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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the reply dated 16 March from a NGO named "Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy" (TCHRD) with respect to its application of accreditation to the participatory process leading up to the Durban Review Conference, has the honor to make the following comments:

The Government of the People's Republic of China, taking into account the relevant decision of the Preparatory Committee of the Durban Review Conference, has examined the long delayed reply from TCHRD and has noted that instead of proving the relevance of this so-called NGO to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process, the reply only made unfounded allegations against the Chinese government with abusive language.

In its reply, the TCHRD described the violent criminal activities premeditated by separatist groups in Lhasa in March 2008 resulting in the death of 18 innocent persons and injuries to hundreds of persons as "popular uprising in 2008 against the racial abuse of Tibetans suffer from the government of PRC". The TCHRD further asserted in its reply that it is crucial to "alleviate the suffering of the oppressed peoples like the Tibetans". In addition, in an annual report issued by TCHRD in 2005, the opening sentence of the report is "The year 2005 was eventful for Chinese occupied Tibet".

The above-mentioned allegations made by the TCHRD further demonstrate that it is a organization persisted in illegal activities of separating China and undermining the territorial integrity of China in the name of promotion and protection of human rights. This, we believe, constitutes a serious breach of the fundamental principles and

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purposes of the Charter of the United Nations. Furthermore, the TCHRD has hitherto failed to provide the full details, as required, about its constitution or by-laws, its memberships and the sources of its funding.

With the above in view, the Permanent Mission of China maintains its position as set out in its official note on 20 October 2008 to the OHCHR, i.e., the TCHRD is an organization which does not meet the criteria set out in ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31 and relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee, and should, therefore, not be granted accreditation.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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