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political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by Chinese Association for International Understanding, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **China's Whole-process People's Democracy Effectively Guarantees Human Rights**

Democracy is a shared value of mankind, and human rights are the common aspirations of all peoples. Democracy promotes human rights, and human rights are a reflection of democracy. The two are intertwined with each other. In the history of political development, people of all countries have made unremitting exploration and efforts to strive for democracy and human rights, developing varied paths of democracy and human rights advancement that have contributed to the enrichment of political civilization.

Based on a profound understanding of the development of democratic politics, the Communist Party of China has put forward the key concept of whole-process people's democracy. China's whole-process people's democracy is a combination of electoral democracy and consultative democracy, and is applied through a combination of elections, consultations, decision-making, management and oversight. It integrates process-oriented democracy with results-oriented democracy, procedural democracy with substantive democracy, direct democracy with indirect democracy, and people's democracy with the will of the state. It is a model of socialist democracy that covers all aspects of the democratic process and all sectors of society. It is a true democracy that works well. China's practice has fully proved that people's democracy is an important guarantee for the promotion and protection of human rights. As Chinese President Xi Jinping has emphasized, "Democracy is not a decorative ornament, but an instrument for addressing the issues that concern the people".

There is no model of democracy in the world that suits every country. Whether a country is democratic or not should only be judged by its own people; and people are best qualified to speak on the human rights situation of their own country. The practice of excluding different forms of realizing democracy or pointing fingers at different paths towards human rights is not democratic itself, nor does it do any good to promote and protect human rights.

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