PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's communication [UA CHN 8/2017] dated 12 September 2017, has the honour to transmit herewith the reply by the Chinese Government.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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联合国人权理事会强迫失踪问题工作组、言论自由问题特别报告员、“人权卫士”问题特别报告员、酷刑问题特别报告员2017年9月12日来函[UA CHN 8/2017]收悉。中国政府对来函答复如下：

高智晟，男，1964年生，陕西榆林人。2006年12月因煽动颠覆国家政权罪被判处有期徒刑3年，缓刑5年，剥夺政治权利1年，2011年12月16日北京市第一中级人民法院对高智晟撤销缓刑依法收监执行原判刑罚，2014年8月刑满释放，公安机关未对其采取强制措施。经了解，今年8月13日，高智晟的亲属报警称其失踪，公安机关即依法开展调查，目前案件正在办理之中。
(Translated from Chinese)

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of communication No. UA CHN 8/2017 of 12 September 2017 from the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Chinese Government wishes to make the following reply:

Gao Zhisheng is a male resident of Yulin, Shaanxi Province, born in 1964. In December 2006 he was sentenced to 3 years of prison and 5 years’ probation and was deprived of his political rights for 1 year, for the offence of instigating subversion of the political power of the State. On 16 December 2011 Beijing Intermediate People’s Court No. 1 revoked the probation and, in accordance with the law, imposed the serving of the original prison sentence. He was released having served his time in August 2014 and the public security authorities have not carried out any coercive measures against him since then. According to the information at our disposal, on 13 August of this year Mr. Gao’s family reported to the police that he had gone missing. The public security authorities have carried out an inquiry in accordance with the law, and the case is currently still open.