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Dear readers,

At ISHR, the word of the quarter, and the theme you'll see throughout this Monitor, is 'equality'.

Equality is most often not simply granted by a government, but instead, the result of the hard work and courage of human rights defenders: in this edition, we write about lawyer Yu Wensheng, whose struggle for rule of law and equal rights for all Chinese citizens earned him the 2021 Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders.

Equality in practice is still, sadly, often a distant dream for women and girls, or for minority groups, or for those living in poverty or in rural areas. When governments sign to a treaty like the CEDAW on women's rights, or the ICESCR on economic, social, and cultural rights, it means they should be taking on the hard work of making equality a reality, and learning from best practices to do so.

We also honour the work of:

- defenders in the United States combatting systemic racism and police violence;
- activists in Egypt shedding light on the government's crackdown on human rights for all;
- and citizens of Myanmar who have come together despite their backgrounds, education or jobs to resist the military coup rolling back their fight for democracy

At ISHR, we believe that equality cannot be fully achieved without justice and accountability. This is why at the UN Human Rights Council, including its latest 46<sup>th</sup> session in March, we continue to work hard to push for monitoring, reporting, and accountability for international crimes committed by the Chinese government in the Uyghur and Tibetan regions. We also urge the Council's members to protect and uphold Chinese human rights defenders who face repression for working to ensure that everyone - no matter one's ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or political opinion - can enjoy full and equal access to basic rights and freedoms.

For this, we hope you will enjoy reading our latest China Human Rights Monitor, and that it can help you in your individual and collective struggle for equality, in China and elsewhere.

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This edition is comprised of:

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