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Promoting Development around Central Task, Gaining New Merits by Serving Overall National Work

—CPC's International Work since Her 17th National Congress

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Under the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee with Comrade Hu Jintao as the General Secretary, the Party's international work has been, since its 17th National Congress, conducted by adhering to Deng Xiaoping Theory and the Important Thought of "Three Represents" for guidance, and by further implementing Scientific Outlook of Development, and has advanced with the times, and blazed a new trail with innovation. It has made new contributions to the service of the central work of the Party and the country in collaborating with the overall diplomacy, enhancing the governing position of the Party and elevating its international influence. It is important for further extending the Party's international work to look back into the past, and summarize laws governing its development.

I

Over the past five years since the 17th CPC National Congress, the Party Central Committee has led the people of the whole country to overcome difficulties, and to write a new chapter in the annals of socialism with Chinese characteristics. The period has witnessed marked elevation of the comprehensive national strength and international status of China, and ever increasing external influence of the Chinese Road and our

Party, as more and more political parties and political figures from the rest of the world set still greater store by ties and cooperation with our Party. Under the correct leadership of the Party Central Committee, we have seized upon the rare historical opportunity, and accurately positioned the Party's international work according to its double definitions, namely, that it is both an important front of the Party work, and an important integral part of China's overall diplomacy. We have worked hard and forged ahead to continue to improve mechanisms of the Party's international work, to extend its work areas and targets, and to make innovations on its mode of work. Step by step, a three-dimensional work pattern is taking shape, namely, that of Party diplomacy, public diplomacy and people-to-people diplomacy, which complement and collaborate with one another. It is playing an ever increasingly important part in serving the overall national diplomacy and the cause of the Party.

1. Bringing further into play the unique advantage of party diplomacy, continuing to promote China's international relations

Since the 17th National Congress, with intimate solicitude and immaculate guidance of the Party central leadership, the international relations of our Party has become more active and achieved more remarkable results. Firstly, high-level exchanges have continued to be deepened, with more endeavors to promote strategic communication and pragmatic cooperation with foreign parties and countries to which they belong. Over the past five years, leading comrades of the Central Committee have personally participated in a lot of Party diplomatic activities. By leading out-going Party visits and receiving in-coming visits of important party delegations from aboard, they have conducted extensive contacts and dialogues with high-level foreign leaders, playing an important role in enhancing mutual trust, expanding consensus and promoting cooperation. Secondly, exchanges with ruling parties in socialist countries such as Vietnam, DPRK, Laos and Cuba have enhanced traditional friendship, with positive bearings on healthy development of relations between China and the four countries, on maintaining regional stability, and on promoting pragmatic cooperation and facilitating solution of bilateral issues. Thirdly, in light of new changes in the international pattern, the mechanisms of exchanges with big parties in big countries have continued to develop. Over the past five years, following establishment of mechanism of exchange between government parties of China and Japan, a number of regular exchange mechanisms have been put in place such as mechanism of exchange between government parties of China and Russia, China-Russia Political Parties Forum, China-US Party to Party

Dialogue, China-Britain Forum for Young Political Leaders, Bergedorf Round Table, China-Brazil Theoretical Seminar and China-India Theoretical Seminar, at which in-depth exchange of views on important issues of mutual concerns and bilateral cooperation happen, effectively helping promote strategic mutual trust and consensus, to the benefit of smooth development of state-to-state relations. Fourthly, our ties with political parties in developing countries have continued to extend, which helps lay a solid foundation for China's foreign relations. Over the past five years, we have strengthened our work on political parties of Asian, African and Latin-American countries by various means of "going out" and "inviting in", and especially strengthened our work on parties of friendly countries in China's surrounding areas, contributing positively to stability of the surroundings. Fifthly, we have seized the opportunity to vigorously conduct multilateral party diplomacy. Over the past five years, by our initiative, three sessions of China-Europe High Level Political Parties Forum have taken place successfully in joint efforts with European parties. With Asian parties, we have hosted two special conferences of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties, theming "Poverty Alleviation and Development" and "Development and People's Access" respectively. With African parties, multilateral activities have been organized such as China-Africa Young Leaders Forum, China-Africa Forum on Agricultural Cooperation, China-Africa/Arab Medium and Small Businesses Cooperation Forum, all of which, with high-level participants, salient topics, clear objectives and combining philosophic ideas and pragmatic actions, has played a positive role in deepening communication, enhancing consensus and promoting cooperation. Sixthly, party ties have served as a link to protect core and important national interests of China. Over the past five years, we have actively collaborated with China's overall diplomacy and taken up issues relating to Taiwan, Tibet, Xinjiang and Beijing Olympic Games timely and appropriately, and followed up vigorously. We have brought into full play the advantage of party relations and won, to the maximum, understanding and support of the international community, helping move matters in positive directions.

2. Endeavoring to disseminate international information of the party, continuing to present her fine international image

Since the 17th National Congress of the Party, China's comprehensive national strength and international status have gone up rapidly. This, surpassing everyone's expectation, attracts unprecedented attention of the international community, which, in general, is affirmative and appreciative. However, there are some countries

entertaining complex mentality. As such, it becomes a strategic task of the Party and thus an important responsibility of its international work to actively respond to the close concerns of the international community, to address to misunderstanding and prejudice, and to further establish a fine international image of the Party. Over the past five years, we have endeavored to explore the objective laws governing the dissemination of international information of the Party, continued to innovate on forms and content, and made great efforts to enhance activities of public diplomacy under the framework of the general international work of the Party. Relying on multidimensional channels of international relations, we have become more active, dynamic, comprehensive and objective in presenting and introducing the Party to the rest of the world. First of all, we have synthesized daily Party to Party relations with publicity activities, conducting tailor-made dissemination work on political parties, political organizations, mass media and think-tanks through exchange of visits and various forms of communication, whereby stressing on the course of China's reform and opening-up, its basic experience and its great achievements, and vigorously presenting our ideas of governance, development road, foreign policy and concept of building a harmonious world. Secondly, we have taken visiting delegations from foreign political parties, foreign media and foreign envoys and diplomats into the institutions our Party such as Central Commission on Discipline Inspection, Central Department of Organization, Central Department of Publicity and Central Party School for on site visit and briefings on the work and conditions of the relevant Party departments, which displays our Party's openness and transparency, and helps remove the sense of its "mysteriousness" for the outside world. Thirdly, we have invited pertinent high-end experts and scholars to China, who are important opinion leaders of Europe and the United States, to attend seminars and round-table meetings on building of our Party and our political institutions, which, among other things, has helped lead their cognition of our Party, political institution and development model and remove or reduce their misunderstanding or prejudice against us. Fourthly, we have organized briefings for foreign media and diplomats on such topics as the national congress of our Party, the plenary sessions of its Central Committee, the five-year plan of China's national development and other issues of concerns important to the outside world, providing timely and accurate presentations of relevant essentials and facts. Fifthly, we have obtained aid from foreign media to disseminate China's information. On one hand, we have invited high-end international media people to visit China for study and interviews so as to enable them to learn true conditions of our development in various respects and to provide comprehensive and accurate

information for their China reporting. On the other hand, we have cooperated with broadcasting or television organizations from Japan, ROK and Italy, resulting in co-production of special TV programs such as Communist Party of China at Change and A Younger Generation of China, by which our purpose of “going overseas on borrowed boat” is realized with good publicity effects. Through the above activities of public diplomacy, we have presented to the international community as well as political parties of foreign countries a livelier, fresher, and more comprehensive image of the Communist Party of China, which helps political parties, political celebrities and general public of foreign countries to enhance their learning and understanding of our Party. Through exchange and dialogue with our Party, some of the foreign political celebrities and media people who had harbored prejudice against our Party have “had their fixed opinions subverted”, and some of them have even become friends of our Party who actively speak about and for us to foreign media, inner-party meetings or international gatherings.

3. Actively conducting people-to-people diplomacy to help consolidate popular basis for China’s friendly cooperation with foreign countries

Since the 17th National Congress, in light of deep-going globalization and continued changes in international relations, the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of various countries have become more and more active in international and bilateral fields, and gained more and more influence. Against this backdrop, the importance of people-to-people diplomacy has been increasingly going up in China’s overall diplomacy. In recent years, the central leadership has set great store by the function and role of people-to-people diplomacy, emphasizing on making use of people-to-people diplomacy as a leverage of international work. The International Department is fully aware of the importance and necessity to vigorously facilitate China’s NGOs to actively participate in international activities in an orderly way. In recent years, we have coordinated China’s NGOs to attend a number of important multilateral international conferences such as meetings of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the World Social Forum, and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Rio Conference), at which they take the initiative to help set agenda, take an active part in relevant dialogues and discussions, and extensively present China’s policies and opinions. They have also made strong cases on issues relating to Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang, and effectively defended our core national interests. We have helped set platforms for people-to-

people diplomacy so as to elevate the discourse power and influence of the Chinese NGOs. A number of large-scale people-to-people exchange activities such as Beijing Global Summit of Women 2010, First and Second China-Africa People's Forums, International Day of Peace, Understanding and Cooperation Dialogue have been conducted successfully, which not only has effectively facilitated exchange and cooperation between the Chinese NGOs and international NGOs, and enhanced understanding and affirmation of our Party by the international community, and especially by the people of foreign countries, but also has enlarged the influence of the Chinese NGOs. Besides, we have also attached importance to innovation on forms of people-to-people exchanges in expanding the international influence of our people-to-people diplomacy. Over the past five years, we have actively coordinated and facilitated international service activities. For instance, China's NGOs, business groups, personages from medical and educational circles have made "Bringing-Light Tours" in Mongolia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Myanmar, delivering free operations to recover eyesight for cataract patients there. In Myanmar, the First China-Myanmar Brotherhood Tour was held, which included a series of good-neighborly and friendly activities, and a medical center has been put in place in cooperation with Myanmar NGOs. In Africa, educational activities to prevent and control AIDS, and service activities such as donation of medicine and educational effects have been carried out, being well received by the local people. All this has not only increased the influence of the Chinese NGOs, but also more significantly, consolidated popular basis of China's friendly ties with the concerned countries.

4. Carefully observing and studying the world to provide central policy-making with intellectual support

Since the 17th National Congress of the Party, profound and complex changes have occurred in the international situation and the international pattern. It has become increasingly important duty and function for the Party's international work to observe the world with a broader vision, to scientifically analyze and accurately size up the megatrends of world development, and to study governance and party-building experiences of foreign countries for our reference. Over the past five years, we have conscientiously strengthened our study and research work, and centered it on the concerns of the Party's central leadership. Firstly, in close connection with developments and changes in the international situation and the hot spot issues of the world, we have deepened our studies on world pattern, changing relations between China and the rest of

the world, and strategy and tactics of our foreign policy, and made timely and pertinent suggestions to the central leadership. Secondly, we have strengthened our studies on socialism, and trends of international political and social thoughts, and, in particular, made in-depth analysis of current international economic and financial crisis and multiple dilemmas in face of capitalist countries, and come up with our opinions and suggestions concerning the effects of financial crisis on China. Thirdly, we have made pertinent studies of party politics and party-building in foreign countries, in order to draw on experiences and lessons from success and failures of foreign parties to the service of enhancing our Party's building of governing capabilities. Fourthly, we have significantly advanced studies on governance experiences of foreign countries, endeavoring to provide reference for our efforts to realize scientific development by drawing experiences and lessons on switching from one mode of economic development to another, restructuring the economy, readjusting income distribution, and managing social contradictions.

II

Since the 17th National Congress of the Party, the international work of the Party, under the correct leadership of the Party Central Committee, has achieved gratifying results, playing its due role in serving the central work of the Party and the country. Reflecting on our practice over the past five years, we have obtained following points of revelation.

1. Scientific guiding ideology must be adhered to while innovating on work mode and mechanism

Since the 17th National Congress of the Party, the international work of the Party has been all along guided by Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory and the Important Thought of "Three Represents", and carried on by implementing in-depth Scientific Outlook of Development. We have stressed on changing ideas unfitting and not in line with Scientific Outlook of Development and on addressing to outstanding problems affecting and constraining scientific development of the international work of the Party, and persevered in developing new ways and work areas, and advancing coordinated development of Party diplomacy, public diplomacy and people-to-people diplomacy, which has improved actual effects of our

work as a whole.

2. Paying close attention to and getting hold of megatrends of world development, adapting to requirements of a changing situation

It is an important premise for doing well the international work of the Party to scientifically understand and judge on megatrends of world development. Since the 17th Congress, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Hu Jintao as General Secretary has, based on deep-going analysis of megatrends of the world, a changing international pattern and its features, pointed out that overall domestic situation and overall international situation must be coordinated, and the period of strategic opportunity must be better seized upon in advancing continuously all undertakings of the Party and the country. Going by the general thinking of the central leadership, we have accurately made the scientific positioning of the international work of the Party in light of its new requirements arising from changing conditions of the world, the country and the Party, enhanced strategic planning and operation in line with interaction between overall domestic and international situation, and continued to strengthen foresightedness, initiation and efficiency of our work.

3. Correct starting points and emphases must be found in serving the party's central work and overall diplomacy of the country

To serve the central work of Party and the overall diplomacy of the country is not only the fundamental objective of the international work of the Party, but also the fundamental yardstick judging its function and effectiveness. Since the 17th National Congress of the Party, under the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, the international work of the Party has taken foothold on interplay of overall domestic and international situation, and placed its starting points and emphases in consideration of central work of the Party and the country, and overall diplomacy of the country as a whole. This has not only extended the depth and width of our work, but also more effectively brought into play its special features and advantage.

4. Efforts must be based on adhering to four principles governing party to party relations in pushing forward party exchanges in all directions

The four principles of “independence, equality, mutual respect and non-

interference into each other's internal affairs" governing party to party relations have derived from in-depth analysis of both positive and negative experiences of the international relations of our Party and that of party-to-party exchanges of the world at large. Complying with trend of development of relations and cooperation of parties the world over and widely concurred by international parties of various types, these principles are of great vitality in practice. It is precisely because we earnestly go by these principles that over the past five years, the international work of our Party has continued to achieve new results, that our partners of dialogue and cooperation have continued to grow in number, and that the influence of our Party on the arena of international party to party exchanges has continued to increase.

III

As the world today is at the stage of great development, great change and great readjustment, China's relations with the rest of the world undergoes continued new historical changes. As such, we are in face of unprecedented opportunities as well as unprecedented challenges. The development and changes in the conditions of the world, that of China and that of the Party have raised new, higher demands on the international work of the Party. Guided by Scientific Outlook of Development, we should conscientiously further our cognition of the international work of the Party in context of overall Party and national work, position our work in light of development and changes in China's relations with the rest of the world, and plan and operate it within the strategic layout of China's overall diplomacy so as to strive continuously to make new breakthroughs and realize new growth of the international work of the Party under new circumstances.

1. Enhancing strategic planning in close connection with further implementing scientific outlook of development to promote comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development of the party's international work

We should unswervingly seek guidance from Deng Xiaoping Theory and the Important Thought of "Three Represents", further implement Scientific Outlook of Development, and gain profound understanding of megatrends of development of the world today and that of contemporary China so as to enhance scientific planning and overall layout of the international work of the Party in line with China's overall international strategy, and continue to improve and strengthen the pattern of our international work that organically synthesize Party diplomacy, public diplomacy and

people-to-people diplomacy. We should strive to make the international work of the Party an important avenue for promoting China's international relations, an important showcase to display a fine image of the Party to the international community, an important platform for leading cadres of the Party to observe and study the world, and an important channel for taking reference of experiences of foreign countries in service of policy-making by the central leadership.

2. Bringing further into play ensemble synergy and advantage of the party's international work in close relation to requirements of coordinating overall domestic and international situation

We should continue to gain in-depth understanding of co-relations between overall domestic situation and overall international situation, attach importance to comprehending interactions between domestic work and external environment, and plan and operate the international work of the Party in perspective of coordinating overall domestic and international situation. We should continue to nurture special features and advantage of Party diplomacy, public diplomacy and people-to-people diplomacy within the framework of the international work of the Party, and, in particular, to work for closer collaboration among them so as to provide better service to the central work of the Party and the overall diplomacy of the country.

3. Further advancing the party's international work in close relation to requirements for strengthening and improving party building under new circumstances

At present, the international situation is at great change, and so much so major changes are happening to historical positioning and governing conditions of the Party, which faces unprecedented external risks and has to deal with various challenges that will be long lasting, complicated and severe. Against this background, we should make more efforts to make the international work of the Party serving our Party-building, which calls for further strengthening comparative studies of party-building and governing experiences of political parties of foreign countries, in-depth exploration into experiences and lessons from rise and fall, and successes and failures of parties the world over, and deep-going understanding of laws governing government by Communist Parties, in order to make contributions to continued improvement on scientific base for self-building of our Party.

4. Closely rallying around the party central committee with comrade hu jintao as general secretary, closely relying on support and collaboration of other departments and localities, and continuing to raise the level of the party's international work

At present, a multidimensional work mechanism of the international work of the Party has taken initial shape, where the Party Central Committee exercises centralized leadership and coordination, the International Department organizes concrete planning and operation, other central departments, government ministries and local Party committees provide assistance and support, and Party cadres jointly participate. We should more closely rally around the Party Central Committee with Comrade Hu Jintao as General Secretary and continue to enhance communication and cooperation with other departments and localities in order to optimize resources, act with united strength, and bring into play ensemble effects. We should explore new mechanisms, new ways and new methods to carry on the international work of the Party under new circumstances, and continue to enhance our capabilities in responding to international situation and handling international affairs, and enhance our capability of conducting international communication and exchange. We should promote scientific development of the international work of the Party, and greet the victorious convocation of the 18th National Congress of the Party with excellent results of our work.

Pooling Wisdom and Efforts for Further Cooperation among BRICS

—Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the 2012
Think-tank Forum of BRICS Countries

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Distinguished Delegates & Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to join you at the 2012 Think-tank Forum of BRICS Countries in the beautiful Mountain city of Chongqing in this Golden fall. On behalf of the China Center for Contemporary World Studies, I extend warmest welcome and best wishes to all of you.

In recent years, with the continual evolution of the financial crisis in the west, the drastic alterations in regional orders and the profound adjustments of the international relations, international environment and global trend are seeing accelerated pace of change. As the international power structure shifts, the world has seen the emergence of the BRICS Countries, which are exploring their own development paths with different characteristics. They have contributed towards the diversification of human development models, and demonstrated the great vitality and potential of emerging economies.

Since the first meeting of the BRICS leaders in Russia in June, 2009, the BRICS leaders' meeting mechanism has been constantly improved, which have made for greater political mutual trust, deepened cooperation in areas like economy, finance, trade and people's wellbeing, more communication and coordination in major