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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Chinese delegation and thanks them for their presentation.

Since the last UPR cycle, China has made positive advancements as regards the improvement of living standards, elimination of poverty, advancement of healthcare, social security and education.

Cyprus recommends:

* + - * Continuing with existing progress on gender related issues in areas such as equal representation of women in senior and leadership positions, equal pay and increased legal protection for female victims of domestic violence.
* Reducing maternal mortality by continuing the improvements of the maternal and child health service system
* Considering the establishment of a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with the aim of working towards its total abolition