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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 16/12.

I would like to refer to on-going efforts undertaken by your Excellency's Government in combating criminal networks engaged, among others, in the sale of children for the purpose of illegal adoption and welcome in particular the recent dismantling of a child trafficking ring.

I have been made aware that the Chinese police rescued last month in several provinces of China an important number of children, some of whom were abducted with the intention to be sold for illegal adoption. The Chinese police reportedly arrested hundreds of persons allegedly involved in this cross-border child trafficking network.

I would appreciate if data could be provided to me in this regard. I would be particularly interested in knowing the exact origin and number of the children rescued by the Chinese police, the whole process of dismantling, the national and international cooperation efforts undertaken by the authorities and the actions carried out against perpetrators and possible intermediaries. I also understand that some of these children had been found by the police in families to whom they had been sold and I would be interested in knowing what actions has the Government taken or intends to take regarding these families and the future placement and care of the children. Any other data you may deem relevant would be welcome.

With a view to identify any positive experiences in combating these phenomena and enhance dialogue and cooperation with your Government, I would appreciate receiving information on the above-mentioned matters at your earliest convenience.

I would like once again to commend your Government for the efforts undertaken in combating the sale of children and encourage the Government to continue its

endeavour in protecting the rights of children and stand ready to offer my full collaboration and assistance in this regard.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography