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Mr. President,

United Nations Association of China (UNA-China) views the UPR a positive mechanism, which heeds the opinions of all stakeholders to ensure that the report for the state under review is as balanced and authoritative as possible.

UNA-China welcomes the openness and commitment of the Chinese government to the UPR process. During the process of preparing China's national report, broad consultations were held with many NGOs, including my organization.

Measures have been adopted in the past few months after China's being reviewed last February. On April 13 this year, China published the first ever National Human Rights Action Plan for the period 2009-2010. The drawing up of the Plan involved broad participation by the relevant government departments and NGOs as well as experts from universities and research institutions. The Plan clearly defines the Chinese government's goals in promoting and protecting human rights within the time frame, and the specific measures it is taking to this end. It demonstrates the readiness and seriousness of the Chinese government to improve the enjoyment of the human rights by its people.

UNA-China welcomes the Action Plan as an important step in the right direction. But more efforts should be made to implement the Plan and effective and scientific coordination among all departments is essential and critical in its implementation process. It is the hope of UNA-China that a periodic plan will be worked out to monitor and check the progress and that the Chinese civil society organizations will have a role to play in the monitoring and evaluation of its implementation. If the Plan is seriously implemented, the human rights cause in China will register a bigger progress.

Thank you, Mr. President.