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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

We would like to thank the delegation of China for the comprehensive overview of the human rights situation in their country.

Slovakia takes note with satisfaction of progress in the field of economic, social and cultural rights. **We recommend China to follow this approach with respect to civil and political rights, including freedom of religion or belief and the right to fair trial.**

We encourage the Chinese Government to pursue their work on the review of the death penalty procedure.

As regards cooperation of the Government with NGOs and academic institutions in preparation of human rights legislation, we would appreciate China's response on involvement of civil society in decision-making process.

Finally, we take this opportunity **recommend China to organize visit of High Commissioner in the coming future.**

Thank you.