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Good afternoon.

It is an honour for me to speak to you today. As a member of the Belgium national parliament and a member of the committee of foreign affairs, I focus on Human Rights in general and more specifically on the political situation in China.

Forced organ harvesting therefore is a topic I ask a lot of attention for. Forced organ harvesting should get a lot more attention from both the media and policy makers, because it constitutes an unmistakable crime against humanity.

In my understanding forced organ harvesting on living people has two main motivations: One, is commercial, the other is political and ideological; and however cruel and wrong commercial organ trading may be, it is the second motivation that frightens us the most, and on which I will focus the today.

The main perpetrator today when it comes to politically driven organ harvesting is without any doubt China. Beijing persecutes different groups, on ideological and political grounds, because their affiliation does not match the totalitarian communist state ideology that Xi Jinping wants to impose upon all citizens.

This organ harvesting is part of a broader persecution system that the Chinese government uses to erase the religious, the cultural and philosophical identities of these different groups. Some would go as far as calling the Chinese persecution programs, in which they use forced organ harvesting, genocidal.

How is this possible? How can a country in today's developed world that accepted the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and ratified the international covenant on civil and political rights, act so cruelly?

The answer is quite simple. Chinese decision makers have a different conception of Human Rights than we do in the West. More so, they do not care about Human Rights at all and have no regard for human life, if those lives don't further their internal communist agenda and their ambition to become a global superpower.

This way a stance against China becomes a stance for human rights around the world.

Because China does not mean to limit itself to what happens inside its own borders, it wants to exert influence all around the world and advance their totalitarian model.

We should therefore, strongly condemn these crimes against humanity in every possible way. And that is why I strongly urge the UN to react against forced organ harvesting of living people.

I thank you so much for your efforts in this domain.