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Mr. President,

Albania welcomes the delegation of China to the third UPR cycle. We thank it for the report and look forward to a constructive exchange.

We note with satisfaction that China has made progress in several areas related to human rights, including with regard to the eradication of poverty, as well as in the fields of education, health and social security, housing, women’s and children’s rights.

We note that implementation of our recommendation from the second UPR round to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is progressing. We would welcome more detailed information about the steps the Government is taking.

We urge China to abolish the death penalty and encourage the Government to establish a moratorium in this respect.

Thank you, Mr President.