

**Speech at the
2021 UN Development Cooperation Forum
Vice Minister WANG Shouwen**

Your Excellency Ambassador Munir Akram, Deputy Secretary General Mr. Liu Zhenming, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to attend the 2021 UN Development Cooperation Forum. At the high-level meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the UN last year, President Xi Jinping proposed that as the UN advances its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the issue of development should be highlighted in the global macro framework; and there should be a greater emphasis on the promotion and protection of the rights to subsistence and development.

Now, the combined forces of changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century have brought the world into a phase of fluidity and transformation. Instability and uncertainty are clearly on the rise. The UN Development Cooperation Forum plays an indispensable role in promoting international development cooperation. Leaving No One Behind is a solemn commitment made in the 2030 Agenda. China is willing to work

with all parties to build a more equal and balanced global partnership for development to ensure that the fruits of development benefit more developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

As the largest developing country in the world, and an active contributor to the international development cooperation system, China provides support to the best of its ability for development cooperation.

First, on cooperation on COVID-19 responses, at the opening of the 73rd World Health Assembly, President Xi Jinping announced five initiatives to support the global fight against the pandemic. At the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference concluded on April 20th, President Xi reiterated China's commitment of making vaccines a global public good. China has so far carried out joint production of vaccines with over 10 countries. Now vaccines have been exported or are being exported to 127 countries and 4 international organizations. The same is true for vaccine assistance.

Second, on trade and investment, through Aid for Trade, China has helped developing countries improve their terms of trade

and enhance their capacity for trade development. We have granted zero-tariff treatment to 97% of the tariff items of exports to China from the least developed countries having diplomatic ties with China. So far, 41 countries have enjoyed this treatment.

Third, on green development, China takes the lead in fulfilling its commitments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and presses ahead with the joint-building of the green Belt and Road. At the Leaders Summit on Climate held on April 22nd, President Xi Jinping reiterated that China will strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

Fourth, on financial support, China has always paid its membership dues to the UN on time and in full, and made voluntary contributions to relevant UN agencies. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has donated a total of \$50 million to the World Health Organization, and set up a global humanitarian emergency warehouse and hub in China.

Fifth, on poverty reduction cooperation, China has actively promoted international cooperation on poverty reduction, striving to build the Belt and Road into a “road out of poverty”. We have helped lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty

and 32 million out of moderate poverty in relevant countries.

Mr. Chairman,

At present, the problem of unbalanced and inadequate global development is becoming increasingly pronounced, and developing countries face severe challenges in poverty reduction, medical and health care, responses to natural disasters and other areas. To this end, I wish to make the following three proposals:

First, more finance is needed to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Finance is an important guarantee for implementing the 2030 Agenda. The international community should act in solidarity and understands that North-South cooperation remains the main channel while South-South cooperation is a useful complement. China calls on developed countries to honor their ODA commitments in a timely manner, and stands ready to deepen South-South cooperation and trilateral cooperation with developing countries to increase resources for development cooperation.

Second, concerted efforts are needed to carry out practical international cooperation in the fight against the pandemic. Pandemic prevention and control is the common responsibility and top priority of the international community. The

international community should put people and their lives as the top priority, and combine the prevention and control of COVID-19 with development. International cooperation on the R&D, production and distribution of vaccines needs to be strengthened to make vaccines more accessible and affordable in developing countries, promote their equitable distribution, and jointly build a community of shared health.

Third, coordination is needed to bring the strengths of UN development agencies into full play. The UN development agencies have their own advantageous resources and technical strength in implementing the 2030 Agenda. China supports relevant UN agencies and hopes to see them work as one for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through fulfilling their duties, conducting policy coordination, and complementing each other's strengths.

Mr. Chairman,

President Xi Jinping said at the Boao Forum that we will build a closer partnership for openness and inclusiveness. China will speed up efforts to foster a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other. It will thus boost global demand and create more opportunities for the rest

of the world. We will work with all parties to engage in closer macroeconomic policy coordination, keep the global industrial and supply chains stable and open, and help countries resume work and production as well as recover the economy. China will continue to be an active participant in international development cooperation, a builder of world peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of international order, and make greater contribution to the common well-being of mankind and the building of a community of a shared future for mankind.

In conclusion, I wish this forum a great success.

Thank you.