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Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Peter van Dalen and I am a Member of the European Parliament. And in the midst of the crisis in Ukraine, we need to keep an eye on the other great human rights crime in the world, namely illegal forced organ harvesting in China.

I think it is very good that we continue to draw attention to this really serious affront to human rights, the illegal harvesting of organs, which is in itself devastating for the people whose organs are harvested. But we must also remember the prisoners of conscience, who are often the victims of this crime.

What we see is that fortunately, many organizations are reporting this crime, such as the China Tribunal and Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting, I am grateful for their work, which continues to highlight this very grave situation.

What should we do? Well, first of all, I think it is very important to raise awareness of this issue. I am doing this here in the European Parliament to raise awareness of this issue. And in addition, we should raise awareness on every possibility we have of what is happening.

What can be done? Well, for example, individuals in China who commit these crimes should be targeted for sanctions. I think this is very important.

And the European Union is now having discussions with China on the investment agreement, and this issue of illegal organ harvesting should be at the top of the agenda, I repeat, at the top of the agenda when we discuss trade relations with China.

In addition, Member States should reconsider their medical relations with China, because we know what is happening. And this is done by people with a medical expertise, with a medical education. Therefore, we need to reconsider what we do with China.

And, furthermore, we should continue to raise awareness. I do this here in parliament. You are doing it at your conference. And I wish you all the best to raise awareness of this great evil that is happening in China.

Thank you.