

EU-CHINA DIALOGUE SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

on

ICCPR RATIFICATION

London, 12th – 13th December 2005

AGENDA

Note on working methods:

The EU China Dialogue Seminars aim to create a space for constructive discussion on human rights issues between European and Chinese stakeholders.

In relation to each specific issue, discussions should draw on three strands:

- Examination of international standards
- Examination of current local law and practice on points
- Examples of best practice / alternatives to current practice

The principle aim of the seminar is to contribute to the EU China human rights dialogue through open, professional discussions at expert level that will help to enrich the official dialogue.

**The Royal House Guards
Whitehall Court
London SW1A 2EJ**

Day One, 12 December 2005

0830 - 0915	Briefing breakfast for EU delegates in the Terrace Room
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All delegates gather in plenary (Whitehall Suite)

0930	Brief welcome and opening remarks, Sebastian Wood, Director, Asia Pacific, Foreign & Commonwealth Office Brief opening remarks by European Commission, Mr. Paul Hardy, DG Relex, European Commission Brief response by Chinese guests
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Plenary Examines Article 14 [right to a fair trial]* on Day One (Whitehall Suite)

Chairpersons: Mr. Robert Seabrook, QC and [Chinese participant]

Rapporteur: Professor Hatla Telle and [Chinese participant]

1000	<u>Chinese presentation on Article 14 which will focus on:</u> - What legal and practical problems article 14 presents to China and what China is planning to do to bring itself into alignment with the article ? (particular focus on paragraph 3 & <u>brief discussion only</u> on paragraphs 1,6 & 7)
1040	<u>EU representative, Professor Olivier de Schutter (Belgium), responds to Chinese presentation</u>
1115	Coffee break
1130	<u>EU presentation by Dr. Ion Galea (Romania) on an EU country's experience of bringing its legislation and practice into line with paragraph 3 of article 14</u>
1145	Discussion / Q & A on EU presentation.
1200	<u>Chinese representative responds to the EU presentation</u>
1215	Discussion / Q & A on Chinese response.
1230	Sit down lunch (Whitehall Reception)

1400	<u>EU co-chairman</u> sums up the key issues from the morning proceedings and opens debate / exchange on the issues to all members of the group.
1530	Coffee break
1545	<u>Chinese co-chairman</u> sums up debate so far and directs remainder of debate
1715	Conclusions / Recommendations from the EU and Chinese sides **.
1730	End of session on article 14 on day one

During the evening of day one delegates will attend in the Reading & Writing Room:

1830	Drinks party
1930	Dinner

Day Two, 13 December 2005

Plenary Examines Article 9 [on arbitrary detention] (Whitehall Suite)

Chairpersons: Mr. Robert Seabrook, QC and [Chinese participant]

Rapporteurs: Thomas Laut and [Chinese participant]

0830	<u>Chinese presentation on Article 9 which will focus on:</u> - What legal and practical problems article 9 presents to China and what China is planning to do to bring itself into alignment with this article?
0910	<u>Dr. István Lakatos (Hungary) responds to Chinese presentation</u>
0945	<u>EU presentation by Professor Toma Birmontiene (Lithuania)</u> on an EU country's experience of bringing its legislation and practice into line with article 9.
1000	Coffee break
1015	<u>Chinese representative</u> responds to the EU presentation
1030	<u>EU co-chairman</u> sums up the key issues from the proceedings and opens debate / exchange on the issues to all members of the group
1130	<u>Chinese co-chairman</u> briefly sums up debate so far and directs remainder of the debate
1215	<u>Conclusions / Recommendations</u> from the EU and Chinese sides **.
1230	Buffet Lunch

Plenary Examines Paragraph 2 of Article 6 [most serious crimes liable to death penalty] (Whitehall Suite)

Chairpersons: Mr. Robert Seabrook, QC and [Chinese participant]

Rapporteurs: Roger Hood and [Chinese participant]

1330	<u>Chinese presentation on Paragraph 2 of Article 6 which will focus on:</u> China's current provisions /practices on the death penalty and their compliance with paragraph 2 of Article 6.
1410	<u>Professor Sir Nigel Rodley</u> responds to Chinese presentation.
1445	<u>EU co-chairman</u> opens debate / exchange on the issues to all members of the group.
1600	Coffee break
1615	<u>Chinese co-chairman</u> sums up debate so far and directs remainder of the debate
1645	<u>Conclusions / Recommendations</u> from the EU and Chinese sides **.
1700	Brief closing remarks from the EU Presidency, European Commission & China.
1715	End of day two.

* Presentations / discussions of article 9 should focus on paragraphs 3 & 4 which are key but China is also interested in paragraph 5 and discussions may briefly cover this paragraph too.

**Papers containing conclusions / recommendations to be presented at the seminar or immediately afterwards.