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Mr. President,

Laos wishes to congratulate the People’s Republic of China for the informative and comprehensive report on the progress of human rights development with Chinese characteristics.

Laos has three recommendations:

First, continue to communicate with other developing countries on the experience of the state governance, including promoting and protecting human rights;

Second, continue to guarantee the rights of ethnic minorities to participate in the management of state and social affairs on an equal footing according to Law;

Third, continue to carry out the new development concept and build a modern economic system.

In this connection, we also commend China’s remarkable achievements in socio-economic development as well as the great efforts to achieve the socialist modernisation by 2035 and the construction of a great modern socialist country by 2050.

I thank you, Mr. President.