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Letter dated 28 September 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the attached “Chair’s press release of the high-level videoconference on poverty eradication and South-South cooperation on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations” (see annex). The conference was convened by China in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme, and was attended by high-level officials from 13 developing countries. It sends a strong message of strengthening multilateralism, international solidarity and cooperation in overcoming the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and gives impetus to international development cooperation in ending poverty and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 19, 24, 25 (b) and 128.

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The high-level videoconference on poverty eradication and South-South cooperation was convened by China in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 26 September 2020, on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The meeting was chaired by the State Councillor and Foreign Minister for the People's Republic of China, Wang Yi. The Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, the UNDP Administrator, Achim Steiner, the Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan and foreign ministers or other ministerial representatives of Cambodia, Egypt, Guyana (Chair of the Group of 77), Kazakhstan (Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Laos, Myanmar, the Niger, Peru, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Africa (Chair of the African Union) and Uganda (presidency of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation) attended and addressed the meeting.

Under the overarching theme "Towards a shared future for developing countries: promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development through deepened South-South cooperation", the high-level attendees held in-depth discussions and reached broad consensus on the importance of strengthened solidarity and deepened South-South cooperation in fighting the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and meeting shared economic and social challenges facing developing countries, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The meeting expressed concern over the negative impact of COVID-19 on human well-being and global socioeconomic development and stressed the need for all countries to remain united, put development first and act jointly. The meeting called upon the international community to renew its commitment to multilateralism, uphold the central role of the 2030 Agenda in international development cooperation, prioritize poverty eradication in all its forms, provide more help to developing countries, in particular African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in overcoming the pandemic and implementing the 2030 Agenda, and render more support for deepened South-South cooperation in the new era.

The meeting called for reinvigorated international development partnerships, welcoming the Belt and Road Initiative and other regional and international cooperation initiatives which contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The meeting also called for a more open and inclusive development environment for developing countries, stressing the crucial importance, especially in face of the pandemic, of keeping the markets open and resolving disruptions to the global supply chains. The high-level attendees emphasized the need to broaden and strengthen the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic governance and allow developing countries greater participation in global value chains.

The meeting reiterated that South-South cooperation is a complement to, rather than a substitute for, North-South cooperation and urged developed countries to honour their unmet overseas development assistance commitments and scale up

efforts to play a meaningful role in eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions. The high-level attendees expressed their willingness to deepen South-South cooperation, both in traditional fields and new domains, including the digital economy, to accelerate economic structural transformation and upgrading, support the collective rise of the developing world and forge a community with a shared future for the South.

The meeting stressed the importance of supporting the leading role of the United Nations in coordinating global implementation of the 2030 Agenda and acknowledged the indispensable role of the Group of 77 and China in promoting and advancing South-South cooperation for the shared interests of the developing world. The high-level attendees encouraged the United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as United Nations country teams, to continue their good efforts to mobilize more resources and provide more policy and technical support to developing countries.

The high-level attendees welcomed the “Eradication of Extreme Poverty: China’s Practices Report” and the “Big Earth Data in Support of the Sustainable Development Goals Report” issued in 2020 by China and expressed appreciation for the good efforts and insightful proposals made by the attending countries and United Nations agencies in promoting poverty eradication, South-South cooperation and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The high-level attendees applauded the initiatives and measures announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the high-level events marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, hailing them as another vivid demonstration of China’s commitment to multilateralism, its long-standing support for the United Nations and South-South cooperation, and its continued contributions to the 2030 Agenda and the common development of the developing world. The meeting also lauded the initiatives and proposals on promoting South-South cooperation and sustainable development put forward by other participating leaders on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, which give a strong boost to multilateralism and international solidarity and cooperation in overcoming the pandemic, ending poverty and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
