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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the Chinese delegation to Geneva and expresses my Government's warmest wishes for a successful UPR. Namibia commends China for promoting and protecting the human rights of its citizens as well as of non-nationals, in particular the right to development. Namibia also commends China for its ongoing cooperation with the UN human rights treaty bodies.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Chinese Government:

1. Ratify outstanding core human rights instruments, including the ICCPR.
2. Strengthen the human rights framework to ensure religious freedoms
3. Abolish the death penalty, and
4. Continue promoting the right to development.

I thank you Mr. President.

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