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China's Views on the Dialogue on Long-term Cooperative Action to Address Climate Change by Enhancing Implementation of the Convention

In accordance with Decision 1/CP 11 on "Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention", China would like to submit the following initial views on the issues to be discussed in this dialogue:

1. The dialogue should be conducted in accordance with the terms set out in Decision 1/CP 11 and aim at enhancing the implementation of the Convention. The dialogue should facilitate the exchange of information and experience, draw on the successful experiences, identify problems in the implementation of the Convention, and propose concrete measures to overcome problems identified.

2. According to Decision 1/CP11, there are four areas for discussion for the four workshops, namely advancing development goals in a sustainable way, addressing action on adaptation, realizing the full potential of technology, and realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities. In order to stimulate interactions among the Parties, we believe each workshop should cover all the four areas. The Parties will have more time to consider and digest the views of other Parties expressed in the dialogue. Only in this way will the dialogue move forward to new depth.

3. With regard to advancing development goals in a sustainable way, the following issues could be discussed: the linkage between climate change policy and MDG, the implementation of the Delhi Declaration, integration of climate change policy into sustainable development strategy, contribution to sustainable development by appropriately addressing climate change.

4. With regard to action on adaptation, the priority should be to develop the five-year program of work on adaptation and response measures. Adaptation should aim at promotion of capacity and capability of developing countries to adapt to climate change. As an integral part of actions addressing climate change, adaptation should be further strengthened.

5. With regard to realizing the full potential of technology, it is important to discuss: a) the establishment of a mechanism of international cooperation on technology so as to strengthen research and development, deployment and transfer of technologies, particularly to developing countries; b) the removal of policy, institutional, financial, legal and other barriers existing in technology cooperation and transfer, carefully balancing the protection of IPR and the need of technology transfer; c) the provision of incentives to technology transfer, such as low interest loans, taxation reduction, etc.; d) the establishment of a funding mechanism for technology cooperation and transfer so as to enable developing countries to have access to affordable advanced mitigation and adaptation technologies.

6. With regard to realizing the full potential of market-based opportunities, it should be pointed out that market does play an important role to address the issue of climate change, but its role in technology transfer should not be over estimated. We believe that governments play a more important role in this regard. A clear signal should be sent out that win–win market mechanisms like CDM should be further explored.

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