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**UPR of China – Statement of Japan**

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Thank you.

Japan is concerned about the human rights situation in China and makes the following recommendations:

1. protect the rights of minorities, including the Tibetans and Uighurs, including their rights to enjoy their cultural and religious practices as recommended by the CESCR;
2. guarantee the fundamental rights and freedoms set forth under the Hong Kong Basic Law and improve on the “One Country, Two Systems”;
3. guarantee transparent legal procedures, including fair trials, access to legal representatives of defendants’ choosing, and prompt notifications to families; and
4. ratify the ICCPR and ICPPED.

Japan takes note of China’s initiatives on economic development, but expects China to take further actions to protect human rights.