**Draft Statement by the Commonwealth of Dominica**

**Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the People’s Republic of China**

**Human Rights Council, Geneva, 23 to 26 January 2024**

Mr. President,

The Commonwealth of Dominica welcomes the delegation of the People’s Republic of China and commend the People’s Republic of China on its advancement in all key areas of human rights, as it goes through this fourth Universal Periodic Review.

Dominica notes China’s advancement in all areas of human rights including: poverty reduction and alleviation; housing, public health services; the specific measures for protection the rights of women, children, elderly, and persons with disabilities; environmental protection and sustainability; political and civil liberties.

In its national report, China recognizes its own difficulties and challenges in promoting high quality development. We are reminded here today, that this balance between development and human rights, is exactly what the UPR is designed to discuss and address, for all member states.

The Dominica supports China in its plans to continue to raise the level of human rights protection and promote the free and comprehensive development of its People. Dominica makes the following three recommendations:

1. To fully develop whole process people’s democracy along the development path chosen by the Chinese people, and the organic law-based governance of China, for people based all-inclusive development.
2. To continue taking measures for improving women’s development including increased participation of women in public affairs.
3. To continue measures to improve respect for and protection of human rights into the Constitution of the Communist Party of China and the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China and, to uphold the equality of all before the law and social security system for all Chinese.

The Commonwealth of Dominica wishes the Government and People of the People’s Republic of China, continued success and prosperity, while promoting Human Rights for all.

Thank you, Mr. President.