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CHINA

Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus wishes to thank [*head of delegation*] and the rest of the members of the Chinese delegation for the presentation of their National Report and welcome them to this session of the second-UPR cycle.

At the outset, we would like to appreciate the recent visit to China of the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, which provided opportunities for the EU and China to exchange views on ways of promoting results-oriented cooperation in the field of human rights.

My delegation also notes with satisfaction, *inter alia*, the reform of the registration and management system for some categories of social organizations that has been announced in China earlier this year. The fact that members of vulnerable groups have successfully used the Chinese Law to assert their right to protection from discrimination in fields such as employment and education should likewise be underscored. Moreover, we want to commend the extension of social insurance coverage in China.

Cyprus would appreciate the Chinese delegation providing us with more information as regards the measures that were undertaken to increase accessibility to education of children with disabilities, as well as details on the progress achieved in relation to the Government's efforts to achieve practical equality between men and women.

We have the following recommendation:

- That China maintains human rights education as a basic part of its National Human Rights Action Plans, including the relevant training of law enforcement agents, public servants and youth.

I thank you Mister President.