

## **Joint Statement Item 2**

Señor Presidente, Señora Alta Comisionada,

Tengo el honor de intervenir en nombre de un grupo interregional de 69 países. -----

Respect for sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of states and non-interference in internal affairs of sovereign states represent basic norms governing international relations.

Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Tibet related issues are China's internal affairs. We oppose politicization of human rights and double standards, or interference in China's internal affairs under the pretext of human rights.

We maintain that all parties should abide by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, adhere to the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, and respect the right of the people of each state to choose independently the path for development in accordance with their national conditions.

All human rights should be treated with the same emphasis, with sufficient importance attached to economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development in particular.

Today human beings are faced with multiple challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic.

The international community should uphold multilateralism, strengthen solidarity and coordination, and respond jointly to global challenges, advance world peace and development, and promote and protect human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President, Madam High Commissioner.