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Mr President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of China to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil commends China for their poverty reduction efforts which created the conditions for lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty over the past three decades.

We welcome the steps taken by the Chinese Government that resulted in the drafting and issuing of the First and Second National Human Rights Action Plans for 2009–2010 and 2012– 2015, respectively.

Brazil takes note with appreciation that under Amendment (VIII) of the Criminal Law of 2011, China has abolished the death penalty for 13 separate non-violent economic crimes. Brazil encourages the Chinese Government to persevere in its endeavors towards the total abolition of the death penalty.

As a follow-up to the recommendation presented by Brazil in the first cycle, we are pleased to learn that China is continuing to pursue administrative and

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legislative reforms in preparation for the ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). We recommend the ratification, as soon as possible, of that Covenant.

We recognize recent advancements in the rights of persons with disabilities, such as the enactment of the "Law on the Protection of Disabled Persons". Brazil recommends that China introduces a comprehensive and inclusive national plan of action to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities, in accordance with international human rights law.

Thank you.