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His Excellency Hu Jintao
President, People's Republic of China
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People's Republic of China

Dear President Hu:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the ongoing *incommunicado* detention of Dr. Jianli Yang, a Ph.D. from Harvard University, who has been detained in China since April 26, 2002. We strongly support the numerous requests by the United Nations, U.S. Government, educational institutions, and human rights groups calling for the release of Dr. Yang and his return to his wife and small children in Massachusetts.

Dr. Yang has been held for over one year without any written detention notice being issued; without any details of his status being made available to his family; without any details being given of formal charges; without access to legal counsel; and is still being held without contact with his own family in China or abroad. According to an analysis completed by attorneys at the Harvard Law School, the Chinese government has also violated its own law both through the prolonged detention as well as by denying access to an attorney or visits by family members.

In addition, although China has not ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as a signatory, it is obligated to abide by treaty provisions. In this regard, the Covenant states that anyone detained, "shall be entitled to be brought promptly before a judge and shall be entitled to a trial within a reasonable time or to release." Furthermore, the United Nations has stated that "prolonged *incommunicado* may itself constitute cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment" which is prohibited by the Covenant. Most recently, the U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention issued Opinion No. 2/2003 that found Dr. Yang is being held in violation of international law.

We urge your government to allow Dr. Yang to return to the United States to rejoin his family as soon as possible. This positive humanitarian gesture would be welcomed by all of us in the European Parliament who care about strengthening the bilateral relationship between the European Union and the People's Republic of China.

Thank you for considering our request and taking the time to address this important matter.

Sincerely,



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June 13, 2003

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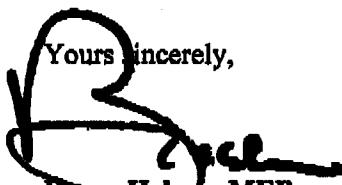
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Brussels, 12 June, 2003.

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