

Statement at UN supports China on Xinjiang

Valentin Rybakov, center, permanent representative of Belarus to the UN, makes a joint statement on behalf of 54 countries in firm support of China's counter-terrorism and de-radicalization measures in Xinjiang during the discussion on human rights at the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday at the UN headquarters in New York. LiaoPan/CNS

Belarus made a joint statement Tuesday on behalf of 54 countries in firm support of China's counter terrorism and de-radicalization measures in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

The statement spoke positively of the results of counter terrorism and de-radicalization measures in Xinjiang, noting that these measures have effectively safeguarded the basic human rights of people of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang.

The statement said that terrorism, separatism and religious extremism have caused enormous damage to all ethnic groups in Xinjiang, which has seriously infringed upon human rights, including the right to life, health and development.

"China has undertaken a series of counter terrorism and de-radicalization measures in Xinjiang, including setting up vocational education and training centers," the statement said, adding that safety and security have returned to Xinjiang now and "the fundamental human rights of people of all ethnic groups there are safeguarded".

The statement also supported China's commitment to openness and transparency, mentioning it has invited a number of diplomats, international organizations, officials and journalists to Xinjiang to witness the progress of the human rights cause and the outcomes of counter terrorism and de-radicalization.

"What they saw and heard in Xinjiang completely contradicted what was reported in the (Western) media," it wrote.

The statement expressed opposition to relevant countries politicizing the human rights issue and called on them to stop baseless accusations against China.

"We express our firm opposition to relevant countries' practice of politicizing human rights issues, by naming and shaming, and publicly exerting pressures on other countries" it wrote.

"We call on relevant countries to refrain from employing unfounded charges against China based on unconfirmed information before they visit Xinjiang," it wrote.

At the meeting, more than 30 countries, including Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Cuba and Nicaragua, voiced support for China's position and measures on human rights.

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Telecom 'big three' kick off 5G commercialization

Chen Zhaoxiong, vice minister of industry and information technology, center, and chairmen of China's big three telecom operators and China Tower Corp kicked off commercialization of 5G services in Beijing on Oct 31.

China officially kicked off commercialization of 5G services on Thursday, with the nation's big three telecom operators rolling out their 5G data plans.

The move shows consumers can finally pay to access the super fast speed of 5G, as more than 86,000 5G base stations have already entered services in China.

Chen Zhaoxiong, vice-minister of industry and information technology, the nation's industry regulator, said China has been working hard to extend 5G network coverage. By the end of this year, more than 130,000 5G base stations will enter into service to support the network, marking one of the world's largest 5G deployments.

The big three telecom operators, China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom, for the first time chose to price tariffs by internet speed rather than data allowance. For instance, China Unicom prices the data plan which allows peak speed of 500Mbps at 199 yuan. For those who want to enjoy peak speed of 1Gbps, they have to pay at least 299 yuan.

Lyu Tingjie, a telecom professor at Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, said per gigabyte of 5G is lower.

About 497,000 5G Smart phones have already been shipped to the Chinese mainland in the past three months, data from the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology shows.

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I have nothing to offer but blood , toil tears and sweat .

---Winston Churchill