

Beijing Initiative for Deepening Cooperation on Connectivity

To constantly enhance infrastructure connectivity among Belt and Road partner countries, and to make the world economy more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial for all, we hereby jointly propose to, on a voluntary and non-binding basis,

1. Enhance the performance and connectivity of transport infrastructure.

We need to jointly promote the development of road, railway, maritime and air transport networks, and maintain and modernize transport lines, stations and ports. We need to enhance international transport services, including railway, road, maritime and civil aviation transport as well as cross-border delivery. We need to strengthen cooperation on international transport facilitation and customs clearance procedure simplification, and ensure the smooth operation of international supply chains, and improve the resilience of major international transport corridors. We need to jointly push forward the high-quality development of Air Silk Road.

2. Empower the stable and sustainable development of energy. We need to join hands to advance the development of energy resources and relevant infrastructure, so as to enhance energy accessibility. We need to boost trade

cooperation on energy resources, ensure the stability of energy supply, reinforce energy transport capacity, and consolidate and expand cooperation on cross-border oil and gas pipelines. We need to strengthen the development of clean energy, as well as the construction of smart grids and energy storage facilities, so as to promote green and low-carbon energy production and consumption modes.

3. Improve the capacity of water facilities to safeguard people's livelihood. We need to strengthen project cooperation in the fields of drought and flood prevention, urban water supply and sewage treatment, soil erosion control, water-saving agricultural irrigation, and ecological protection and management of rivers and lakes, so as to ensure water security. We need to protect and make sustainable use of water resources by improving our capacity for economical and intensive water utilization. We need to jointly advance the establishment of platforms for the research and development of water technologies, sharing technologies and ideas in water governance and management, and carrying out joint scientific research plans and programs on water resources.

4. Promote the connectivity of information infrastructure. We need to jointly promote the construction of communication networks including global terrestrial and submarine cables, continuously optimize the network

architecture, and improve international communication connectivity. We need to steadily boost the penetration rate of 4G and 5G technologies and bolster the accessibility of mobile communication networks. We need to give full play to the new-generation information technologies to empower and increase the efficiency of traditional infrastructure. We need to accelerate the building of green data centers.

5. Strengthen “soft connectivity” of rules and standards. We need to carry out international cooperation on rules, regulations and standards of infrastructure, and establish and optimize bilateral and multilateral consultations and dialogues on connectivity policies, so as to formulate rules, standards and best practices that are widely accepted by the global community. We need to enhance intergovernmental cooperation in key areas of consensus and facilitate international technical exchanges and talent cultivation.

6. Optimize international business environment. We need to jointly safeguard a rules-based multilateral trading system that is transparent, non-discriminative, open and inclusive, and establish a fair, equitable, and transparent system of international trade and investment rules, so as to improve liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment. We need to innovate mechanisms of investment and financing by leveraging new

financing instruments including green loans and green bonds to support infrastructure development. We need to expand anti-corruption cooperation to promote integrity in both public and private sectors.