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Ireland acknowledge the significant progress that China has made to improve the economic and social situation of its citizens.

Ireland is concerned at reports of the treatment of ethnic Uighurs, in particular their detention in political re-education camps. We urge China to respect freedom of religion and belief and recommend that China grant access to the OHCHR to all regions of the country including the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region.

We remain concerned regarding the treatment of human rights defenders and lawyers in China, and recommend that China take immediate action to allow them, to exercise their right to freedom of expression and opinion without threats, harassment or repercussions.

Ireland continues to urge China, including Hong Kong and Macao, to establish a comprehensive anti-discrimination law to protect all marginalised groups, including LGBTI persons.