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Introduction

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In 1996, the Chinese government introduced a series of measures to improve the human rights situation in Xinjiang. Since 1978, when Deng Xiaoping took over the leadership of China, the country has made significant progress in human rights.