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China: Escapes scrutiny again

Once again China has escaped scrutiny at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, by successfully using a procedural motion "to take no action" to prevent debate of a draft resolution on its human rights record.

"Year in and year out, China -- a major world power and a leading human rights violator -- uses the 'no action' motion to avoid scrutiny of its human rights record. The Commission allows political manoeuvring to get in the way of what it is supposed to do -- protect human rights," Amnesty International said.

"As the UN's leading human rights body, the Commission has the responsibility of addressing human rights violations. Commission members should have a long hard think about what their role is and about the thousands of victims they are letting down, annually."

*For more information on China's human rights record visit
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