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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of China and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

Liechtenstein welcomes China’s efforts in the implementation of the recommendations put forward on the second-cycle review. However, Liechtenstein remains concerned about the narrowing civil society space in China. Liechtenstein recommends that China ensure that human rights defenders can exercise their work without being subjected to harassment, intimidation or any kind of reprisals. Furthermore Liechtenstein recommends that China establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Liechtenstein is concerned that women experience domestic and gender-based violence, forced labor and forced marriage. Liechtenstein recommends that China takes adequate measures to prevent women from all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence. Liechtenstein recommends that China ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Liechtenstein recommends that China establish a moratorium on executions of the death penalty with a view to its complete abolishment, to commute all existing death sentences and to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Liechtenstein recommends that China ratify the Rome Statute as well as the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.