

Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève

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| **WG UPR 31 – China**  **Belgian intervention**  6 November 2018 |

Mr. President,

Belgium welcomes the delegation of the People’s Republic of China.

Belgium recommends:

**R1** To ensure that any legal provisions to protect national security are clearly and strictly defined in its security laws, in conformity with international human rights law and standards.

**R2** To halt the practice of detaining national ethno-religious minorities who have not been lawfully convicted for a criminal offence in re-education camps and to release those currently detained under these circumstances.

**R3** To take the necessary measures to guarantee that human rights defenders can exercise their freedom of expression and of peaceful association.

**R4** To restrict the use of the death penalty to crimes that meet the threshold of “most serious crimes” under international law.

Thank you, Mr. President