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**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on China**

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Mr. President, Sweden welcomes the delegation of China and would like to make the following recommendations:

1. **To take urgent steps to respect the rights of persons belonging to ethnic minorities including the right to peaceful assembly, to manifest religion and culture – in particular in Xinjiang and Tibet.**
2. **To remove restrictions on freedom of expression and press – including on the internet – that are not in accordance with international law.**
3. **To ensure full enjoyment of human rights for women, girls and individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities – by implementing the anti-domestic violence law and clearly defining its coverage.**
4. **Respect the rights of all detainees under relevant human rights instruments and the Vienna Convention, including due process.**

Sweden wishes the Government of China all success in the current review. I thank you Mr. President