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## **Letter dated 14 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to forward to you a document on the Initiative on Partnership for Africa's Development (see annex). The Initiative was jointly launched by China and African countries in May 2021.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 66 (a).

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## **Annex to the letter dated 14 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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### **Initiative on Partnership for Africa's Development**

1. We maintain that in a world that is undergoing major development, major change and major adjustment, and whose countries are increasingly interconnected and interdependent, promoting peace, security and development remains the core task for us all. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has further highlighted the importance of development for all countries, especially developing countries, in meeting global challenges, improving people's well-being, strengthening democracy and the rule of law, and advancing social welfare and progress.
2. We commend Africa, a continent with enormous development potential, for its productive exploration of and remarkable progress in development, making it one of the economically fastest-growing regions in the world in recent years. We believe that COVID-19 has had a serious economic impact on the countries of the world, including those in Africa, thus presenting new challenges for Africa in its development.
3. We maintain that there is a broad-based consensus for contributing to Africa's development and that doing so is the common responsibility of the international community. For many years, members of that community have carried out good cooperation with African countries, making important contributions to their development. As the situation in Africa and the wider world continues to evolve, international cooperation with Africa faces new opportunities as well as challenges. In this context, we hope to develop new ways to work together.
4. We emphasize that cooperation with Africa must be undertaken on the basis of respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, firm safeguarding of the United Nations-centred international system and the international order underpinned by international law, respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of African countries, and non-interference in their internal affairs. Parties must strengthen overall coordination, leverage their respective strengths and support African countries in exploring development paths suited to their respective national conditions, to bring about sustainable, inclusive and equitable development.
5. We maintain that Africa is a great platform for international cooperation, not an arena for big-power competition. Reaffirming our strong commitment to true multilateralism, we welcome summits and other high-level meetings between Africa and other countries, as well as improved coordination of cooperation mechanisms between Africa and its partners. Grounded in respect for the wishes of African countries, we seek strengthened North-South cooperation and deepened South-South cooperation, as well as cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative, and we encourage and support trilateral and multilateral cooperation with Africa, to create synergies in mutual support for Africa's development.
6. We believe peace is the prerequisite for development. We support the efforts of African countries and regional organizations such as the African Union to apply African methods to independently address African issues, and support Africa in implementing the "Silencing the Guns Initiative". We support countries in affected regions in taking active measures against terrorist threats, and support the United Nations in providing predictable and sustainable funding for Africa's independent peace operations.

7. We call on the international community to support Africa in accelerating its implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as Agenda 2063 of the African Union and its first ten-year plan, and to synergize development strategies with African countries to facilitate the early realization of Africa's efforts to achieve independent and sustainable development.

8. We applaud the positive results achieved by Africa in combating COVID-19, support the implementation of the Africa Joint Continental Strategy for COVID-19 Outbreak, and commit to working with such platforms as the World Health Organization and the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility to increase the supply of vaccines to Africa, enhance the capacity of the African Medicines Agency to manufacture vaccines for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, promote equitable vaccine distribution and ensure the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in Africa, thereby supporting Africa in securing an early victory against COVID-19 and accelerating post-COVID-19 economic and social development. We support the waiver of intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines and call on the parties involved to provide more COVID-19 vaccines to developing countries.

9. We commit to strengthening cooperation with Africa on protecting the environment and developing the green economy, with the aim of substantially increasing the proportion of clean energy and support for Africa in funding, technology transfer and capacity-building. We are firmly committed to implementing the Paris Agreement on climate change, and to helping African countries strengthen their capabilities to tackle climate change and environmental protection.

10. We applaud the official launching of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), support the efforts of Africa to advance the integration process and achieve unity and self-reliance, and stand ready to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with the AfCFTA secretariat with a view to boosting the international competitiveness of African products and facilitate the exports of quality African goods.

11. We agree to strengthen cooperation in the field of public health, support Africa in improving its ability to prevent and treat infectious diseases, increase medical assistance, help strengthen capacity-building by the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and assist Africa to improve its public health system and raise its public health level.

12. We call on the international community to work in tandem with African countries in support of initiatives to strengthen infrastructure connectivity, implement the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa and promote high-quality construction under the Belt and Road Initiative, to achieve effective interconnectivity.

13. We stand ready to expand imports of African products worldwide, encourage private businesses to increase investment in Africa, and strengthen cooperation on production capacity to help Africa accelerate industrialization, diversify its economy and enhance the capacity for independent development.

14. We commend the Group of 20 for actively implementing the Debt Service Suspension Initiative and call on the international community to help African countries enhance debt sustainability through multiple means, and to provide greater support to those countries hardest hit by COVID-19 and under heavy financial stress, in order to ease the debt burden on Africa.

15. We call on the international community to actively increase development aid to African countries, provide active support in capital, technology and capacity-building, strengthen cooperation on poverty reduction and disaster prevention and

mitigation, and share development experience, thereby helping African countries to reduce poverty and improve people's livelihoods.

16. We support Africa in enhancing agricultural production and cooperation, improving agricultural infrastructure and increasing output and added value of agricultural products, so as to provide stronger safeguards for the food security of Africa.

17. We commit to carrying out education cooperation and support Africa in building such educational infrastructure as schools at various levels and vocational education institutions, improving the quality and coverage of education, strengthening personnel and skills training, promoting gender equality and deepening exchanges and cooperation in the fields of youth and women's empowerment.

18. We stand ready to strengthen cooperation on the digital economy and science and technology, and support Africa in advancing the development of the information society, seizing the opportunities created by the digital economy, building smart cities, safeguarding information security and enhancing capabilities in science, technology and innovation.

19. We reaffirm the great value of the blue economy for the sustainable development of African countries and commend the implementation of the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy). We recognize the additional vulnerability of small island developing States under COVID-19 and the need for us to pay particular attention in this respect.

20. The year 2021 is the African Union Year of the Arts, Culture and Heritage. We actively support the rejuvenation of African culture and entrepreneurship, and commit to promoting exchanges, interaction and cooperation with Africa in the fields of arts, culture and heritage, to enhance mutual understanding and friendship.

21. We commit to combating transnational crimes and strengthening wildlife protection, and stand ready to share experience and deepen cooperation with African countries to jointly improve social governance capacities.

22. We welcome Africans to serve as leaders of international organizations and institutions such as the World Health Organization and the World Trade Organization. We support African countries in participating in global governance and playing a greater role in international affairs, and stand ready to hear African views on regional and international issues.

23. We welcome all countries as well as regional and international organizations to participate in this Initiative on a voluntary basis, to jointly support Africa in achieving prosperity and stability.

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