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Consideration of the National Report of the Government of
the People's Republic of China

Statement by Ambassador Mr. Wayne McCook, Permanent
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Thank you Mr. President,

His Excellency

My delegation warmly welcomes Mr. Wu Hailong,
[Special Envoy for the Minister of Foreign Affairs] and
the members of his delegation.

~~The delegation of~~ Jamaica is pleased with the broad
and inclusive consultations to prepare the national
report, in particular, the participation of 22 non-
governmental organizations ^(NGOs) and academic
institutions. **(Paragraph 2/Annex II).**

My delegation appreciates the focused manner in which the Government has responded to the 42 recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review ^(UPR) and commends the Government for the publication of National Human Rights Action Plans for the periods 2009 to 2010 and 2012 to 2015, to chart a comprehensive plan for the promotion and protection of human rights in China.

We note the Government's efforts to pursue the necessary reforms to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ^(ICCPR) and would encourage the Government to maintain these efforts, with a view to early ratification of this important Covenant.

(Paragraph 7).

Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Government of the People's Republic of China for maintaining its engagement with the Human Rights Council, through this State-driven process and look forward to the adoption of its report.

Thank you.

