**Universal Periodic Review of the People’s Republic of China, 6 November 2018**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of the People’s Republic of China to its third UPR, and thanks them for the national report and additional information provided today.

While acknowledging some progress regarding measures taken by the Government to advance human rights compared to the previous UPR, such as the adoption of the Third National Human Rights Action Plan of China for 2016–2020,Estonia would like to make the following recommendations, some of which repeat our previous recommendations, to:

1. take meaningful steps towards ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its 2nd Optional Protocol (ICCPR-OP2);
2. ratify the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT);
3. sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC);
4. enable unrestricted use of Internet to all members of the society by ensuring cybersecurity and the safe flow of information without violating the freedom of expression;
5. enable all members of civil society to freely engage with international human rights mechanisms without fear of intimidation and reprisals;
6. prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings, including in the home.

We would like to wish the delegation of China a successful review meeting.

Thank you.