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Statement on Universal Periodic Review

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank you for your report, which gives us a comprehensive summary of the progresses we have made so far in developing the modalities of the UPR mechanism and the areas where more efforts are needed. We would also like to express our appreciation to the facilitator of the working group, His Excellency, Ambassador of Morocco, for his wise guidance in the consultation process and for his ^{comprehensive summary} ~~conclusions~~ which serve as a good basis for the future work of the working group.

China attaches great importance to the establishment of UPR mechanism. UPR represents a new approach adopted by the Council in an effort to eliminate the problems such as double standards, politicization and selectivity that plagued the consideration of country human rights situations by the Commission on Human Rights and that eventually discredited the Commission. To avoid the repetition of these problems and ensure a successful UPR mechanism, we must implement the important guiding principles set out in the General Assembly Resolution 60/251 not only in words but also in spirit.

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our

views on some of the elements of the UPR mechanism. In view of a number of mechanisms already in place to monitor the implementation of human rights obligations by states, my delegation is of the view that UPR should not be too burdensome either for the Council or for states. We believe there should be no additional reporting obligations for states. We are in favor of a five-year review cycle and one three-hour session for each review which is conducted at the plenary sessions of the Council. The review should be recorded in a summary record adopted by the Council based on consensus, and the follow-up measures should be implemented mainly through voluntary initiatives by the state under review and necessary technical assistance may be provided upon request of the state concerned.

Mr. President,

My delegation is pleased to note that after four rounds of consultations the working group has managed to identify quite a number of elements of convergence, which lays down a good foundation for our work at next stage. My delegation stands ready to continue to work together with all parties in a cooperative, constructive and flexible spirit in order to set up a fair, efficient, and effective UPR mechanism at an early date.

Thank you, Mr. President.