

**Remarks at the Meeting of the Standing Committee on  
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Dear Chairman, fellow colleagues,

The connotation of human rights is comprehensive, extensive and keeps pace with the times, among which the rights to survival and development are the primary basic human rights. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese government has always adhered to the people-centered concept of human rights, insisted on the supremacy of the people and life, put every single citizen's safety and health first, and made every effort to safeguard the value and dignity of human life. As a result, China has scored strategic achievements in the fight against the epidemic. On top of that, we have also offered large-scale emergency humanitarian assistance across the globe. By extending a helping hand to countries and international organizations in need, China has implemented the concept of a global community of health for all, and made important contributions to the global fight

against the epidemic.

At present, the COVID-19 pandemic is still spreading around the world, which has a severe impact on the economy, society and people's livelihood of all countries. While the global inequality is rising, the gap between the North and the South is also widening, and the right to development is facing new challenges. At the same time, racism and xenophobia are on the rise with being fueled by rampant false information and hate speech. While some individual countries are busy exploiting the epidemic to politicize irrelevant issues and stigmatize other countries, the vast number of developing countries find that their legitimate requirements to obtain vaccines have not gained enough attention and been met.

China calls on all countries to put the people first, strengthen multilateral cooperation and adopt multifaceted, coordinated, inclusive and innovative measures. First, we should effectively protect the rights to life and health, deepen international cooperation in epidemic prevention and control, and strengthen information sharing as well as joint prevention and control. In particular, we should enhance vaccine cooperation so that vaccines can truly become global public goods. Second, we should promote sustainable

development, step up efforts to reduce poverty, and fully guarantee human rights such as the rights to food, education, housing and decent work, so that people of all countries can share development opportunities and results. Third, we should improve the social security system to help the vulnerable and marginalized groups overcome the adverse effects of the epidemic. We should resolutely oppose racism and racial discrimination to build an equal and inclusive society. Mankind is engaged in an arduous struggle against the COVID-19 pandemic, and unity and cooperation are our only choice. Let us join hands, adhere to the people-centered approach, jointly promote and protect human rights, and strive to build a community of a shared future for mankind.