

China Society for Human Rights Studies
Oral statement on the outcome on China under the UPR
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Mr. President,

The China Society for Human Rights Studies welcomes the open and constructive spirit that the Chinese government has taken to approach the UPR recommendations, especially the wide consultation with the Chinese civil society organizations for their implementation.

CSHRS would like to highlight the following points.

First, about adopting specific legislation on domestic violence. As far as we know, All-China Women's Federation is working on a draft proposal of "Prevention and Prohibition of Domestic Violence Law". We hope that such law will be adopted and implemented as soon as possible to prohibit all domestic violence against women, minors and disabled persons.

Second, about safeguarding people's livelihood in the context of financial crisis. CSHRS has expressed its concerns on the livelihood of migrant workers in the context of global financial crisis in a report early this year. We are happy to see that most recommendations from the report has aroused attention by the government, including formulating concrete action plans to secure employment and especially to strengthen the protection of the rights and interests of migrant workers, guaranteeing the equal treatment for migrant workers and urban resident workers in terms of social security, payment and skill training.

Third, about cooperation with the OHCHR. Under a Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Cooperation, CSHRS carried out a technical cooperation project on the theme of civil society's participation in the treaty bodies last year. We hope that the Chinese government will continue to keep good cooperation with OHCHR and consider concrete technical cooperation projects with OHCHR in the future which the Chinese civil society could be actively involved in.

Thank you, Mr. President.