

UPR of the People's Republic of China
Statement by the Republic of Poland
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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the People's Republic of China for its informative national report and its engagement in the UPR process.

Poland notes the continued efforts by the People's Republic of China to improve human rights situation in particular in selected economic, social and cultural rights.

At the same time Poland would like to express concern at the reports of deterioration in media and academic freedom, including arrests, assaults and harassment of journalists particularly in Hong Kong, China. **We recommend that China repeals any unreasonable restrictions on freedom of expression particularly for the media.**

Poland views the safety of journalists as one of the key conditions for protecting human rights. Poland also notes the concerns voiced by the Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders about arrests, detention and intimidation of human rights defenders. In this context we **recommend that China ensures that proper investigations are conducted in all cases of attacks on journalists, media workers and human rights defenders.**

Poland notes the joint communication of eight special procedures sent in 2012 with regard inter alia to alleged systematic attempts to undermine the rights to freedom of religion culture and expression of the Tibetan Buddhist Community. Poland **recommends that China takes the necessary measures to ensure that the rights to freedom of religion, culture and expression are fully observed and protected in every administrative entity of China.**