<u>News story: Mark Field welcomes</u> <u>continued UK-China dialogue on human</u> <u>rights</u>

Following the conclusion of the regular talks, Minister Mark Field welcomed their contribution to the UK's relationship with China.

Minister for Asia and the Pacific Mark Field said:

I am pleased that the 24th Round of the UK-China Human Rights Dialogue has taken place. Senior officials discussed the full range of our human rights concerns, including freedom of expression, freedom of religion or belief, access to justice and ethnic minorities' rights. They also discussed areas where the UK and China could collaborate more closely, including modern slavery and women's rights.

The UK strongly believes that respect for human rights is vital for growth and stability, and that these regular talks are an important part of our relationship with China. The dialogue has, once again, been held in a constructive and open manner. I am grateful for the valuable contribution made by civil society organisations before and during this exchange.

The 23rd UK-China Human Rights Dialogue took place in October 2016 in London.

Further information