

## Universal Periodic Review 17 – China

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### Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands welcomes China's exponential economic growth that contributes to the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights. It encourages China to also strengthen its efforts to further enhance the promotion and protection of civil and political rights of its people.

The Netherlands notes China's candidature for the Human Rights Council and encourages China to further strengthen its cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms and to engage with member states, UN actors and human rights NGOs and wider civil society.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore recommends China:

1. to allow national and international NGOs to play a full and active role in promoting and protecting human rights, specifically by expanding registration to all categories of NGOs and social organisations in China and by expanding their freedom to operate effectively.
2. to include a prohibition of discrimination of any kind, including discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnicity, religion and infection with HIV, in labor and employment law in line with international standards.

I thank you, Mr. President.