

*Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève*

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| **WG UPR – China**  ***Belgian intervention***  January 2024 |

President,

Belgium welcomes the delegation of China and recommends to:

**R1.** Respond positively to outstanding requests for visits of Special Procedures, including to Tibet and Xinjiang, in particular those working on slavery, counterterrorism, religion or belief, and business and human rights.

**R2**. Ensure that legal provisions to protect national security are strictly defined and in compliance with international human rights law, and review the National Security Law in Hong Kong accordingly.

**R3**. Restrict the death penalty to crimes that meet the threshold of most serious crimes under international law.

Belgium wishes the Chinese delegation success and looks forward to a constructive dialogue.

Thank you.