

## Beijing Initiative for Belt and Road Green Development

We, co-sponsors of the *Beijing Initiative for Belt and Road Green Development*:

**Recalling** the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* (UNFCCC) and its *Paris Agreement*, the *United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity* and its *Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)*, recognizing that the world, especially developing countries, is struggling to recover amid multiple challenges, including COVID-19 and economic downward pressures. All countries face the pressing task to achieve the sustainable development goals, accelerate the green and low-carbon transition and realize harmony between humanity and nature.

**Emphasizing** that climate change is one of the major challenges of our time, and it is necessary to implement the UNFCCC and its *Paris Agreement*, in an accurate, balanced and comprehensive manner, under the institutional arrangement of nationally determined contributions, stay committed to the principles of

equity, common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capabilities, as well as other principles of the UNFCCC, in the light of different national circumstances, and on the basis of existing consensus. It is emphasized that developing countries should be able to obtain finance, technology, and capacity-building support from developed countries.

**Appreciating** that China, as presidency of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the *Convention on Biological Diversity*, worked with other countries to promote the adoption of the *GBF*. Emphasizing that all parties should actively engage in dialogue and exchanges and strengthen pragmatic cooperation on finance, technology, and professionals, so as to actively promote the full and effective implementation of the *GBF*.

**Noting** the active role of Belt and Road cooperation in achieving green and sustainable economic growth and the goals set in the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* for Belt and Road cooperation partner countries.

**Welcoming** the progress made by relevant Belt and Road cooperation partners, on a voluntary basis, in promoting a green

silk road, including the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC), and the publication of the *Green Investment Principles for Belt and Road (GIP)*, the establishment of the Belt and Road Partnership on Green Development, and the implementation of the Green Silk Road Envoys Program and the Belt and Road South-South Cooperation Initiative on Climate Change.

**Calling on** all sides in Belt and Road cooperation:

--to follow the principles of extensive consultation, joint efforts, and shared benefits, strengthen policy communication and strategic alignment in the area of green and low-carbon development, share concepts and practices on green development, support countries in achieving goals set in the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, realize harmony between humanity and nature, and create a clean and beautiful world for us all.

--to strengthen cooperation on climate change response, strengthen pragmatic cooperation, dialogue and exchanges in climate change mitigation and adaptation, and support developing countries in obtaining sufficient, predictable, and sustainable

funding to address climate change.

--to promote the full implementation of the *GBF*, facilitate the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the *GBF*, and further enhance and support capacity-building and development cooperation activities in developing countries, seeking to put nature on a path to recovery for the benefit of people and planet as agreed in the whole *GBF* by 2030.

-- to strengthen cooperation on ecological and environmental protection, support countries in enhancing environmental protection and pollution control, forge greater synergy between pollution prevention and control and carbon emission reduction, promote exchanges and mutual learning among countries in terms of theories, policies and technologies of environmental protection, pursuing coordinated advancement of social and economic development as well as eco-environmental protection.

-- to strengthen green infrastructure connectivity, encourage the construction of environmentally friendly and climate-resilient infrastructure, encourage relevant projects to adopt high environmental standards and best practices, and improve

corporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

--to strengthen cooperation on green energy, support other developing countries in green and low-carbon energy development, encourage countries to set targets for renewable energy deployment based on nationally determined contributions, and support developing countries in obtaining affordable and sustainable clean energy.

--to strengthen cooperation on green transport, support all parties to formulate green and low-carbon development strategies, plans and standards for the transport sector, and encourage all sides to promote the adoption and mutual recognition of standards on energy-saving and low-carbon vehicles, such as cars and ships powered by new and clean energy.

--to strengthen cooperation on green finance, encourage countries and financial institutions to strengthen the development and use of green financial instruments, encourage financial institutions to implement the *Green Investment Principles for Belt and Road (GIP)*, deepen exchanges and cooperation in climate investment

and financing among countries, support the establishment of investment and financing partnership for green development, promote innovation in investment and financing cooperation mechanisms for green and low-carbon projects, and encourage all sides to strengthen financing for climate- and environmentally-friendly projects.

--to strengthen and support the role of cooperation platforms, such as the *Belt and Road Initiative International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC)*, the *BRI energy partnership* and the *Belt and Road Sustainable Cities Alliance*, and deepen the Belt and Road partnership on green development.