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Mr. President,

My delegation commends the efforts made by the government of China for the promotion of human rights, which notably include:

- the revised National Human Rights Action Plan
- the new provision on the refugee status determination process in the Exit-Entry Administration Law.

While acknowledging the progress made, we would like to submit the following recommendations:

- We recommend that China accept the recommendations of UNHCR on refugee issues including the adoption of national asylum legislation.
- We also recommend that China provide adequate protection to asylum seekers and cross-border refugees including especially those from neighboring countries, in accordance with humanitarian considerations and relevant international norms such as the principle of non-refoulement.
- We recommend that China expedite the efforts to ratify the ICCPR.
- We also recommend that China continue to make efforts to promote the right to education for children of migrant workers from rural areas.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/