7. Considers important the ongoing debate among intellectuals and academics as to whether or not to continue with the one-child policy in China;
8. Urges the Commission to ensure that its funding of projects does not breach the remarks set out in Section III, Title 21 of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012;
9. Calls on the Commission and the European External Action Service to include forced abortion on the agenda for their next bilateral human rights dialogue with China;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and the Government and Parliament of the People's Republic of China.

Development education and active global citizenship

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 5 July 2012 on development education and active global citizenship

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Consensus on Development, which underlines that 'the EU will pay particular attention to development education and raising awareness',
 - having regard to the conclusions of the Structured Dialogue concerning the role of civil society and local authorities in development, which calls on 'EU Member States and the European Commission [to] strengthen their strategies for Development Education and Awareness Raising',
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas development education and awareness-raising are central to European development policies, as outlined in the European Development Education Consensus ('The European Consensus on Development: The contribution of Development Education and Awareness Raising');
 - B. whereas, despite being one of the biggest funders of development education in Europe, the European Union does not have a dedicated strategy in this field;

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- C. whereas, during periods marked by austerity, crises and the rise of nationalist and populist movements, it is particularly important to support active global citizenship;
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to develop a long-term, cross-sectoral European strategy for development education, awareness-raising and active global citizenship;
 2. Calls on the Member States to develop or strengthen national development education strategies;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories ⁽¹⁾, to the Commission, the Council and the parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 5 July 2012 (P7_PV(2012)07-05(ANN1)).

The establishment of European Artisanal Gelato Day

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Declaration of the European Parliament of 5 July 2012 on the establishment of European Artisanal Gelato Day

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. whereas EU legislation is increasingly geared towards ensuring the quality of food and, of all fresh dairy products, artisanal gelato is a product of excellence in terms of food quality and safety, raising the profile of agri-food products in each individual Member State,
 - B. whereas consumers are increasingly opting for healthy, more nutritious and tastier foods made using traditional methods which do not have an impact on the environment,
 - C. whereas the sector directly employs some 300 000, mostly young, workers in around 50 000 ice cream parlours throughout Europe and the consumption of ice cream is gradually becoming less seasonal, resulting in a year-round turnover of hundreds of millions of euros,
1. Calls on the Member States to support the production of artisanal gelato, a high-quality product, since this is an area in which the EU economy can compete and an opportunity to be seized, given the current crisis in the dairy and other sectors;
 2. Establishes European Artisanal Gelato Day, to be celebrated on 24 March, to help promote this product and build on the sector's gastronomic traditions;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of its signatories ⁽¹⁾, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ The list of signatories is published in Annex 2 to the Minutes of 5 July 2012 (P7_PV(2012)07-05(ANN2)).