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Statement delivered by Ms Gayethri M Pillay, Chargé D’affaires/Counsellor

Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the delegation of the People’s Republic of China and puts forward the following recommendations:

1. Firstly, in commending China’s ongoing efforts in increasing the use of renewable energy sources and the reduction of carbon emissions, Seychelles recommends that China continue to intensify measures to implement the ‘Paris Agreement’ in view of the undeniable impact of climate change on the enjoyment of fundamental human rights;
2. Secondly, Seychelles recommends the timely establishment of a National Human Rights Institution that is in line with the ‘Paris Principles’ and provided with adequate resources to fulfil a wide-ranging mandate.

Seychelles wishes the delegation of China a fruitful session and a successful implementation of the recommendations.

Thank you, Mr President.