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**Letter dated 22 September 2024 from the Permanent  
Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Beijing Declaration on Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era (see annex),\* which was adopted at the 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 22, 23 (b), 25 and 65.

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**Annex to the letter dated 22 September 2024 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Beijing Declaration on Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era**

We, the Heads of State, Government and Delegations of the People's Republic of China and 53 African countries, and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, gathered in China from September 4 to 6 for the 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). Under the theme "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future," the Summit adopted by consensus the Beijing Declaration on Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era.

**I. Jointly Building a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future**

1. We fully affirm that Chinese and African leaders advocate on various occasions visions and initiatives of building a community with a shared future for mankind, high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, the Global Development Initiative (GDI), the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI). We call on countries around the world to work together to build an open, inclusive, clean and beautiful world of lasting peace, universal security and shared prosperity, promote global governance featuring extensive consultation and joint contribution for shared benefit, apply the common values of humanity, build a new type of international relations, and jointly usher in a bright future of peace, security, prosperity and progress.

2. China applauds Africa for accelerating regional integration and its economic development through implementing the First Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 and launching the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan. Africa commends China for supporting the launch of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan. China is willing to strengthen cooperation with Africa in the priority areas identified by the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063.

3. We will jointly implement the important common understandings reached at the high-level meeting themed "Strengthening Governance Experience Exchanges and Exploring Development Paths to Modernization." We believe that China and Africa joining hands in advancing their respective modernization is the historic mission and the call of the times in jointly building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future. Modernization is a common pursuit of countries around the world, and global modernization should be modernization featuring peaceful development, mutually beneficial cooperation and prosperity for all. China and Africa stand ready to enhance exchanges between countries, legislatures and governments, and at subnational levels, deepen experience sharing in such areas as governance, modernization and poverty reduction, and support each other in exploring models of modernization based on the characteristics of their own civilizations, development needs, science, technology and innovation. China will always walk side by side with Africa on its path to modernization.

The African side speaks highly of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China held in July this year. It believes that

the systematic plans drawn up at the session for further deepening reform comprehensively to advance Chinese modernization will provide more development opportunities for countries around the world, including African countries.

4. The year 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. Africa commends China's consistent commitment to these important principles when developing relations with Africa and believes that these principles are equally important for Africa in pursuing development, maintaining friendly state-to-state relations and respecting sovereign equality of each other. China will continue to follow the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and take the right approach to friendship and interests. China will continue to respect African countries' political and economic choices based on their own national conditions and honor the principles of noninterference in African countries' internal affairs and nonattachment of political strings to assistance to Africa. China and Africa will always honor the everlasting spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, characterized by sincere friendship and equality, win-win for mutual benefit and common development, fairness and justice, and progress with the times and openness and inclusiveness, jointly build an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

5. We underscore that China and Africa are committed to supporting each other on issues of their core interests and major concerns. China reaffirms its firm support for Africa's efforts to safeguard national independence and unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty, security and development interests. Africa reaffirms its firm commitment to the one-China principle, and reaffirms that there is but one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and firmly supports all efforts by the Chinese government to achieve national reunification. Issues related to Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Xizang are China's internal affairs, as observed in international law and the noninterference principle.

6. We recognize that promoting and protecting human rights including the right to development is a common cause of all humanity, and believe that human rights exchanges and cooperation should be carried out on the basis of mutual respect, equality and opposing politicization. We firmly oppose politicization of human rights agenda and politicization of the United Nations Human Rights Council and its relevant mechanisms, and oppose all forms of neocolonialism and international economic exploitation. We call on the international community to resolutely resist and combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and oppose acts of intolerance, stigmatization, and incitement to violence against people based on religion or belief.

7. China supports African countries in increasing their influence and role in global governance, in particular, by requiring a more inclusive framework to address the world's problems. China believes that Africans are qualified to serve as heads of international organizations and institutions, and supports their work. Africa appreciates it that China is the first country to support the AU in joining the G20. China will continue to support the priorities concerning Africa at the G20. China applauds and welcomes more African countries to join the BRICS family and welcomes the Cameroonian candidate to serve as the President of the 79th session of the U.N. General Assembly.

8. China and Africa jointly call for an equal and orderly multipolar world, and firmly safeguard the international system with the U.N. at its core, the international order underpinned by international law, and the basic norms governing international relations underpinned by the purposes and principles of the U.N. Charter. We call for necessary reform and strengthening of the U.N. including its Security Council,

redressing the historical injustices done to Africa, and increasing the representation of developing countries, African countries in particular, in the U.N. and its Security Council. China supports making special arrangements on the U.N. Security Council reform to meet Africa's aspiration as a priority.

China noted that the 37th AU Summit issued the Proclamation on Building a United Front to Promote the Cause of Justice and Payment of Reparations to Africans in February 2024. The Proclamation expresses opposition to historical crimes including slave trafficking, colonialism and racial segregation, and calls for bringing justice to Africa through reparations. We believe that Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe have the right to decide the future of their own country and continue their economic and social development, and we demand that the United States and other Western countries put an end to the long-term sanctions and unjust treatment imposed on these countries.

9. China and Africa jointly call for a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization that meets the common needs of all countries, especially the developing countries, and attach great importance to the concerns of African countries. We call for reforming the international financial system and improving development financing for countries in the Global South to realize common prosperity and better meet the development needs of African countries. We will take an active part in and promote the reform of multilateral financial institutions, including quota, special drawing rights and voting rights reform of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). We call for increasing the representation and voice developing countries, so that the international monetary and financial systems will better reflect the changes in the international economic landscape in a more just way.

China and Africa will continue to uphold the core values and basic principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO), oppose attempts to decouple with others and sever supply chains, resist unilateralism and protectionism, safeguard the legitimate interests of the developing members, including China and African countries, and add vitality and momentum to global economic growth. China supports the 14th Ministerial Meeting of the WTO to be held in 2026 on African continent, in generating development-oriented outcomes. China and Africa will actively participate in the reform of the WTO and believe that the reform should aim at building an inclusive, transparent, open, nondiscriminatory and fair multilateral trading system. It needs to reinforce the centrality of developmental agenda in the WTO work, and have a full and well-functioning dispute settlement mechanism, while preserving the fundamental principles of the WTO. We condemn the unilateral coercive measures imposed by some developed countries, which infringe on the right to sustainable development of developing countries, and measures of unilateralism and protectionism adopted under the pretext of addressing climate change and protecting the environment, such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). We will stay committed to building safe and stable supply chains for key minerals, to benefit the entire world and promote the sustainable development of Chinese and African peoples. We welcome the initiative of the U.N. General Assembly to establish a panel to advise on how to enhance international cooperation with regard to critical energy transition minerals. We call for helping supplying countries of raw materials to increase the value of their industrial chains.

10. China commends Uganda for successfully convening the 19th Non-Aligned Movement Summit and the G77 plus China Third South Summit in January 2024 to advance solidarity and cooperation of the Global South. China and Africa, as the biggest developing country and the continent home to the largest number of developing countries, belong to the Global South. We invariably stand in solidarity with fellow developing countries through thick and thin, uphold independence, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and noninterference in internal affairs,

and seek unity and development. We stand against drawing lines on ideological grounds, oppose bloc confrontation, and safeguard the common interests of the Global South in the new round of reform on global governance system. China congratulates the Gambia for hosting the 15th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in May 2024, which addressed matters that affect not only Muslims around the world but all humanity, through constructive dialogue.

11. China commends Africa for hosting the 22nd and 27th sessions of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties and speaks positively of the inaugural Africa Climate Summit held in Nairobi in September 2023 under the theme of “Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World.” We reaffirm the importance of the targets and principles of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement, the Nairobi Declaration and the Declaration on China-Africa Cooperation on Combating Climate Change. We call on the international community to implement such principles as equity and common but differentiated responsibilities, respect countries’ independent choice of the path of energy transition in line with their respective national realities to achieve the common objectives of the entire world, accommodate and take seriously the particularities of developing countries including African countries, and place equal importance on small island developing states and landlocked developing countries. While recalling the spirit of the Marrakech Declaration issued at the First Africa Action Summit held in November 2016, we call on developed countries to do more to honor their obligation of providing and mobilizing climate finance to developing countries under the Green Climate Fund, the Loss and Damage Fund and the Adaptation Fund, among others, firmly fulfill their obligation of taking the lead in reducing emissions, lay equal importance on mitigation and adaptation, and strengthen financial, technical, and capacity-building support for African countries to help them enhance their ability, adaptability and resilience to tackle climate change. We call on developed countries to take seriously the special needs of developing countries including African countries in responding to climate change challenges and achieving sustainable development and transition, and provide more predictable and sustainable financial support and technology transfer in addition to development assistance.

We express our concern about the economic vulnerability of African countries in particular small island states in Africa, and call on the international financial institutions and multilateral development banks to consider how the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index could be used as a complement to existing policies. We encourage China and African countries with potential and experience to propose tripartite cooperation initiatives and projects.

## **II. Fostering Synergy Between High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation and the Goals of Agenda 2063 of the AU and the U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

12. We will jointly implement the important consensus reached at the high-level meeting themed “Promoting High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation and Building a Development Platform of Modernization by Planning Together, Building Together, and Benefiting Together.” We will follow the guidance of the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning, and mutual benefit, synergize our efforts with the implementation of the Agenda 2063 of the AU and the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, and adhere to the principle of planning together, building together, and benefiting together and the philosophy of open, green and clean cooperation to advance high-standard, people-centered and sustainable Belt and Road cooperation between China and Africa. We will continue to work for greater synergy between China-Africa high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and the goals

of Agenda 2063 of the AU, the U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the development strategies of African countries, in an effort to make greater contribution to advancing international cooperation and promoting global growth. Africa warmly congratulates the successful convening of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in October 2023 in Beijing. We agree to support the U.N. in convening the Summit of the Future and adopting a positive Pact for the Future, so as to better implement the U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

13. As an important partner of Africa's development agenda, China stands ready to enhance cooperation with African member states of FOCAC, the AU and its affiliated organs and African subregional organizations in actively implementing the African plans including the Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI), the Africa Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program (CAADP), and the Accelerated Industrial Development for Africa (AIDA). China supports Africa's economic integration and connectivity, and will deepen and accelerate cooperation with Africa on key transnational and transregional infrastructure programs to promote Africa's development. We support synergizing the aforementioned plans with Belt and Road cooperation projects to strengthen logistics connectivity between China and Africa and increase the volume of trade.

14. We highlight the significance of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and that the full implementation of the AfCFTA agreement will boost Africa's economic development including through value addition and job creation. China supports Africa in strengthening trade integration, and will give continued support to the development of the AfCFTA and the application of Pan-African Payment and Settlement System. China will continue to support African countries in promoting African products through such platforms including the China International Import Expo and China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, and welcome African countries making better use of "green lanes" for African agricultural exports to China. China is ready to negotiate and sign the framework agreement of China-Africa Economic Partnership for Shared Development with interested African countries, work for more flexible and practical trade and investment liberalization arrangements, and seize the initiative by opening itself wider to African countries, so as to provide long-term, stable and predictable institutional safeguard for economic and trade cooperation between China and Africa. China will open its market wider to the least developed countries including those in Africa and encourage Chinese businesses to increase their direct investment in Africa.

15. We will enhance China-Africa cooperation in investment sector, promote coordination on industrial and supply chains between China and Africa, increase the capacities of both sides to produce and export high value-added products, support our companies in utilizing mutually beneficial cooperation in various forms, encourage our financial institutions to strengthen cooperation and expand bilateral local currency settlement and diversify foreign exchange reserves. China supports the building of platforms at subnational level for economic and trade exchanges with Africa, promotes the coordinated development between its subnational industrial parks and Chinese economic and trade cooperation zones in Africa, and advances the building of corridors to Africa from its central and western regions. China encourages Chinese companies to increase investment in Africa and employ local labor force, fully respect international law, local laws and regulations, customs and religious beliefs, and fulfill their social responsibilities. China supports localized production and processing in Africa to help African countries achieve self-generated sustainable development. China is ready to sign and implement bilateral investment promotion and facilitation agreements with African countries, so as to provide a stable, fair and

enabling business environment for Chinese and African businesses, and safeguard the safety, security and legitimate rights and interests of personnel, projects and institutions of the two sides. China supports the development of African SMEs and encourages Africa to make good use of the Special Loan for the Development of African SMEs. The two sides commend the Alliance of Chinese business in Africa for Social Responsibilities (ACBASR) for implementing the initiative of “100 companies in 1,000 villages,” and guiding Chinese businesses in Africa to fulfill their social responsibilities.

16. We take very seriously Africa’s concern over development financing and strongly call on international financial institutions to channel more funding to African countries and other developing countries, improve the approval procedures for the provision of funding to African countries, and enhance the accessibility and fairness of financing for Africa. China will continue providing support to African financial institutions. Africa appreciates the important contribution China has made to debt treatment of African countries, including case-by-case debt treatment under the Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the DSSI and the transfer of US\$10 billion in Special Drawing Rights from the IMF to African countries. We call on international financial institutions and commercial creditors to participate in debt treatment of African countries in line with the principle of joint action and fair burden-sharing and work together to help African countries address this key issue. Under the framework, it is necessary to increase support for Africa and other developing countries and increase long-term affordable financing to provide safeguards to their development. We reaffirm that the sovereign credit rating of developing economies including African countries by some international institutions will affect their borrowing costs and should be more objective and transparent. We encourage the creation of an African rating agency, within the framework of the AU and with the support of the African Development Bank. The agency aims to establish a new evaluation system which takes into account the specificities of African economies. We call for reforms of multilateral development banks and concrete measures from them to provide complementary development financing within the scope of their mandate, including more subsidies, concessional financing and new financing instruments that meet the needs of African countries so as to help developing countries including African countries realize sustainable development goals.

### **III. The GDI: Building a Strategic Framework for the Joint Action of China and Africa for Development**

17. We will work together to implement the GDI, actively engage in cooperation under the Initiative, and pursue high-quality partnership. Africa appreciates the acts China proposed for cooperation with Africa under the framework of the GDI, and its efforts to help African countries increase food production. Africa encourages China to increase its investment in Africa’s non-agricultural sector and deepen technological cooperation. We welcome the Group of Friends of the GDI and the Global Development Promotion Center Network for encouraging the international community to focus on key issues of development to accelerate the implementation of the U.N. 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and working for the Summit of the Future of the U.N. to achieve success and take the concerns of developing countries seriously. We welcome the establishment of the China-Africa (Ethiopia)-UNIDO Center of Excellence with an aim to promote economic development of the Global South countries.

18. We will jointly implement the important common understandings reached at the high-level meeting themed “Industrialization, Agricultural Modernization and Green Development: the Road to Modernization.” African countries commend the Initiative on Supporting Africa’s Industrialization, the Plan for China Supporting Africa’s

Agricultural Modernization, and the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development issued by China at the China-Africa Leader's Dialogue in 2023, and believe these measures meet the priority needs for African integration and development.

19. We support the role of the China-Africa Environmental Cooperation Center, the China-Africa Marine Science and Blue Economy Cooperation Center and the China-Africa Geosciences Cooperation Center in promoting the implementation of projects such as the China-Africa Green Envoys Program, the China-Africa Green Innovation Program and the Africa Solar Belt Program. We welcome the positive role of the China-African Union Energy Partnership, and China will support African countries in better utilizing solar, hydro, wind and other sources of renewable energy and will further expand investment in Africa in energy-efficient technologies, new and high-tech industries, green and low-carbon industries and other low-emission projects to help African countries improve their energy mix and industrial structure, and develop green hydrogen and nuclear energy. China supports the operationalization of the AUDA-NEPAD Agency Center on Climate Resilience and Adaptation.

20. To seize the historic opportunity of the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, China will work with Africa to accelerate the development of new quality productive forces, jointly boost innovation and market application of scientific and technological advances, and push forward full integration of digital and real economies. We will jointly improve global governance of science and technology and build an inclusive, open, fair, just and nondiscriminatory environment for the development of science and technology. We emphasize that the peaceful use of technology is an inalienable right conferred by international law on all countries, and support the U.N. General Assembly resolution entitled "Promoting International Cooperation on Peaceful Uses in the Context of International Security" to ensure that developing countries fully enjoy the right to the peaceful use of science and technology. We commend the U.N. General Assembly for adopting by consensus the resolution entitled "Enhancing International Cooperation on Capacity-Building of Artificial Intelligence." The African side welcomes China's Global AI Governance Initiative and Global Initiative on Data Security, and appreciates China's efforts to promote the rights of developing countries in the global governance of artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet, and data. China and Africa agree to join hands to halt abuses of AI through adoption of measures including the establishment of national code of conduct and expansion of digital literacy. We believe it is important to place equal emphasis on development and security, further bridge the AI divide and the digital divide, jointly fend off risks, and explore the formation of relevant international governance frameworks with the U.N. as the main channel. We welcome the Shanghai Declaration on Global AI Governance adopted at the World AI Conference & High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance held in July 2024 in Shanghai. We welcome the African Consensus Declaration on Artificial Intelligence adopted at the High-Level Forum on Artificial Intelligence held in June 2024 in Rabat.

#### **IV. The GSI: Providing Strong Impetus for the Joint Action of China and Africa for Maintaining International Peace and Security**

21. We will stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, work together to implement the GSI, and carry out early cooperation under the Initiative. We will work together to implement the consensus reached at the high-level meeting themed "Building a Common Future of Lasting Peace and Universal Security and Providing Strong Safeguards for Modernization." We stick to solving African issues in the African way and will jointly implement the "Silencing the Guns in Africa" initiative. China will actively participate in the

mediation of regional hotspot issues when requested by Africa to make active contributions to peace and stability in Africa.

We view the African Peace and Security Architecture as a strong and ideal normative framework for addressing peace and security challenges and threats faced by the African continent, and call on the international community to support this framework. Africa appreciates China's proposal of the Outlook on Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa. We reiterate our readiness to enhance coordination on African peace and security affairs at the U.N. Security Council level and safeguard our common interests. We reiterate the importance of peacekeeping and the role that U.N. peacekeeping operations play in safeguarding peace and security in Africa and worldwide. China supports U.N. funding for Africa's independent peace operations pursuant to U.N. Security Council Resolution 2719. We commend Africa's efforts to combat the growing scourge of terrorism in Africa, particularly in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel, and call for the channeling of more global counterterrorism resources to developing countries to help African countries, particularly those affected, enhance their counterterrorism capacity building. We reaffirm our commitment to tackle emerging maritime security challenges facing African littoral states, and combat transnational organized crimes such as drugs, weapons and human trafficking. China supports the initiative of AUDA-NEPAD to develop a program focused on the peace-security-development tripartite nexus, and will support the AU Center for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development in the implementation of these programs.

22. We are gravely concerned about the serious humanitarian disaster in the Gaza Strip caused by the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict and its negative impact on global security, and call for earnest implementation of the relevant resolutions of the U.N. Security Council and the U.N. General Assembly and immediate ceasefire and end of the fighting. China commends Africa's important role in working for an end to the conflict in Gaza, including efforts to reach a cessation of hostilities, realize release of hostages and increase the provision and distribution of humanitarian aid. Africa commends China's great efforts in supporting the just cause of the Palestinian people. We reiterate the crucial importance of achieving a comprehensive settlement on the basis of the two-State solution, and support the establishment of an independent State of Palestine that enjoys full sovereignty based on the 1967 borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital, based on which Israel and Palestine can live side by side in peace. We call for supporting UNRWA in upholding its mandate to avert the humanitarian, political and security risks that would result from any interruption or suspension of its work. We support all efforts conducive to the peaceful resolution of the Ukraine crisis. We call on the international community to not decrease support and input to Africa because of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the Ukraine crisis, and to actively support African countries in addressing food insecurity, climate change, energy crisis and other global challenges.

## **V. The GCI: Injecting Vitality into the Joint Action of China and Africa for Deepening Dialogue Among Cultures and Civilizations**

23. We stand ready to implement the GCI, enhance exchanges among civilizations, and forge closer bonds between our peoples. Africa speaks highly of the resolution entitled "International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations" proposed by China at the U.N., and will work with China to advocate respect for the diversity of civilizations, champion humanity's common values, value the inheritance and innovation of civilizations, and actively promote people-to-people exchanges and cooperation. China highly commends the AU's launch of the year of education under the theme "Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century: Building Resilient Education Systems for Increased Access to Inclusive, Lifelong, Quality and Relevant Learning in Africa" in 2024 and supports Africa in realizing the modernization of education through the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development. China

encourages its companies to provide their African employees with more opportunities of training and education with diplomas. China and Africa encourage lifelong learning, and will continue to enhance cooperation on capacity building including technology transfer and education and training, and jointly cultivate talents in all professions that are capable of advancing the modernization of governance capacity, boosting economic and social development, enhancing the efficiency of scientific and technological innovation, and improving people's well-being. We will further expand exchanges and cooperation in areas including education, science and technology, health, tourism, sports, youth, women, think tanks, media and culture, so as to cement public support for the friendship between China and Africa. China supports the hosting of the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. China and Africa will strengthen personnel exchanges in areas such as science, education, trade, culture and tourism.

24. We commend Chinese and African scholars for jointly issuing the Africa-China Dar es Salaam Consensus, which puts forward constructive ideas on how to address current global challenges and forges consensus on visions and thinking between China and Africa. We support Chinese and African think tanks in enhancing exchanges and cooperation and sharing development experience. We recognize cultural cooperation as a major lever for strengthening dialogue and mutual understanding of the diverse civilizations and cultures. We encourage the fostering of friendly relations between Chinese and African cultural institutions to enhance cultural exchanges at the subnational level and among peoples.

## VI. FOCAC: Review and Outlook

25. Since its establishment in 2000, FOCAC has focused on realizing common prosperity and sustainable development for the peoples of China and Africa. Its institutional building has been improved, and practical cooperation under the Forum has delivered remarkable outcomes. It has become an efficient and unique platform for South-South cooperation that offers reference and a forerunner of Africa's cooperation with the rest of the world. We highly commend the fruitful outcomes in the follow-up implementation of the nine programs proposed at the Eighth FOCAC Ministerial Conference in 2021, the Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024) of FOCAC, the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, and the Declaration on China-Africa Cooperation on Combating Climate Change, which has served to advance high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation.

26. We commend the Ministers participating in the Ninth FOCAC Ministerial Conference for their dedicated efforts and outstanding work. In the spirit of this Declaration, the Beijing Action Plan (2025-2027) of FOCAC has been adopted, and both sides will work closely for its consistent and full implementation.

27. We express gratitude to H.E. President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China and H.E. President Bassirou Diomaye Faye of the Republic of Senegal for co-chairing the 2024 Beijing Summit of FOCAC.

28. We express gratitude to the Republic of Senegal for the contribution it has made to FOCAC's development and China-Africa relations during its co-chairmanship from 2018 to 2024.

29. We express gratitude to the government and people of the People's Republic of China for the warm hospitality and excellent facilitation during the 2024 Beijing Summit of FOCAC.

30. We welcome the Republic of the Congo as the co-chair of FOCAC from 2024 to 2027 and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea as the co-chair from 2027 to 2030. The 10th FOCAC Ministerial Conference will be held in the Republic of the Congo in 2027.