

Remarks on the National Workshop on “Application of Juncao Technology and its Contribution to the Achievement of Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania”

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

Today, I am extremely pleased to attend the Opening Ceremony of the National Workshop on Application of Juncao Technology and its Contribution to the Achievement of Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania. On behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, I would like to thank Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and China Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University for their long-term commitment and strong promotion of Juncao technology in Tanzania, and thank the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries of Tanzania and other local institutions for their unswerving cooperation.

Juncao technology is a successful exploration in China's fight against poverty and an important contribution to global sustainable development. Chinese President Xi Jinping has long cared about the international cooperation of Juncao technology. In 2001, he personally promoted the building of the first China-aided overseas demonstration base for Juncao technology in Papua New Guinea. During the past two decades, this handy and practical technology has taken root in more than 100 countries. It not only helps create hundreds of thousands of green jobs for local people, lift people out of poverty and realize

gender equality by women economic empowerment, but also plays an important role in promoting the use of renewable energy and addressing climate change. China stands ready to work with relevant parties to spread Juncao technology to more developing countries and make further contributions to the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with China's wisdom and solutions.

During the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation held in Senegal last November, President Xi announced that China will work closely with African countries to implement nine programs under the first three-year plan of the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035. China is now seizing the opportunity of implementing outcomes of the Forum to strengthen pragmatic cooperation in various fields with Tanzania. Under this background, our two sides are exploring the potential to carry out an intergovernmental assistance project on Juncao technology cooperation. I believe that with multilateral and bilateral promotion, Juncao technology will become the "grass of happiness" and "grass of prosperity" for more Tanzanian people and help Tanzania accelerate its implementation of sustainable development goals.

Finally, I would like to wish the Workshop go well and achieve expected results. Thank you all! Asante sana!