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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Beijing Guangming Charity Foundation, 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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The Human Rights Protection Situation for Autism Services in China

There are 85 million people with disabilities in China, including more than 13 million people with autism. Since 1990, after 35 years of efforts, the rights of people with autism in China have been greatly protected through the joint action and advocacy of the Chinese government, the China Disabled Persons' Federation and more than 6,000 non-profit organizations.

National assistance and compulsory education policies: Since 2016, people with autism across the country have been able to receive living allowances, the Ministry of Education has included autistic children in the national compulsory education system, as well as employment guidance and family support programs.

A vast social service network: China has approximately 6,000 non-profit organizations, over 4,000 hospitals, more than 2,000 schools and 400,000 elderly care facilities, all providing community-based services for autism people. There are also numerous foundations and enterprises offering various supporting resources, such as the Beijing Guangming Charity Foundation, and Beijing BeiNeng Capacity Building and Assessment Center.

Various research and support forces: China Rehabilitation Research Center, 63 universities (special education majors have been established), various research institutes and so on constitute the pattern of medical research, personnel training and technological innovation for autism.
