Is the Chinese Leadership Ready for Dialogue? Perspectives on the Uyghur Issue
European Parliament, Brussels
Altiero Spinelli Building, Room 5G1
Tuesday, 17 December 2013
3.00 – 6.30pm

3pm Registration

3.30pm Opening Remarks
Niccolò Rinaldi – MEP, Italy (ALDE)
Marino Busdachin – General Secretary of UNPO
Uyghur Poetry Reading by Enver Can – World Uyghur Congress (Germany)

4pm Panel I – Understanding East Turkestan’s Cry of Despair?

Recent Developments in the Uyghur Sphere
Rebiya Kadeer
President of the World Uyghur Congress (USA)

Power Struggles in Asia: The Uyghur Question
Haluk Ahmet Gümüş
Member of Turkish Parliament, CHP Party (Social Democrats) (Turkey)

Indian Perspective on the Uyghur Issue and its Impact on India-China Relations
Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata
Center for Inner Asian Studies, Jawahral Nehru University (India)

5pm Panel Change

5.10pm Panel II – Possible Policy Changes in Light of New Chinese Leadership?

‘The EU and the Uyghur Question: Dealing with a Fait Accompli?’
Bruno de Cordier
Professor at Ghent University, Programme Coordinator at Conflict Research Group (Belgium)

Escalation of Tensions in East Turkestan: The EU and China’s Shared Responsibility?
Ulrich Delius
Society for Threatened Peoples (Germany)

Opportunities for Ethnic Social Stability and Development for Uyghurs
Kilic Bugra Kanat
Penn State University, Erie (USA)

6pm Q & A
6.20pm Closing Remarks