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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of communication UACHN 7/2017 dated 19 July from the United Nations Human Rights Council's Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism and Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Chinese Government wishes to submit the following response.

According to information provided by the relevant Egyptian authorities to the Government of China, in order to strengthen the management of foreigners who have taken up residence in Egypt, the Egyptian authorities recently placed a number of foreigners, including Chinese, under arrest. This operation by the Egyptian police was mainly directed against foreigners who were staying in Egypt illegally; it was not targeted against Chinese people or against any specific Chinese ethnic group, and all the more so it was not targeted against students. The accusations levelled against China in the urgent appeal are entirely without grounds and irresponsible.

China is a State based on the rule of law; it respects human rights, the rights of ethnic minorities and freedom of religion and belief, and it opposes torture. We should like to express the hope that the respective special mechanisms of the Human Rights Council will remain fair, maintain their objectivity and refrain from accepting and being misled by sensationalist, incorrect information.



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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's communication [UA CHN 7/2017] dated 19 July 2017, has the honour to transmit herewith the reply by the Chinese Government.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 19 September 2017

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