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The Netherlands believes that all countries should live in peace and on equal terms. We think that it is in the best interest of humanity for all countries to develop in various fields. Advancements in technology, in particular, are inevitable and necessary today. However, we want to emphasize that we are absolutely opposed to these developments becoming a display of power and strength for countries and being used as a threat for humanity.

As the Kingdom of the Netherlands, we consider our trade relations with the Public Republic of China to be important. Indeed, we have the second-largest trade volume in China's European market. Our past partnerships and agreements with the Chinese government demonstrate the importance of this trade for both sides. However, particularly with the developments following the pandemic, a significant portion of the Dutch public has expressed their discomfort with relations with China in polls. Some surveys conducted in 2020 reached a common conclusion, even across different electorates in the Netherlands: "China is a threat to European security." This threat is seen by the Dutch public as even more significant than the insecurity that Russia has created in Europe. On this point, the Kingdom of the Netherlands stands neither with the United States, which feels uneasy about China's recent developments, nor with Russia. We stand with humanity.

Although we, as the Netherlands, are not a fan or supporter of any country, we must clearly identify the factors that create distrust among our people regarding China. We believe that China should share the details of its technological developments in a way that the entire world can understand and clearly demonstrate that it poses no threat to humanity. As the United Nations, we believe that we will ensure that these requirements are accepted by all members and that we will find a solution.