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Intervention by Greece

Thank you M. President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of China to the 17th session of the UPR Working Group.

We take note of the evolution that has taken place in terms of economic and social rights, as well as some aspects of judicial reform.

Focus could be placed, among others, on HR education of Chinese Government agencies, especially when it comes to issues, such as the status of women, rights of the child and disabled persons. The Second Action Plan for Human Rights, for the years 2012-2015 could contribute to the promotion of these issues. However, we take note that the participation of civil society organizations in H.R. education is rather limited and therefore, we would encourage a more substantial interaction between the authorities and the NGOs.

We would encourage future positive steps by the Chinese Government in the field of HR, also in cooperation with international organizations.