**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-China**

Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the People´s Republic of China.

We appreciate and applaud the efforts of China to ensure that more citizens can enjoy a decent standard of living for the fulfilment of their human rights. We note that development and respect for human rights are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

We take this opportunity to express our concerns over reports related to the Uyghur population in Xinjiang. We call on China to cooperate fully with relevant UN bodies in this regard.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the ICCPR.
2. End arbitrary detention of those who defend and promote human rights.
3. To adopt concrete measures to promote women’s full and equal participation in political and public life.
4. Establish a moratorium on executions.

I wish China all success for its review,

I thank you