

Statement of Kenya
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Mr. President,

Kenya welcomes the delegation of China to the second UPR review.

China is a State party to many international human rights instruments. We note in this regard, the current efforts by the Government towards the ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

We have also noted the recent adoption of the second cycle of the National Human Rights Action Plan for the period 2012–2015, which gives enhanced prominence to actions and strategies of advancing the wellbeing of the Chinese people.

Some of the important strategies included in the Plan are: the preferential allocation of public resources to particular segments of the population including those in the rural and poor areas as well as other vulnerable social groups; the shrinkage of disparities in public services between urban and rural regions; the provision of basic social security; and the protection of the environment. Other important actions included are: the construction of affordable housing; the provision of compulsory basic education; and the provision of basic health coverage for all.

Kenya also notes that the Government of China has continued to maintain its cooperation with the Human Rights Council and the treaty bodies on the basis of mutual respect and constructive dialogue.

Recommendation

Kenya would recommend that China continues with its efforts to value and to give full consideration to the views and suggestions expressed by the treaty bodies.

I thank you.