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**UPR 45 – China**

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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the delegation of China and appreciate China’s commitment to the UPR.

Italy recommends China to:

*- Introduce a moratorium on the death penalty, adopt rigorous procedures for reviewing capital sentences and reporting death penalty cases. Provide information on the identity and number of individuals waiting for execution, on death sentences and executions.*

*- Take effective measures to prevent any form of discrimination against ethnic and religious groups and minorities.*

*- Guarantee freedom of opinion and expression, enhancing efforts to create an environment in which journalists, human rights defenders and NGOs can freely operate in accordance with international standards, removing obstacles to their access to information, mobility and interaction with civil society.*

Italy wishes China a successful UPR.

I thank you.