

Committee: Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee

Delegation: People's Republic of China

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Good afternoon Honorable Chair and Member States.

On behalf of the President of the People's Republic of China, XI Jinping, and Premier, LI Keqiang, this delegation would like to acknowledge the presence of all the member states of this committee.

For a start, the Chinese government would like to express its utmost concern for the current refugee crisis. Unquestionably, maritime transport has put forward a significant threat to the human rights of the affected individuals. China, as a signatory state of the Refugee Convention and Protocol of 1951 and 1967 respectively, stresses the importance of providing the right to any person who seeks asylum from persecution. Notwithstanding, China firmly defends the right of every country to protect its national sovereignty. From this ambivalence arises a major concern for the international community: Certainly, every individual has the right to seek refugee status in China, but the Chinese Government has the legitimate right to deny it, whenever there may be risks involved.

As a matter of fact, China is the nation that accommodates the largest number of refugees in the entire eastern region of the Asian continent. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has advocated for the National People's Congress' recently approved Exit and Entry Administration Law; a fact that emphasizes how beneficial and lawful are the response and action taken by the People's Republic of China to solve this crisis.

The Chinese Government encourages every member state to extend further cooperation and involvement of the UN Refugee Agency in their policy-making. The Chinese delegation believes that the best approach to undertaking this conflict is to establish a refugee distribution and control system, which will ensure that the asylum-seekers' rights are respected and that the host nation sovereignty, interests, and economic and social prospects are acknowledged. With this, and under the advisory of the UNHCR,

the global asylum system will improve significantly, by discouraging asylum-seekers that do not comply with the established requirements of each nation, and most importantly, that regards the rights of every implicated part. Finally, the Chinese delegation expresses that it will be willing and open to hearing other propositions that adhere to the previous statements.

Thank you.