**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus,**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Chinese delegation to this session of the UPR-cycle and wishes to thank them for their presentation.

China’s intensive effort towards eradicating extreme poverty in the past five years is highly commendable and Cyprus wishes to further encourage China to continue to exert every effort to bring people out of poverty.

Furthermore, Cyprus understands that China has reformed its laws towards limiting the number of offences punishable by death.

* Towards this end, Cyprus an advocate of the complete abolishment of the death penalty, wishes to recommend to China to further reduce the number of capital crimes.