

Video Statement at the 7th STI Forum

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Co-Chairs, Excellencies,

The Chinese government has always attached great importance to the development of science, technology and innovation (STI) and has been committed to the innovation-driven development strategy.

We make vigorous efforts to integrate into global innovation network, and prioritize the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to fulfil our responsibility for achieving global sustainable development.

At the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in September 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed Global Development Initiative (GDI), with the aim to pool efforts to tackle challenges, promote post-COVID recovery and achieve common sustainable development. GDI is a summary of China's own development experience. It also reflects the actual needs of developing countries. With a focus on addressing the most

pressing concerns of LDCs, including fair access to vaccines and development financing, GDI provides a viable path for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving post-COVID recovery.

Based on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in light of China's national realities, China has created six national innovation demonstration zones in six cities since 2016. With a focus on targeted poverty eradication and green, low-carbon industrial transition, we have explored a series of mature and efficient solutions, and promoted good practices in other similar areas.

We are now formulating *the Science and Technology Action Plan on Carbon Peaking and Neutrality*, deeply engaged in international S&T cooperation on climate change, participated in CEM(Clean Energy Ministerial) and MI(Mission Innovation), and jointly launched the Green Powered Future Mission.

We will take the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center as an opportunity to promote exchange and cooperation on vaccine R&D and trials, and mutual recognition of standards, inspiring hope and confidence for global recovery.

We've leveraged the role of STI in promoting South-South cooperation. China-Ghana-Zambia South-South Cooperation on Renewable Energy Technology Transfer and China-Ethiopia-Sri Lanka Renewable Energy Triangular Program are included in the UN Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation in LDCs.

Looking forward, China remains ready to deepen cooperation with UN and other member states and build a community with a shared future for mankind with concrete actions.

Thank you!