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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments

General Background

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China's Autonomous Regions (in the order as given below):

Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region – 新疆維吾爾自治區

Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region 內蒙古自治區

Tibet Autonomous Region – 西藏自治區

Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region – 寧夏回族自治區

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region – 廣西壯族自治區

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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

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Monitoring Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Developments in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

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