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**Recommendations for the People's Republic of China to Implement the Internally Agreed
Goals and Commitments, including Millennium Development Goals, in regard to
Sustainable Development**

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The Dui Hua Foundation is dedicated to improving universal human rights by means of a well-informed, mutually respectful dialogue between the United States and the People's Republic of China. In recognition of the role of democracy, good governance, and human rights in sustainable development, The Dui Hua Foundation submits the following recommendations to the UN Economic and Social Council for China to achieve goals and commitments in the areas of human rights and rule of law:

I. Ratify the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to:

- Declare an amnesty for individuals imprisoned for crimes removed from China's Criminal Procedure Law, as called for in Article 15; and
- Reform the "Reeducation-through-Labor" system to prevent imprisonment of individuals without due legal process.

II. Engage with UN thematic mechanisms and international humanitarian organizations by:

- Allowing visits by the UN Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief and the International Committee of the Red Cross; and
- Continuing cooperation with the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

III. Use its influence to help address human rights issues in other countries by:

- Cooperating with initiatives aimed to relieve human rights abuses in the Darfur region of Sudan, Zimbabwe, Myanmar, and other countries; and
- Ceasing repatriation of North Korean refugees from Chinese territory.

IV. Implement provisions of the UN Convention Against Torture to:

- Abolish torture of detainees in criminal investigations, including coercive force to elicit confessions; and

- Abolish torture of individuals incarcerated in prisons and other facilities.

V. Implement a fair and transparent criminal justice system in accordance with Chinese and international laws to:

- Provide public observance of criminal trials, including observance by foreigners;
- Provide public access to court judgments; and
- Grant non-discriminatory sentence reduction and parole for prisoners sentenced for crimes of “counterrevolution” and “endangering state security.”

VI. Amend the administration of capital punishment to:

- Abolish the death penalty for non-violent crimes; and
- Provide legal counsel promptly and on a regular basis to all detainees accused of capital crimes.

VII. Ensure religious and minority rights for Chinese citizens by:

- Normalizing diplomatic relations with the Vatican, accept of papal authority to approve bishops; and
- Respecting religious and cultural practices of minority nationalities, including religious instruction for minors.

VIII. Ensure freedom of the media to perform their essential role and the right of the public to have access to information by:

- Removing restrictions that limit research and reporting on, among other issues, the 2008 Olympics, suppression of rights defenders, “state secrets” trials, and “mass incidents”; and
- Allowing more open and uncensored use of the Internet by Chinese citizens.