

**44 Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to China**

**23rd January 2024**

Mr. President,

Finland welcomes the opportunity to engage in a UPR-dialogue with China and recommends the following:

1. to guarantee the protection of human rights lawyers against any form of harassment, violence or attempts to impede or interfere with the defense of their clients, in accordance with international law
2. to protect and promote human rights of ethnic and religious minorities, including the Xinjiang Uighurs, in line with OHCHR’s recommendations and UN treaty bodies’ concluding observations and decisions.
3. to invite the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to visit China, including Xinjiang.

Thank you.