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Meeting Challenges with Stronger Solidarity and Coordination

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Your Excellency President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev,
Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to attend the Sixth Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA). I wish to thank Kazakhstan, the Chair, for being such a thoughtful and hospitable host.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of CICA. Over the past three decades, CICA has played an active and constructive role in regional and international affairs. As the initiator of CICA, Kazakhstan has made great contributions to CICA's development, and China commends Kazakhstan's efforts.

Colleagues,

Our world is undergoing changes unseen in a century. Destabilizing factors and uncertainty in the international environment are mounting. As an important security forum in Asia, CICA needs to strengthen solidarity and coordination, properly tackle challenges and endeavor to build an Asian community with a shared future.

— We need to uphold mutual respect and mutual trust, and mai

maintain peace and stability in Asia. We need to pursue common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, manage differences and disputes through dialogue and consultation, and properly respond to traditional and non-traditional security threats and challenges. President Xi Jinping has proposed the Global Security Initiative, pointing the way to tackling global security challenges. China wishes to work with other countries in the region to further implement this initiative and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in Asia.

— We need to uphold mutual benefit and promote the development and prosperity of all Asian countries. We need to deepen high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, and enhance all-round connectivity and regional integration, to inject strong impetus into common development. China hopes to work with all parties to actively implement the Global Development Initiative, speed up delivery of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and contribute to the sustainable development of all.

— We need to uphold mutual learning and advocate harmony among Asian civilizations. Openness and inclusiveness enable progress, while self-isolation results in backwardness. We need to be broad-minded and rise above differences in ideology and social system. We need to advocate Asian values and beliefs, and carry out exchanges and dialogues among different civilizations, to help the diverse civilizations on the Asian continent flourish together.

— We need to uphold fairness and justice, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Asian countries. We need to firmly support each other in following a development path suited to our own national conditions. We need to uphold the UN-centered international system, champion true multilateralism, and oppose hegemonism and power politics, to preserve the fundamental and long-term interests of Asian countries.

China has all along viewed CICA's development from a strategic and long-term perspective, and supports the overall direction of upgrading CICA into an international organization. China will fully leverage its role as the coordinating country in related fields, host exchanges and training sessions in agriculture, green development, finance and among think tanks, and work with all parties to bring CICA co

operation to a new height.

Colleagues,

The Communist Party of China (CPC) will soon convene its 20th National Congress. We will stand at a new historical starting point and draw a blueprint for China's future development. China cannot develop without the world and the world needs China for its prosperity. We hope to engage in sound interactions and pursue win-win cooperation with all parties to jointly usher in an even brighter future.

Thank you.