



Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue with China

*To be delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck
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Mr President,

Sweden welcomes the delegation of China to the UPR and would like to convey the following recommendations to the government.

1. Remove restrictions on freedom of information and expression that are not in accordance with international human rights law - established by law, and deemed necessary and proportionate.
2. Urgently release those being held in detention or imprisonment for exercising their right to freedom of expression.
3. Ensure that any reformed prison or compulsory care system meets international human rights standards, and abolish systems of arbitrary detention, including Re-Education Through Labour.
4. Take urgent steps to fully respect the rights of ethnic minorities, including peaceful political and religious practices and expressions of cultural identity.

We would also like to refer to our advance questions and look forward to your answers.

Thank you, Mr President