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

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**Statement by the Republic of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of China and thanks them for their report.

We commend China’s efforts in building a large education, social security and health-care system. However, Croatia encourages China to establish strategies for lifelong education of older persons and improvement of their literacy.

Furthermore, the implementation of recommendations by UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures could be advanced.

We have three recommendations:

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
3. Adopt effective legislative measures to eliminate discriminatory acts against ethnic minorities.

Croatia wishes China a successful review.

Thank you.