**Statement of Hungary on China**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the Chinese delegation to the UPR Working Group.

We commend the progress China made over the past five years in the field of poverty elimination, which resulted in a significant decrease in the number of rural poor people. Hungary encourages the Government of China to continue improving the living standards of the people and guaranteeing their political as well as economic, social and cultural rights.

Hungary also appreciates China’s efforts to protect the rights of vulnerable groups. However, we remain deeply concerned about the reported human rights violations against ethnic and religious minorities.

Therefore, Hungary recommends that China:

* Allow independent observers, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and all UN Special Procedures that have requested a country visit, unfettered access to all parts of China’s territory;
* Ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and ensure that its protections are extended to all minorities;
* Continue to protect the rights of vulnerable groups;

Finally, the Hungarian Delegation wishes a successful UPR to the delegation of China.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**