

China

Specification	Specific restrictive measures in relation to the events at the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989
Adopted by	EU
Last amendment date	27.06.1989
Notes	The restrictive measures of this restrictive measures regime are described in a political Declaration of European Council made in Madrid, 27 June 1989 in relation to the events at the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989:

“The European Council, recalling the declaration of the Twelve of 6 June, strongly condemns the brutal repression taking place in China. It expresses its dismay at the pursuit of executions in spite of all the appeals of the international community. It solemnly requests the Chinese authorities to stop the executions and to put an end to the repressive actions against those who legitimately claim their democratic rights.

The European Council requests the Chinese authorities to respect human rights and to take into account the hopes for freedom and democracy deeply felt by the population. It underlines that this is an essential element for the pursuit of the policy of reforms and openness that has been supported by the European Community and its Member States. (...)

In the present circumstances, the European Council thinks it necessary to adopt the following measures:

- raising the issue of human rights in China in the appropriate international fora; asking for the admittance of independent observers to attend the trials and to visit the prisons;
- interruption by the Member States of the Community of military cooperation and an embargo on trade in arms with China;
- suspension of bilateral ministerial and high-level contacts;
- postponement by the Community and its Member States of new cooperation projects;
- reduction of programmes of cultural, scientific and technical cooperation to only those activities that might maintain a meaning in the present circumstances;
- prolongation by the Member States of visas to the Chinese students who wish it.

Taking into account the climate of uncertainty created in the economic field by the present policy of the Chinese authorities, the European Council advocates the postponement of the examination of new requests for credit insurance and the postponement of the examination of new credits of the World Bank.”

Measures



Arms embargo

Political declaration from 1989 by the Member States to interrupt military cooperation and apply an embargo on trade in arms with China