Joint-Submission

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--On safeguarding the right to life

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- 1. We believe that the Chinese government has done a lot of work and invested a great amount of resources in promoting and protecting human rights, especially in the field of the Red Cross humanitarian in the recent 5 years which has achieved a marked results. The human rights situation of the most vulnerable people has improved significantly, but there are still some problems. Here we mainly put forward some comments and suggestions on the field of Red Cross humanitarian.
- 2. We are pleased to see that, in 2017, the Standing Committee of National People's Congress passed the *Draft Amendment to the Red Cross Law of the People's Republic of China*, marks the completion of the Chinese Red Cross law

revision and provides the most fundamental legal protection to improve the situation of the most vulnerable to damage personnel, so as to further perfect the legal basis of Red Cross humanitarian field work.

- 3. In order to promote the healthy development of the Red Cross humanitarian causes, China State Council and Beijing have issued the guidance and the detailed rules to promote the development of the Red Cross cause. Beijing has established the Red Cross organization in 16 district and set up schools and state-owned enterprise system working committee. Beijing has 4,159 Red Cross organizations at the grass-roots level, 5,499 group member units, 1.3223 million members, and 116,300 Red Cross volunteers, which has formed a complete Red Cross organization service system.
- 4. Beijing Red Cross emergency center is responsible for 50% of the Beijing emergency medical. In 5 years, it has accepted 15 million emergency call, sent more than 1.5 million ambulance, and treated over 1.5 million patients. It also provides 24-hour medical services to 95% of people under the supervision, and the fast referral time has reduced from 10 minutes to 3 minutes to achieve "zero" death within them.
- 5. In 5 years, Beijing has organized more than 500 experts to the western underdeveloped region to see heart disease, cataract, and the like on a volunteer basis, sent rescue teams to

participate in the Philippines typhoon disaster relief, sent 4 rounds of medical team to a total of 16 people to Pakistan for 2 years emergency medical treatment, which has made contributions to promote the building of human destiny community.

- 6. We are actively involved in "helping the elder, assisting the medical, taking care of the disabled, aiding the poor, and supporting the study". More than 15 million yuan has released annually on relief supplies and over 16,000 households have benefited from it. It has developed support work to special difficult group, such as the loss of only child family, single parent family, reeducation and reform through labour personnel, community correction personnel, and so on, to bring them with the humanistic care.
- 7. Regardless of national boundaries and their race, we have carried out hematopoietic stem cell donation work. By the end of 2017, Beijing hematopoietic stem cell donor database has more than 120,000 donors, which enabled 300 patients, including 10 overseas patients, to get a stem cell transplant. There have been 21,103 registration voluntary body donation, and 2,367 of which have donated.
- 8. We have participated in the government-led urban emergency system construction. By the end of 2017, the emergency rescue training has covered 6.68 million person-time

and the first responder training has covered 1.03 million person-time, and there have been more than 5,000 education teachers. We recruited and trained professional volunteers of the Red Cross, established the emergency relief volunteer service station in personnel intensive place, equipped with specialized rescue equipment, carried out joint training exercises annually for the disposal of natural calamities and emergencies joint with Tianjin and Hebei Red Cross, and gradually built up and formed the Red Cross humanitarian emergency system covering Beijing and radiating Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei.

- 9. We have carried out the propaganda work on the knowledge of AIDS prevention. Every year, we released to colleges and universities in the city with 30,000 red ribbons, 40,000 publicity folding copies, 20,000 propaganda posts, and 20,000 brochures. We also carried out peer education of AIDS prevention training support each year in 20 to 30 colleges and universities to carry out AIDS peer education training support, foster peer and trained over 900 excellent anti-AIDS peer education hosts, and more than 200,000 youth has benefit from it. We also promoted AIDS prevention knowledge on new media such as weibo and Wechat with total coverage of more than 500,000 people.
- 10. We believe that in the maintenance of the achievements of life field at the same time, we also see some problem. Humane

resources such as inadequate, the social participation is not high, humanitarian service is not accurate, it restricts the development of humane life work.

- 11. We suggested that the government should enhance the support to the humanitarian work, give a full-scope guarantee on the aspect of human, financial and material resources, and should further perfect the social security system and social assistance system and better improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable people.
- 12. We recommend that we should increase the theory research on Red Cross humanitarian field, explore and promote efficient new technologies, new methods, and new projects to guarantee the humanitarian life service, and better serve the protection of human right to life.
- 13. We initiated that the social organizations, enterprises and institutions, and the people from all walks of life voluntarily participated into the Red Cross humanitarian work, forming a resultant force to promote the development of the Red Cross humanitarian causes, and constantly create a new situation of the humanitarian life security work development.