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**REVIEW OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks the delegation of **(**the People’s Republic of**)** China for the presentation **(**of their National Report**)** and positively notes the efforts made by the Chinese Government to implement recommendations from the previous cycle.

Particularly on economic and social rights, we are pleased to note that the Chinese Government has achieved the poverty reduction target of the 2030 Agenda **(**for Sustainable Development**)** 10 years ahead of schedule, and are working to improve children’s welfare **(**at the grassroots community level**)**.

**(**In this spirit,**)** Brunei Darussalam proposes two recommendations:

1. Continue to intensify efforts for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals **(**(SDGs)**)**, especially those related to education; and
2. Further strengthen initiatives in the protection of the rights of children and the youth.

Mr. President,

We wish China a successful review.

Thank you.

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