**Universal Periodic Review of the People’s Republic of China, 22 October 2013**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of the People’s Republic of China to the UPR, and thanks them for their report and additional information.

While welcoming the efforts of the Chinese government in improving the situation of human rights in the country, such as the National Human Rights Action Plan 2012-2015 and the White Paper on Progress in China’s Human Rights, and acknowledging the progress in some aspects compared to the previous UPR,Estonia still notes deficiencies and would like to make **the following recommendations**:

1. to speed up the process of **ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the 2nd Optional Protocol,** and to renew efforts to uphold all international human rights standards, including civil and political rights;
2. **to undertake measures enabling unrestricted use of Internet to all members of the society**;
3. to sign and ratify **the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court** (ICC) **and the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court** (APIC)**,** and to fully align its national legislation with the obligations contained therein.

We would like to wish the delegation of China a successful review meeting.

Thank You!