

China made a promise that if it was given the Olympic Games, it would bring about certain human rights changes. We would like to see China live up to that promise, we have seen some improvements in its system for death penalty but there is a lot that remains undone, not done yet, and certainly we have seen an intensification of human rights violations in the run up to the Olympics, there is a window of opportunity as we go towards the Olympics to set that record straight but certainly post-Olympics, there are enormous opportunities in China to improve its human rights record. The world is watching China as an emerging global power to see whether it subscribes to the same global values, the values of human rights, as others do.

We have seen some shifts in China for instance, on the issue of Darfur, we would certainly like to see China take the human rights issues much more seriously than it has done and to take it in a proactive and positive manner as an emerging power that sees human rights as a fundamental issue of stability both domestically and internationally.