**31st session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of China**

**Statement by Mr Roberto Pace, First Secretary**

Thank you, Mr President.

Malta welcomes the delegation of China and thanks it for presenting its national report. Malta welcomes China’s signature of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as the steps it is taking to advance administrative and judicial reforms in preparation for its ratification.

In this regard, Malta would like to make the following recommendation:

Continue taking steps towards an early ratification of the ICCPR.

We wish the delegation of China a successful review.

Thank you.