

Statement at UPR-China on Disability Rights

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I'm with China Disabled Persons' Federation, a national umbrella organization representing the 85 million people with disabilities in China.

First, we acknowledge that the Chinese government solicited and respected opinions from NGOs including our organization when preparing the national report for the UPR-China last year. And we recognize the efforts and achievements of the Chinese government on protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities. Among the first to sign and ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, China amended and enacted a series of laws and regulations on disability in line with the principles of the Convention.

We've also noticed that, the Chinese government has integrated the work on disability into the national five-year work programs on socioeconomic development since 1988, and adopted effective measures to advance the status of people with disabilities. We welcome the new action plans on disability, including Rural Poverty Alleviation Program for People with Disabilities (2011-2020) and Program for Upgrading the Education of People with Disabilities (2014-2016).

We look forward to more efforts of the government in the following aspects:

First, to further increase financial input in public services for people with disabilities, and to narrow the gap between urban and rural areas;

Second, to improve the supply and quality of services for people with disabilities through building up an effective public-private-nonprofit partnership;

Third, to establish a comprehensive database on basic conditions and needs of people with disabilities.

Last but not least, we call on the international community to include disability issue in the post-2015 development agenda.