

Adoption of review report on China by UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review Working Group

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted the review report on China today (November 9, Geneva time).

The UPR Working Group conducted a review hearing on November 6 to examine the third report submitted by China (covering the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions). A team of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government officials, led by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, attended the review hearing as part of China delegation.

"The UNHRC Working Group has taken note of the commitment of and efforts made by the HKSAR Government in the promotion and protection of human rights in Hong Kong. Mr Cheung, in his capacity as Deputy Head of the China delegation, spoke at the meeting to clear the air on Hong Kong's human rights situation. He reiterated that Hong Kong enjoyed a high degree of autonomy under "one country, two systems" and that fundamental rights and freedoms were all fully guaranteed by the Basic Law," a Government's spokesman said. The transcript of Mr Cheungs remarks and related press release were issued on November 6 (Geneva time).

The review report is expected to be presented to the plenary session of the UNHRC for adoption in March next year.