China's perspective on the Paris Agreement outcome

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I. China's views on the Paris Agreement

New starting point in the history of global climate governance

- The Paris agreement aims to enhance the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention during the post-2020 period
- Equity mainstreamed, CBDR-RC anchored
- The Paris agreement charts the course for green development. The trend of green and low-carbon transformation is irreversible.
- Challenges in addressing climate change through international cooperation cannot be solved once and for all only by the Paris agreement. Continuous political impetus, domestic efforts and mutual understanding are required.

Comprehensive, effective and inclusive global climate change solution

- Highlight the scientific and urgent need for responding to the threat of climate change (Art.2)
- NDC includes mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, CB and transparency (Art.3)
- "Bottom-up" nationally determined framework, accommodating the national conditions of various countries and reflecting the CBDR between developed and developing countries:
 - Request party to communicate a NDC every five years and to pursue domestic measures to achieve it;
 - □ Mitigation: developed country leadership + normative expectations for developing countries
 - Finance: developed country leadership + expansion of donor base (voluntarily)
- A progress tracking and assessment framework that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and facilitative to respect for different national circumstances and encourage participation:
 - Enhanced transparency framework, flexibilities tailored to capacities
 - Periodic GST to assess collective progress

II. Requirements going forward

Do you have plans to revise the INDC before turning it into an NDC?

- □ How to understand Para 23&24, decision 1/CP.21?
 - Request those parties whose INDC pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a **time frame up to 2025** to **communicate** by 2020 **a new NDC** and to do every five years thereafter pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 9, of the agreement.
 - Also request those parties whose INDC pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a **time** frame up to 2030 to communicate or update by 2020 these contributions......
- Seek to accommodate different time frames for the 1st round of iNDCs; "Update" dose not necessarily mean "mandatory upgrade"
- Developed countries periodically communicate, implement and update MOI contributions is crucial for developing countries to update the ambition of mitigation and adaptation contributions.

Forest Stock Volume Carbon Dioxide Emission Share of Non-Fossil Fuels Carbon Intensity 4.5 billion m 60-65% 2030 Lower by **60-65**% Peaks around 2030 Increase by around 4.5 Increase to around 20% billion from 2005 level from 2005 level Try best to peak early Research on the main Warsaw Conference Preparation starts indicators of China's INDC (November, 2013) China-U.S. joint announcement on Climate Rounds of consultation Drafting of China's INDC Change (Nov. 2014) document starts among all stakeholders China's INDC adopted in the Premier Li Kegiang meeting of National Leading Communication of Announce main Commission for Climate content of China's INDC China INDC (June

(June 30, 2015)

30, 2015)

Change (June 12, 2015)

What are your plans for ratification?

On April 22 2016, Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli signed the Paris Agreement on behalf of China and announced that China will finalize domestic legal procedures to ratify the Agreement before the G20 Hangzhou Summit in September this year.

Internal consultation (incl. Ministries, SAR government)



Approval by Sate Council



Pre-examination by NPC Foreign Affairs Committee



Approval by the NPC Standing Committee (end of August)

Have you started the implementation process?

- □ INDC up to 2030 implementation: 13th, 14th and 15th FYP
- □ 13th Five Year Plan: legally binding carbon intensity target + Work Plan
 - March 2016, China set **18%** carbon intensity reduction target by 2020
 - "Work Plan for greenhouse gas Emission Control during the 13th Five-Year Plan Period" soon to release
 - province/city carbon intensity target
 - enhanced actions in energy, industry, transportation, building, consumption, non-CO2 gases.....

Thank you for your attention!

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