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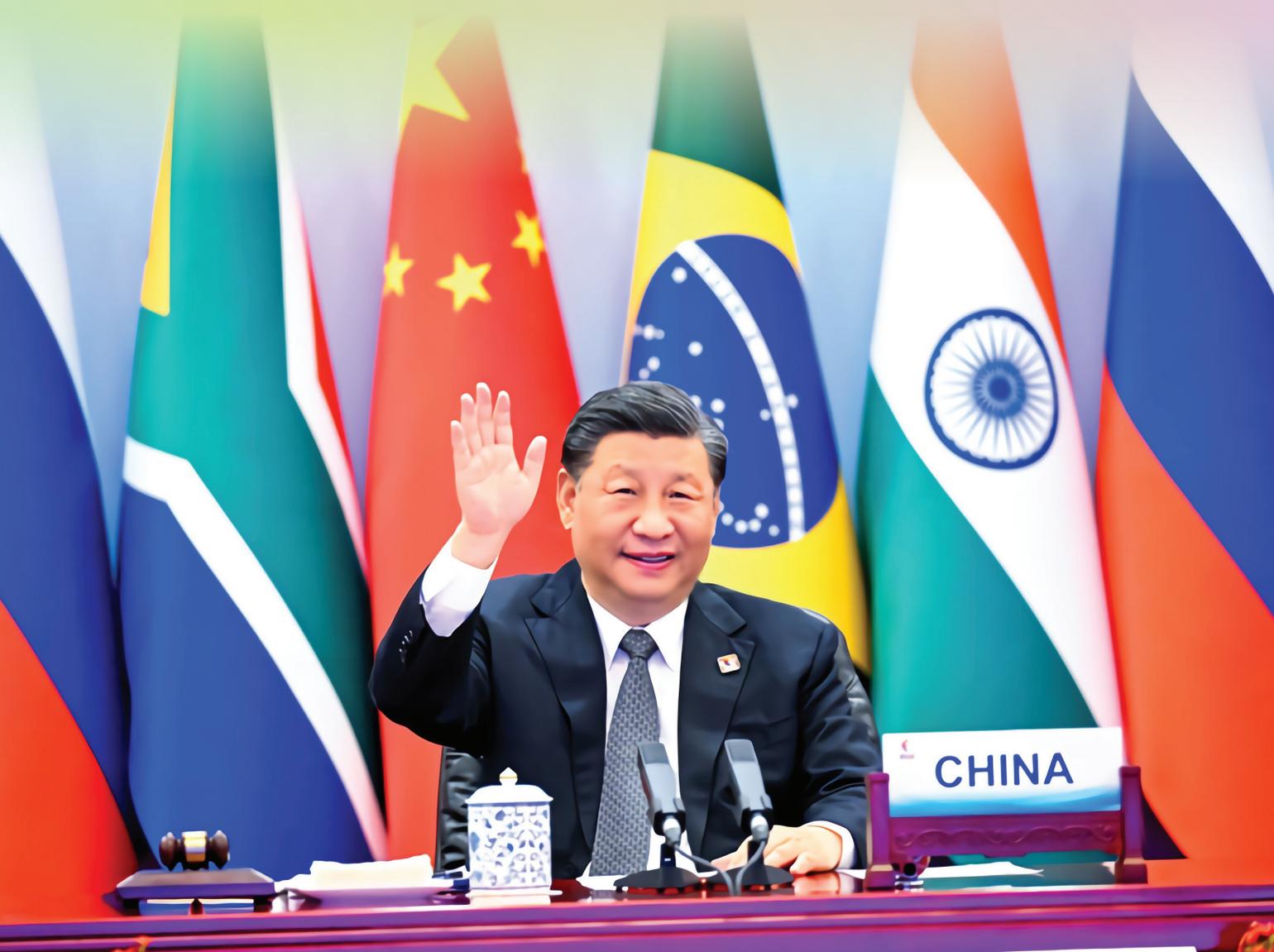
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BRICS BONDING A NEW JOURNEY, NEW VISTAS



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Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 14th BRICS summit on June 23, 2022.



BRICS of Emerging World Order Shared Purpose and Solidarity

We live in challenging times when old certainties are being challenged by new crises. The very future of humanity is at stake as millions of people don't have enough food to eat and many parts of the world face armed conflicts and strife. In such a polarised international environment, the steady evolution and strengthening of BRICS, as telescoped in the 14th BRICS summit hosted by China in June, is a matter of pride and celebration.

The key outcomes of the summit, focused on promoting global economic recovery and accelerating global governance reforms, underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation among emerging economies to address a host of global challenges ranging from food and energy security to supply chain disruptions.

For China, which hosted the summit, it has been gratifying to see the BRICS solidarity growing from strength to strength over the last few years, proving the truth of the Chinese saying, "True gold can stand the test of fire." The BRICS China Year will be remembered in history as a landmark event as China will host over 170 BRICS events in various fields throughout the year. In the first half of this year alone, more than 20 ministerial meetings were held, and each of the "BRICS Plus" events attracted the participation of more than 50 non-BRICS countries, expanding the influence of BRICS.

In his speech at the 14th BRICS summit, Chinese President Xi Jinping focused on forging inclusive high-quality partnership as the grouping jointly embarks on "a new journey of BRICS cooperation." "Over the past 16 years, the giant ship of BRICS has sailed forward tenaciously against raging torrents and storms. Riding the wind and cleaving the waves, it has embarked on a righteous course of mutual support and win-win cooperation," said President Xi poetically.

As pointed out by President Xi, although the achievements of BRICS are considerable, this is no time for complacency as the world today is "overshadowed by the dark clouds of Cold War mentality and power politics." The current international situation underlines the need for BRICS to uphold solidarity and safeguard world peace and tranquility. In this context, President Xi sought the support of BRICS countries for his pioneering initiatives, including the Global Security Initiative and the Global Development Initiative for sustaining peace and security in the world.

As BRICS marches forward on a new journey of cooperation, it's time to bring in fresh blood and inject new vitality into BRICS cooperation to enhance the representativeness and influence of BRICS. China is committed to advance this process to allow like-minded partners to become part of the BRICS family at an early date and pursue BRICS-plus cooperation so that BRICS does not become a closed club or an exclusive circle, but a big family of mutual support and a partnership for win-win cooperation.

We are delighted to share this special edition of the embassy magazine which illuminates various facets of BRICS cooperation and its growing importance in the evolving world order.

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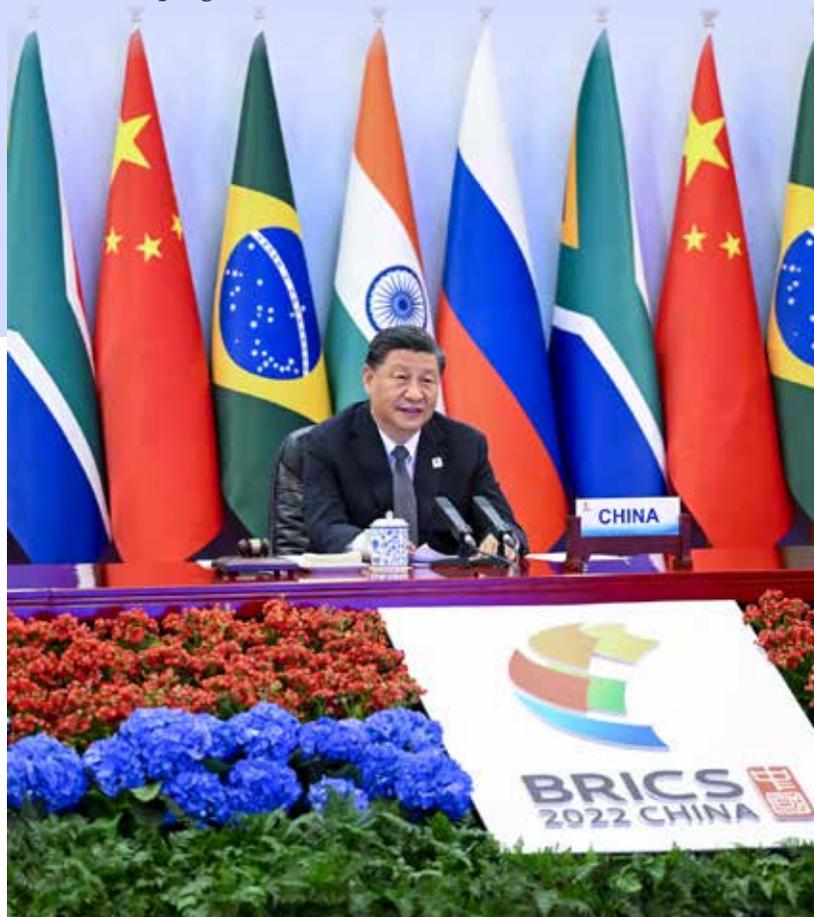
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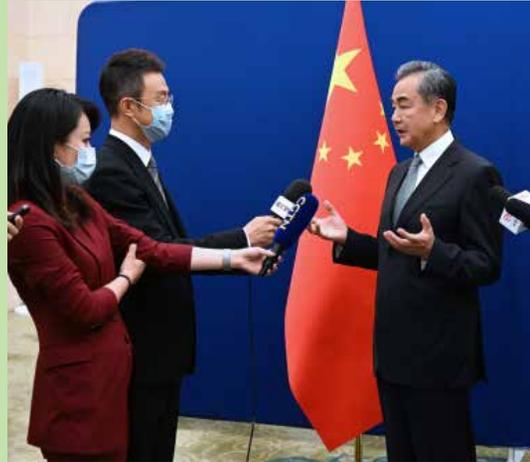
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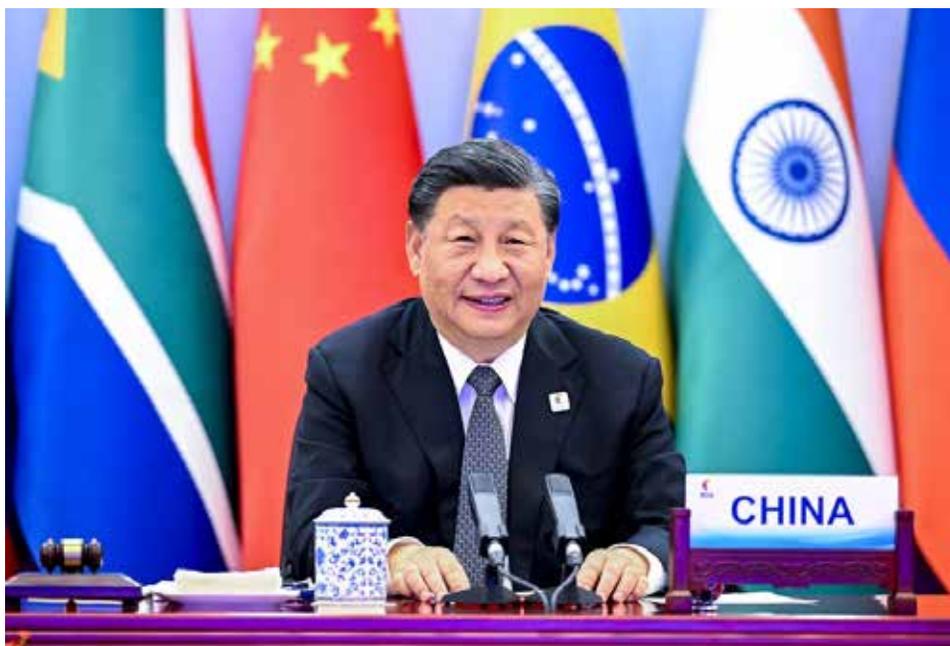


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Fostering High-quality Partnership and Embarking on a New Journey of BRICS Cooperation



Chinese President Xi Jinping hosts the 14th BRICS Summit via video link in Beijing, capital of China, June 23, 2022. Xi delivered remarks titled “Fostering High-quality Partnership and Embarking on a New Journey of BRICS Cooperation” at the summit.

In a virtual speech delivered at the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23, 2022 Chinese President Xi Jinping lauded the BRICS mechanism for displaying resilience and vitality in the current global crisis, and called on the grouping to stay open and inclusive to welcome like-minded partners to join the big BRICS family.

Following is the full text of the remarks by President Xi at the Summit:

Dear Colleagues,

Our world today is living through accelerating changes unseen in a century and continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. They confront humanity with unprecedented challenges and usher in a new phase of instability and transformation for global development.

The Chinese people often say, “True gold can stand the test of fire.” Over the past 16 years, the giant ship of BRICS has sailed forward tenaciously against raging torrents and storms. Riding the wind and cleaving the waves, it has embarked on a righteous course of mutual support and win-win cooperation. Standing at the crossroads of history, we should both look back at the journey we have traveled and keep in mind why we established BRICS in the first place, and look forward to a shared future of a more comprehensive, close, practical and inclusive high-quality partnership so as to jointly embark on a new journey of BRICS cooperation.

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First, we need to uphold solidarity and safeguard world peace and tranquility. Our world today is overshadowed by the dark clouds of Cold War mentality and power politics, and beset by constantly emerging traditional and non-traditional security threats. Some countries attempt to expand

military alliances to seek absolute security, stoke bloc-based confrontation by coercing other countries into picking sides, and pursue unilateral dominance at the expense of others’ rights and interests. If such dangerous trends are allowed to continue, the world will witness even more turbulence and insecurity.

It is important that BRICS countries support each other on issues concerning core interests, practice true multilateralism, safeguard justice, fairness and solidarity and reject hegemony, bullying and division. This year, we have held the Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and the Meeting of High Representatives on National Security, deepened cooperation on counter-terrorism, cybersecurity and other issues, enhanced coordination at the United Nations and other multilateral institutions, and spoke out for justice on the international stage.

Not long ago, I put forward the Global Security Initiative (GSI), which advocates a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, follows the philosophy that humanity is an indivisible security community, and aims to create a new path to security that features dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance and win-win over zero-sum. China would like to work with BRICS partners to operationalize the GSI and bring more stability and positive energy to the world.

Second, we need to uphold cooperation to boost development and jointly tackle risks and challenges. The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis has resulted in disruptions to global industrial and supply chains, sustained hikes of commodity prices, and weaker international monetary and financial systems. All these have cast shadows over development worldwide, and emerging markets and developing countries bear the brunt. But just as a crisis may bring chaos, it can also spur change. A lot will ride on how we handle the crisis.



This year, we launched the BRICS Initiative on Enhancing Cooperation on Supply Chains and the Initiative on Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development, adopted the Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters and the Strategy on Food Security Cooperation, and held a High-level Meeting on Climate Change for the first time. We should make good use of these new platforms to boost connectivity of industrial and supply chains and jointly meet challenges in poverty reduction, agriculture, energy, logistics and other fields. We should support greater development of the New Development Bank and a steady process to admit new members, and improve the Contingent Reserve Arrangement to cement the BRICS financial safety net and firewall. We should also expand BRICS cooperation on cross-border payment and credit rating to facilitate trade, investment and financing among our countries.

Last year, I put forward the Global Development Initiative (GDI), which aims to

re-energize the implementation of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and build a global community of development. China stands ready to work with BRICS partners to add more substance to the GDI and contribute to stronger, greener and healthier global development.

Third, we need to uphold the pioneering spirit and innovation and unleash the potential and vitality of cooperation. Those who seize the opportunities of the new economy, such as big data and artificial intelligence, are in sync with the pulse of the times. Those who seek to create monopoly, blockade and barriers in science and technology in order to disrupt other countries' innovation and development and hold on to their dominant position are doomed to fail.

We need to improve global science and technology governance and allow more people to access and benefit from the fruits of scientific and technological advances. This year, we have accelerated the building

of the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution Innovation Center in Xiamen, hosted the Forum on the Development of Industrial Internet and Digital Manufacturing and the Forum on Big Data for Sustainable Development, reached the Digital Economy Partnership Framework, issued the Initiative for Cooperation on Digitalization of Manufacturing, and established a network of technology transfer centers and an aerospace cooperation mechanism. All these have opened new channels for closer industrial policy coordination between BRICS countries. Recognizing the importance of talents in the digital age, we have set up the Alliance for Vocational Education, and organized the Skills Competition and the Women Innovation Contest to build a talent pool for stronger BRICS cooperation on innovation and entrepreneurship.

Fourth, we need to uphold openness and inclusiveness and pool collective wisdom and strength. BRICS countries gather not in a closed club or an exclusive circle, but a big family of mutual support and a partnership for win-win cooperation. At the Xiamen Summit in 2017, I proposed the “BRICS Plus” cooperation approach. Over the past five years, “BRICS Plus” cooperation has deepened and expanded, setting a prime example of South-South cooperation and seeking strength through unity among emerging markets and developing countries.

Under the new circumstances, it is all the more important for BRICS countries to pursue development with open doors and boost cooperation with open arms. This year we, for the first time, invited guest countries to attend the BRICS Foreign Ministers’ Meeting. The newly established BRICS Vaccine R&D Center has an unequivocal commitment to openness. Step by step, we have organized a variety of “BRICS Plus” events in such areas as scientific and technological innovation, people-to-people exchanges and sustainable

development. All these provide new platforms for cooperation among emerging markets and developing countries.

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In recent years, many countries have asked to join the BRICS cooperation mechanism. Bringing in fresh blood will inject new vitality into BRICS cooperation and increase the representativeness and influence of BRICS. This year we have, on separate occasions, had in-depth discussions on the question of membership expansion. It is important to advance this process to allow like-minded partners to become part of the BRICS family at an early date.

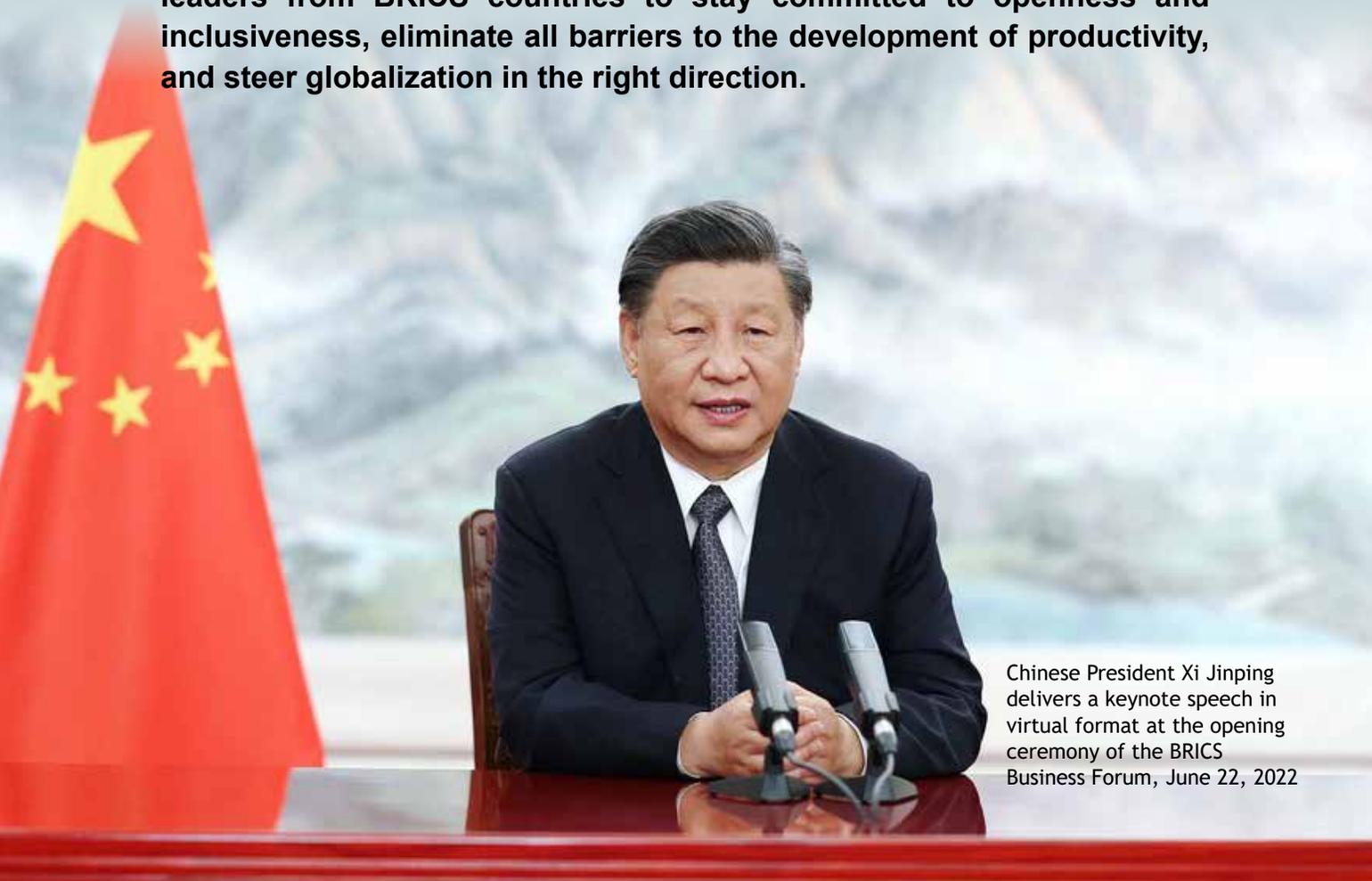
Colleagues,

As representatives of emerging markets and developing countries, we must make the right decision and take responsible actions at this critical juncture of history. What we do will have a significant impact on the world. Let us stay united, pool strength and forge ahead to build a community with a shared future for mankind and jointly create a bright future for humanity.

Thank you.

Keep Abreast of the Trend of the Times to Shape a Bright Future

Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum in virtual format on June 22, 2022 and delivered a keynote speech titled “Keep Abreast of the Trend of the Times to Shape a Bright Future.” In this speech, the Chinese leader exhorted business leaders from BRICS countries to stay committed to openness and inclusiveness, eliminate all barriers to the development of productivity, and steer globalization in the right direction.



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech in virtual format at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum, June 22, 2022

Following is the full text of the speech:
Dear Colleagues,
Members of the Business Community,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Friends,

I am glad to attend the BRICS Business Forum, and I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of you.

Right now, our world is facing drastic changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century. Various security challenges keep emerging. The world economy still faces strong headwinds on its path toward recovery, and global development has suffered major setbacks. Where is the world headed: Peace or war? Progress or regression? Openness or isolation? Cooperation or confrontation? These are choices of the times that we are confronted with.

We in the international community should reject zero-sum games and jointly oppose hegemonism and power politics. We should build a new type of international relations based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation.

Human history, like a river, keeps surging forward, with moments of both calm waters and huge waves. Despite changes in an evolving global environment, the historical trend of openness and development will not reverse course, and our shared desire to meet challenges together through cooperation will remain as strong as ever. We should stand high and not allow ourselves to be distracted by fleeting clouds, and we should have a keen appreciation of the law governing the advance of history. We should refuse to be led astray by any turn of events or intimidated by any risk.

We should rise to challenge and forge ahead with resolve toward the goal of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

First, we should embrace solidarity and coordination and jointly maintain world peace and stability. We in China believe that “history, if not forgotten, can serve as a guide for the future”. In the past century, humanity have gone through the scourge of two world wars and the dark shadow of the Cold War. The tragedies of the past tell us that hegemony, group politics and bloc confrontation bring no peace or security; they only lead to wars and conflicts. The Ukraine crisis is another wake-up call for all in the world. It reminds us that blind faith in the so-called “position of strength” and attempts to expand military alliances and seek one’s own security at the expense of others will only land oneself in a security dilemma.

History tells us that peace, which is the common cause of humanity, should be pursued and defended by all. Only when we all cherish and uphold peace and never forget the painful lessons of war can there be hope of peace. Facing a volatile and unstable world, we should stay true to the pledge of the UN Charter and fulfill the mission of maintaining peace. Not long ago, I put forward the Global Security Initiative, calling on all countries to stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security; stay committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries; stay committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; stay committed to taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously; stay committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation; and stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains. We in the international community should reject zero-sum games and jointly oppose hegemonism and power politics. We should build a new type of international relations

based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation. We should be clear that we are a community in which all countries share a common stake, and we should see that the light of peace will reach all corners of the world.

We should help developing countries speed up development of the digital economy and green transformation. We should also engage in cooperation on COVID-19 response and provide more anti-COVID medicines to developing countries so as to beat the virus at an early date.

Second, we should reach out to each other and jointly promote sustainable global development. Development holds the key to solving various difficult problems and delivering better lives to the people. Today, the global development process has hit major roadblocks, the momentum of international development cooperation is being weakened, and development gap between the North and the South keeps widening. As a result, the global efforts to implement the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development have suffered major setbacks. Almost 1.2 billion people in nearly 70 countries are confronted with COVID-19, food, energy and debt crises. What has been achieved in decades of global poverty reduction efforts could be lost.

Last year, I put forward the Global Development Initiative, and I called on all countries to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, forge united, equal, balanced and inclusive global development partnership, and promote cooperation in a wide range of areas such as poverty reduction, public health, education, digital connectivity and industrialization. We should

deepen cooperation to better safeguard food and energy security. We should seize opportunities presented by the new scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, and promote the flow of factors of production that enable innovation globally. We should help developing countries speed up development of the digital economy and green transformation. We should also engage in cooperation on COVID-19 response and provide more anti-COVID medicines to developing countries so as to beat the virus at an early date.

In two days, China will host the High-level Dialogue on Global Development to discuss ways to promote global development. We should respond to people's concerns, pursue the larger interests of all countries, and steer global development to a new era to deliver benefit to all.

Third, we should tide over difficulties together and jointly pursue win-win cooperation. At present, some important industrial and supply chains are suffering from deliberate disruptions, commodity prices remain high and are fluctuating, global inflation keeps rising, the international financial market is in turmoil, and global economic recovery is losing steam. People have reason to be concerned that the world economy might slip into a crisis.

Major developed countries should adopt responsible economic policies and avoid negative policy spillovers that may take a heavy toll on developing countries. It has been proved time and again that sanctions are a boomerang and a double-edged sword.

At this critical juncture, tiding over difficulties together and pursuing cooperation is the only way for us to forestall an economic

crisis. We should come together with a united purpose and strengthen macroeconomic policy coordination to prevent the slowdown and even halt of the global recovery. Major developed countries should adopt responsible economic policies and avoid negative policy spillovers that may take a heavy toll on developing countries. It has been proved time and again that sanctions are a boomerang and a double-edged sword. To politicize the global economy and turn it into one's tool or weapon, and willfully impose sanctions by using one's primary position in the international financial and monetary systems will only end up hurting one's own interests as well as those of others, and inflict suffering on everyone.

Fourth, we should be inclusive and jointly expand openness and integration. The rapid economic globalization that we have seen since the end of the Cold War has greatly boosted the movement of goods and capital and advances in technology and civilization. A more open and inclusive world will create greater development opportunities for all and deliver a more prosperous future for all.

We should stay committed to openness and inclusiveness, eliminate all barriers to the development of productivity, and steer globalization in the right direction. This will boost the free flow of capital and technology, unleash the full potential of innovation and creativity, and foster synergy in boosting global economic growth.

For some time, however, economic globalization has faced headwinds and countercurrents. Some countries attempt to decouple with others, sever supply chains and build "a small yard with high fences". There is widespread concern in the international community that should such a tendency continue, the global economy will become compartmentalized and mutually exclusive. Economic globalization is a response to development of productivity and, as such, represents an unstoppable historical trend. Anyone who attempts to turn back the wheel



of history and block others' way will only have his own path blocked.

In the second half of this year, the Communist Party of China will convene its 20th National Congress, which will chart the course for the next phase of China's development. We will ground our efforts in the new development stage, follow the new development philosophy, foster a new development paradigm and strive to achieve high-quality development.

As an ancient Chinese saying goes, "Constant piling up of earth makes Mount Tai great; ceaseless inflow of rivers makes the ocean deep." Inclusiveness, shared benefits and win-win outcomes is what we should pursue. We should stay committed to openness and inclusiveness, eliminate all barriers to the development of productivity, and steer globalization in the right direction. This will boost the free flow of capital and technology, unleash the full potential of innovation and creativity, and foster synergy in boosting global economic growth. We should uphold the WTO-centered multilateral trading system, remove barriers to trade, investment and technology, and keep the global economy open. We should promote extensive consultation and joint contribution to deliver shared benefits, enhance global economic governance, and increase the representation and say of emerging markets and developing countries. This will ensure that all countries enjoy equal rights, follow the rules as equals, and share equal opportunities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends,

This year, facing a complicated and challenging domestic and international environment for development, China has

risen to various challenges and taken well-coordinated steps to respond to COVID-19 and pursue economic and social development. Putting the people and their lives first, China has built a strong line of defense against the virus, and consolidated the gains made in COVID-19 response. Thanks to these efforts, we have protected people's lives and health and ensured overall stable performance in economic and social development to the maximum extent possible. We will step up macroeconomic policy adjustment, and adopt more forceful measures to deliver the economic and social development goals for the whole year and minimize the impact of COVID-19.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Friends,

The BRICS mechanism is an important cooperation platform for emerging markets and developing countries. The business community is a dynamic force driving BRICS' effective cooperation. Over the years, you in the business communities of BRICS countries have kept exploring new ground, unlocked the potential of cooperation among the five countries, and made important contribution to the development of BRICS countries. Your efforts deserve full recognition.

I hope you will actively participate in building the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, strengthen cooperation on digital economy, smart manufacturing, clean energy and low-carbon technology, and support the industrial restructuring and upgrading in BRICS countries.

BRICS cooperation has now entered a new stage of high-quality development. I hope that you business leaders will continue to act with tenacity and in a pioneering spirit, and champion open, innovative and shared

development so as to add new impetus to BRICS cooperation. You should tap into the complementarity of BRICS countries' diverse economic structures and resources, upgrade cooperation on trade, investment and finance, expand cooperation on cross-border e-commerce, logistics, local currencies and credit rating, and keep industrial and supply chains safe and unclogged.

I hope you will actively participate in building the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, strengthen cooperation on digital economy, smart manufacturing, clean energy and low-carbon technology, and support the industrial restructuring and upgrading in BRICS countries. I hope you will advance cooperation on energy, food, infrastructure and skill training, fulfill your social responsibilities, and see that more benefits of development will reach everyone in a more equitable way.

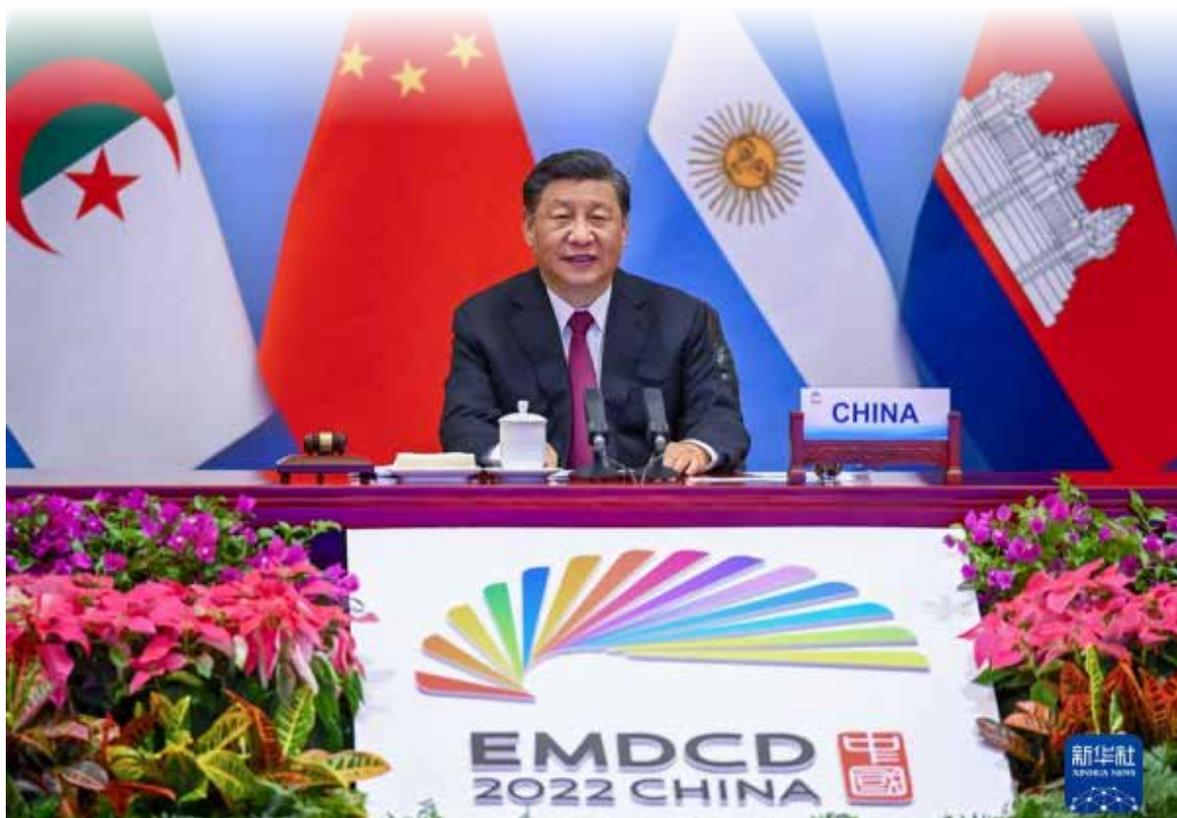
I am convinced that as long as we hoist high the sail of mutual benefit and win-win and keep a steady hand on the tiller of solidarity and cooperation, we will break waves and steer the giant ship of BRICS countries toward a brighter future!

To conclude, I wish the BRICS Business Forum a full success!

Thank you.



Forging High-quality Partnership For a New Era of Global Development



In his virtual speech at the High-level Dialogue on Global Development on June 24, 2022 Chinese President Xi Jinping called for jointly creating an enabling international environment for development and warned against protectionist moves and sanctions.

Following is the full text of the remarks by President Xi at the meeting:

Dear Colleagues:

Development is a timeless theme for humanity. In the late 1960s, I worked as a

farmer in a small village on the Loess Plateau. There I experienced first-hand the hardships in farming and saw how the local people struggled to make ends meet. Their longing for a better life has stayed in my mind ever since. Half a century later, I revisited the village and

found the villagers no longer in want of food or clothing, as evidenced by the happy smiles on their faces.

As an ancient Chinese saying goes, “Only when the granary is full will people learn etiquette; only when people are well-fed and clothed will they know honor and shame.” Throughout the years, I have been to cities, towns and villages across China and visited many countries in the world. One deep impression I get is that only through continuous development can the people’s dream for a better life and social stability be realized.

Over the years, developing countries have worked unremittingly to explore development paths suited to their national realities and to pursue economic and social development. Such efforts have produced remarkable outcomes. Today, emerging markets and developing countries account for half of the world economy, and notable progress has been made in science and technology, education, social development, culture and many other areas.

We are meeting at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is eroding decades of gains in global development, the implementation of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is encountering difficulties, the North-South gap keeps widening, and crises are emerging in food and energy security. Some countries have politicized and marginalized the development issue, built “a small yard with high fences,” imposed maximum sanctions, and stoked division and confrontation. At the same time, people in all countries are more keen about pursuing peace, development and cooperation, emerging markets and developing countries are more resolved to seek strength through unity, and the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation is bringing more opportunities to countries around the world.

This is an age rife with challenges, but it is also an age full of hope. We must get a good grasp of the overarching development trend in the world, firm up confidence, and act in unison and with great motivation to promote global development and foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity.

First, we need to jointly build international consensus on promoting development. Only when people all over the world live better lives can prosperity be sustained, security safeguarded and human rights solidly grounded. It is important that we put development front and center on the international agenda, deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and build political consensus to ensure everyone values development and all countries pursue cooperation together.

Second, we need to jointly create an enabling international environment for development. Protectionist moves will boomerang; anyone attempting to form exclusive blocs will end up isolating himself; maximum sanctions serve nobody’s interest, and practices of decoupling and supply disruption are neither feasible nor sustainable. It is important that we pursue development in real earnest and promote development in concert, build an open world economy, and shape a global governance system and institutional environment that are more just and equitable.

Third, we need to jointly foster new drivers for global development. Innovation is the primary driving force for development. It is important that we promote scientific, technological and institutional innovation, speed up technology transfer and knowledge sharing, boost the development of modern industries, close the digital divide and accelerate low-carbon transition, with a view to achieving stronger, greener and healthier global development.

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Fourth, we need to jointly forge a global development partnership. Only by working together can we accomplish big and great things with a far-reaching impact. Developed countries need to fulfill obligations, developing countries need to deepen cooperation, and the North and the South need to work in the same direction to forge a united, equal, balanced and inclusive global development partnership. In this process, no country or individual should be left behind. It is important that we support the UN in steering and coordinating global development cooperation, and encourage business communities, social groups, the media and think tanks to take part in such cooperation.

Colleagues,

China has always been a member of the big family of developing countries. At last year's UN General Assembly session, I put forth the Global Development Initiative (GDI). China will take pragmatic steps to give continued support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- China will allocate more resources for global development cooperation. We will upgrade the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund to a Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, and add 1 billion U.S. dollars to the fund on top of the 3 billion U.S. dollars already committed. We will also increase input to the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund. Such efforts will further support cooperation under the GDI.

- China will work with all sides to advance cooperation in priority areas and mobilize resources for development to deepen global cooperation on poverty reduction and eradication, build capacity for food production and supply, and promote clean energy partnerships; step up innovation, research and development and joint production of vaccines; work on the conservation and sustainable use of land and marine ecology; and raise digital literacy and skills of the public, transform and upgrade the path to industrialization at a faster pace, and enhance digital-era connectivity to inject new impetus into the development of all countries.

- China will set up a platform for experience and knowledge sharing on international development, a global development promotion center and a global knowledge network for development, for the purpose of exchanging governance experience and promoting mutual learning. We will host a global forum on youth development and take part in the launch of a global action plan on youth development, in a bid to pool as much strength as possible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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As an ancient Chinese adage goes, "With one heart and one mind, we can accomplish everything we aspire for." Let us firm up confidence, stride forward in pursuit of high-quality partnership, and usher in a new era of prosperity and development.

Thank you.

Xi Calls on BRICS Countries to Build Global Community of Security for All



While delivering a video address at the opening session of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on May 19, 2022, President Xi Jinping urged BRICS countries to reject the Cold War mentality, and work together to build a global community of security for all.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called on the BRICS countries to work together to build a global community of security for all.

Xi made the remarks while delivering a video address at the opening session of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on May 19.

Xi noted that currently the impacts of major changes and a pandemic unseen in a century are being combined, and factors of instability, uncertainty and insecurity are increasing in the international situation.

BRICS countries need to strengthen political mutual trust and security cooperation, maintain close communication and coordination on major international and regional issues, accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, respect each other's sovereignty, security and development interests, oppose hegemonism and power politics, reject Cold War mentality and bloc confrontation, and work together to build a global community of security for all, Xi said.

"Despite it, peace and development remain the unchanging theme of the times, the aspiration of people across countries for a better life remains unchanged, and the historical mission for the international community to pursue solidarity and win-win cooperation remains unchanged," Xi said.

As a positive, inspiring and constructive force in the international community, the BRICS countries need to firm up belief, brave the storms and waves, and take real action to promote peace and development, uphold

fairness and justice, and advocate democracy and freedom, so as to inject stability and positive energy into international relations in a period of turbulence and transformation, Xi said.

President Xi stressed that both history and reality tell us that seeking one's own security at the expense of others' will only create new tensions and risks. To promote common security in the world, he put forward not long ago the Global Security Initiative (GSI).

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Development is a common task for emerging markets and developing countries, Xi underscored, adding that facing the various risks and challenges of the day, it is more than ever important for emerging markets and developing countries to strengthen solidarity and cooperation.

He called on the five BRICS countries to engage in dialogue and exchanges with more emerging markets and developing countries to increase mutual understanding and trust, tighten the bond of cooperation, and deepen the convergence of interests, so as to make the pie of cooperation bigger and the force for progress stronger, and contribute still more to the lofty vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

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Yang Jiechi Chairs Meeting of BRICS NSAs and High Representatives on National Security



The 12th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security in Beijing via video link reviewed the work of the working groups on counter-terrorism and cybersecurity and unanimously agreed to jointly advance the relevant plans and road maps of international counter-terrorism cooperation and cybersecurity cooperation.

On June 15, 2022, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi chaired the 12th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security in Beijing via video link. He stressed, the BRICS countries have always upheld the BRICS spirit of openness,

inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, firmly safeguarded the common interests of the vast developing countries, and will make well preparations for the upcoming 14th BRICS Summit under the political guidance of the leaders of the five countries.

Yang Jiechi said, changes of the world, of our times and of history are unfolding in

ways like never before, with major changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century being combined. Faced with mounting risks and challenges, President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Security Initiative with the security and well-being of humanity in mind, contributing Chinese wisdom to solving the current global security dilemma and providing important guidance for building a world with lasting peace and universal security.

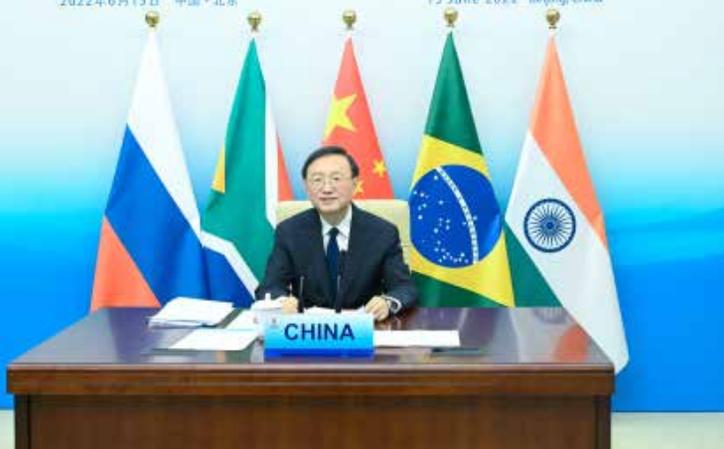
Yang Jiechi stressed that BRICS, born in the historical tide of the rise of emerging markets and developing countries as a group, represents the way forward in the evolution and adjustment of the global landscape and international order. We should follow the trend of the times, act according to the changes of the times, and inject more stability and positive energy into the turbulent international situation. We should act on true multilateralism and strive to achieve common security. We should address traditional and non-traditional threats in a well-coordinated manner and strive to achieve comprehensive security. We should advocate sticking together in times of difficulty and strive to achieve cooperative security. We should pursue security and development in a well-coordinated way and strive to achieve sustainable security.

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South African Minister in the Presidency Mondli Gungubele, Head of Brazil's Institutional Security Office Augusto Heleno, Secretary of the National Security Council Nikolai Patrushev of the Russian Federation and Indian National Security Adviser Ajit Doval attended the meeting. The parties exchanged in-depth views on important issues such as strengthening multilateralism and global governance, coping with new threats and challenges to national security, and strengthening and improving governance in new territories, and reached a series of consensus. All parties unanimously expressed readiness to push for fruitful outcomes of the 14th BRICS summit.

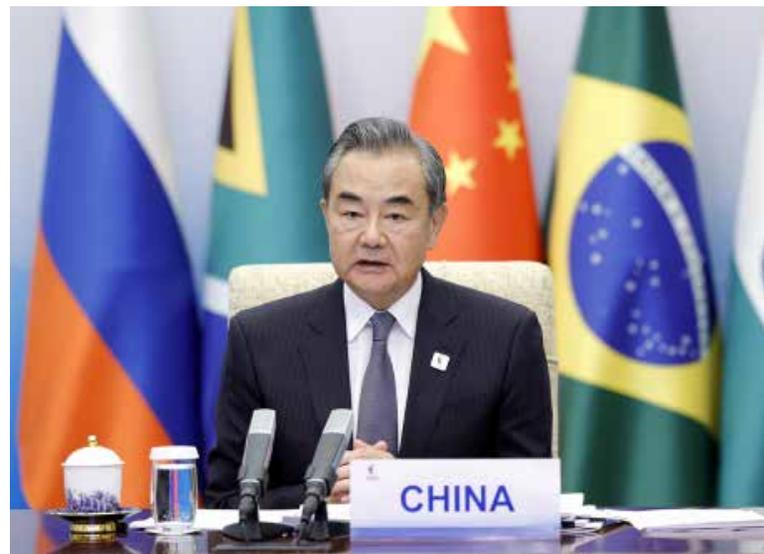
Wang Yi Chairs the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Chairing the virtual meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations in Beijing on May 19, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi urged BRICS countries to follow the Global Development Initiative (GDI), proposed by President Xi Jinping, and underlined the need to foster an open world economy.

On the evening of May 19, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi chaired the virtual meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations in Beijing. South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor, Brazilian Foreign Minister Carlos Alberto Franco França, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar attended the meeting.

President Xi Jinping delivered a video address at the opening session of the meeting. Wang Yi said, President Xi Jinping spoke highly of the significance of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, profoundly expounded on security and development, and put forward important opinions on deepening BRICS political and security cooperation, thus pointing out the direction for us to make a success of this meeting.

Wang Yi said, the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting is an important platform for BRICS political and security cooperation. Over the past five years, under the strategic guidance of leaders of BRICS countries, we have sent a common message on major international issues of common concern on multilateral platforms, and firmly safeguarded the common interests



of the five countries. Currently, a series of new features and challenges have emerged in the international landscape due to the major changes in the world and the COVID-19 pandemic, both unseen in a century. We should have a clear understanding of the direction, grasp the general trend, build consensus, strengthen confidence, and understand and adapt to changes.

First, strive to find the common denominator of universal security. President Xi Jinping recently put forward the Global Security

Initiative, which points out the way to make up the peace deficit and solve the global security dilemma. As countries are interdependent in today's world, any attempt to seek "absolute security" or "exclusive security" is doomed to fail. We must go beyond the I-win-you-lose Cold War mentality, respect and guarantee the security of every country, and replace confrontation, coercion, alliance and zero-sum with dialogue, consultation, partnership and win-win results. We should act on true multilateralism and oppose all kinds of unilateral sanctions and "long-arm jurisdiction". It is important to implement in earnest the principle of indivisible security and promote the building of a balanced, effective and sustainable regional security architecture. The BRICS countries should stay committed to independence, objectivity and impartiality, speak out for peace, do their best for peace, and support Russia and Ukraine to achieve peace through dialogue and negotiation.

Second, strive to draw "concentric circles" for common development. President Xi Jinping

has put forward the Global Development Initiative (GDI), providing a Chinese solution to the global development problems. The GDI has been widely echoed by the international community, with more than 100 countries and many international organizations including the United Nations expressing positive support and more than 50 countries joining the Group of Friends of GDI. Development is an equal right of every country. It's important to give priority to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the international cooperation agenda and pay due attention to the practical difficulties of developing countries. Developed countries should earnestly fulfill their commitments and render greater support for developing countries in capital, technology and capacity building. It is important to give full play to the role of multilateral institutions and mechanisms such as the United Nations and improve global development governance. BRICS countries should push the international community to focus on global development through concrete actions. It is important to resist



certain countries' moves to build "exclusive yards with high walls" and create a "parallel system" to split the world. We should advocate mutual benefit and win-win results, foster an open world economy and create a favorable environment for common development.

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Third, strive to build a firewall for human health. The international pandemic response is at a critical moment, and we should not take it lightly and give up halfway. We should support each other, better coordinate response measures and improve global health governance. China adheres to the dynamic zero-COVID policy, which aims to curb the spread of the pandemic at the fastest speed and the lowest cost, protect people's lives and health to the greatest extent, and minimize the impact of the pandemic on economic and social development. The policy embodies a sense of responsibility not only to the Chinese people, but also to the world. We are fully confident in winning the tough battle against the pandemic, thus making greater contributions to the global victory over the pandemic at an early date. BRICS countries should fully leverage their respective strengths, jointly promote the development of global health governance in a direction in favor of developing countries, and accelerate the building of a global community of health for all.

Fourth, strive to pool positive energy of global governance. Currently, global challenges are emerging one after another. Only by mobilizing global resources and coordinating global actions can we properly cope with them. "Small circles" can't solve the "big challenges" facing the whole world, and "small groups" can't adapt to the "major changes" in today's world. We should firmly safeguard the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order underpinned by international law, and ensure that international affairs are participated by all, international rules formulated by all, and development outcomes shared by all. The global governance system should be built and improved by all, rather than dominated by one country or a group of countries, and no country has the right to exclude other countries for whatever reason. BRICS countries should follow the historical trend of multipolarity and greater democracy in international relations, embrace a global governance philosophy that emphasizes extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and increase the voice of developing countries and emerging markets in global governance.

Wang Yi said, since China took over the BRICS chairmanship at the beginning of this year, more than 50 important events have been held, pushing the BRICS cooperation to achieve significant progress in various fields and laying a solid foundation for the 14th BRICS Summit. We should strive to translate the BRICS spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation into concrete actions, deepen the building of BRICS partnership and inject more BRICS strength into global development.

Wang Yi said, we should further strengthen strategic communication and coordination and set an example of political mutual trust. It's important to accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, and respect each other's sovereignty, security and development interests; inspire and support each other, and

jointly enhance the influence and popularity of the BRICS countries; carry forward the tradition of independent diplomacy, and play BRICS' unique role in a turbulent and changing world.

We should further deepen mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields and set an example of pragmatic actions. It's important to make good use of the BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Center, establish a BRICS early warning mechanism for preventing large-scale infectious diseases, reach the BRICS Initiative for Strengthening Supply Chain Cooperation and a cooperation strategy on food security as soon as possible, and keep industrial and supply chains secure and smooth; rely on the New Development Bank and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement mechanism to enhance the financial resilience of developing countries; build a BRICS digital economy partnership and rely on the BRICS mechanism to seek greater synergy among countries' development initiatives and strategies.

We should further demonstrate openness and inclusiveness and set an example of strength through unity. It's important to make good use of the BRICS Plus model, explore BRICS Plus cooperation at more levels, in more areas and in a wider scope, strengthen solidarity and cooperation with emerging markets and developing countries, and make greater contributions to world peace and development.

The foreign ministers attending the meeting thanked President Xi Jinping for delivering an important speech to this Foreign Ministers' Meeting, saying that this fully reflects the great importance China attaches to BRICS cooperation. All parties spoke highly of China's active and effective work as the rotating chair, and expressed willingness to maintain close communication and cooperation with China, and make active efforts for a successful BRICS Summit to be hosted by China.

The foreign ministers said, the world is at a critical historical turning point, and it is more important than ever for the BRICS countries to strengthen solidarity and cooperation. It's important to uphold multilateralism, safeguard the purposes and principles of international law and the UN Charter, promote the reform of the global governance system, and build a more just, reasonable, inclusive and fairer international landscape. The strength of BRICS comes from diversity and representativeness. The BRICS countries should continue to uphold independence, support peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue, and call on major developed countries to adopt responsible policies to control spillover effects and prevent unilateral sanctions from seriously impacting developing countries and vulnerable groups. All parties agreed to deepen the BRICS strategic partnership, increase the voice and influence of the BRICS countries in international affairs, and safeguard the common interests of emerging markets and developing countries.

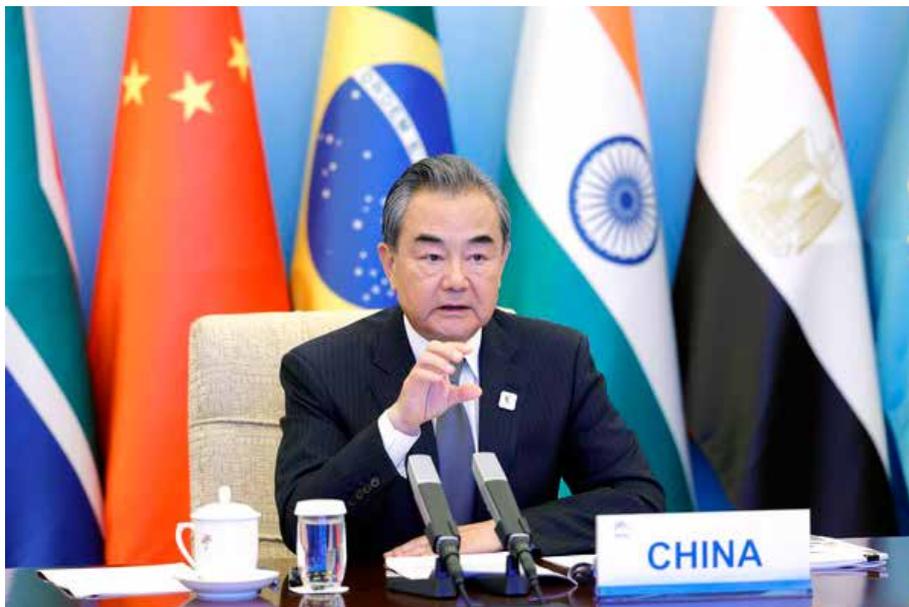
The foreign ministers appreciated China's active role in fighting the pandemic and coping with global climate change, and are ready to strengthen cooperation in pandemic response, trade, health, people-to-people and cultural affairs, climate change and other fields, and fully implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so as to better benefit the people of developing countries and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

The foreign ministers supported promoting BRICS expansion process, saying that further discussions will be held on this issue.

The foreign ministers also exchanged views on Ukraine, Afghanistan, and other regional hotspot issues.

At the meeting, BRICS Joint Statement on "Strengthen BRICS Solidarity and Cooperation, Respond to New Features and Challenges in International Situation" was issued.

Wang Yi Chairs Dialogue of Foreign Ministers between BRICS and Emerging Markets and Developing Countries



Presiding over the video dialogue of Foreign Ministers between BRICS and Emerging Markets and Developing Countries in Beijing on May 19, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi exhorted more countries to join the grouping in promoting democracy in international relations and making the world economy more inclusive and rationalizing global governance, so as to jointly create a bright and better future.

On the evening of May 19, 2022, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi chaired the Video Dialogue of Foreign Ministers between BRICS and Emerging Markets and Developing Countries in Beijing. Foreign Ministers of BRICS countries, including South African Foreign Minister of International Relations and

Cooperation Naledi Pandor, Brazilian Foreign Minister Carlos Alberto Franco França, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar as well as ministers of guest countries such as Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Argentine Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, Nigerian Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama, Senegalese Foreign Minister Aissata Tall Sall, UAE Minister of State Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh, representative of Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister were present at the dialogue.

Wang Yi said, five years ago, President Xi Jinping proposed the “BRICS Plus” cooperation model, which has received positive support and enthusiastic responses from all parties, enriching and enhancing the value of the “BRICS”. Facing the currently mounting risks and challenges, it is more important than ever to strengthen the solidarity and cooperation between emerging markets and developing countries. We held the “BRICS Plus” dialogue event at the foreign minister level for the first time, which is of great significance for further expanding cooperation between the BRICS countries and other emerging markets and developing countries.

Wang Yi proposed three suggestions:

First, we need to uphold multilateralism. In the face of unprecedented changes and turmoil, multilateralism is the guarantee for emerging markets and developing countries to survive. The key to upholding true multilateralism is to adhere to extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, to advocate openness and inclusiveness, and to oppose closure and exclusion. We need to firmly uphold the international system with the United Nations at its core, oppose ganging up to form “small cliques”, and oppose coercing

other countries into taking a side. We need to promote the global governance system to better reflect the legitimate concerns and reasonable demands of most countries, especially developing countries. Not long ago, President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Security Initiative. China is willing to work with all parties to promote the implementation of the initiative, enhance global security governance, and safeguard world peace and tranquility.

Second, we need to persevere in focusing on development. Development is our common pursuit and the mission of global governance. We need to promote the international community to prioritize development in global governance, compose a “melody” of common development, and play a “symphony” of sustainable development. President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Development Initiative, emphasizing the priority of staying committed to the development and a people-centered approach, so as to pursue more robust, greener and more balanced global development. China is willing to increase investment in development cooperation, work with other countries to push forward the initiative for in-depth and solid progress, build global development partnerships, and create an international environment conducive to development, so that development results can benefit more developing countries.

Wang Yi said that at present, the mounting trend of “de-globalization” as well as rampant unilateral sanctions and technological barriers have serious impacts on the economic and social development of emerging markets and developing countries. We must adhere to linking instead of decoupling, and complementing the chain instead of disrupting the chain, so that developing countries can better integrate into the international division of labor and cooperation, and share the dividends of globalization. We need to promote global science and technology governance and allow developing countries



to get aboard the fast train of innovation and development. We need to strengthen global health governance to ensure equitable access to vaccines in developing countries and bridge the immunization gap.

Third, we need to pursue win-win cooperation. The collective rise of emerging markets and developing countries has become an irreversible trend of the times. Developing countries have become an important engine driving world economic growth and a new force pushing the evolution of the international landscape, and have gradually transformed from followers of global governance to conscious promoters. In the past, developing countries joined hands in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism to usher in a new era of independent development. Today, we need to make concerted efforts to improve global governance and jointly strive for greater space for development. We need to uphold the spirit of solidarity and mutual assistance, carry out South-South cooperation on a larger scale,

in a wider area and at a deeper level, enhance the power of international discourse, agenda-setting and rule-making, and promote the development of global governance system in a more just and reasonable direction. We need to strengthen the synergy between development strategies, deepen practical cooperation, and seek strength through unity. We need to respect the development path of each country that suits its own national conditions, promote a multi-polar world, diversified civilizations and democracy in international relations, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries.

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Wang Yi said, China will always be a member of the big family of developing countries, and will always stand with other developing countries, adhere to the humanity's common values of peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom, and make unremitting efforts to build a community with a shared future for mankind. The "BRICS Plus" cooperation model is born for cooperation and thrives on development. More countries are welcome to join us in promoting democracy in international relations, making the world economy more inclusive and rationalizing global governance, so as to jointly create a bright and better future.

The foreign ministers present at the dialogue thanked China for initiating and holding the "BRICS Plus" Foreign Ministers' Dialogue. They held the view that in the face of new challenges in the current international situation, "BRICS Plus" cooperation is of great significance. It will help promote solidarity and cooperation between emerging markets and developing countries, so that they can better play a role in international affairs, increase their representation and voice in global governance, and better safeguard the common interests of developing countries. All parties expressed their willingness to continue to deepen the strategic communication and coordination between the BRICS and emerging

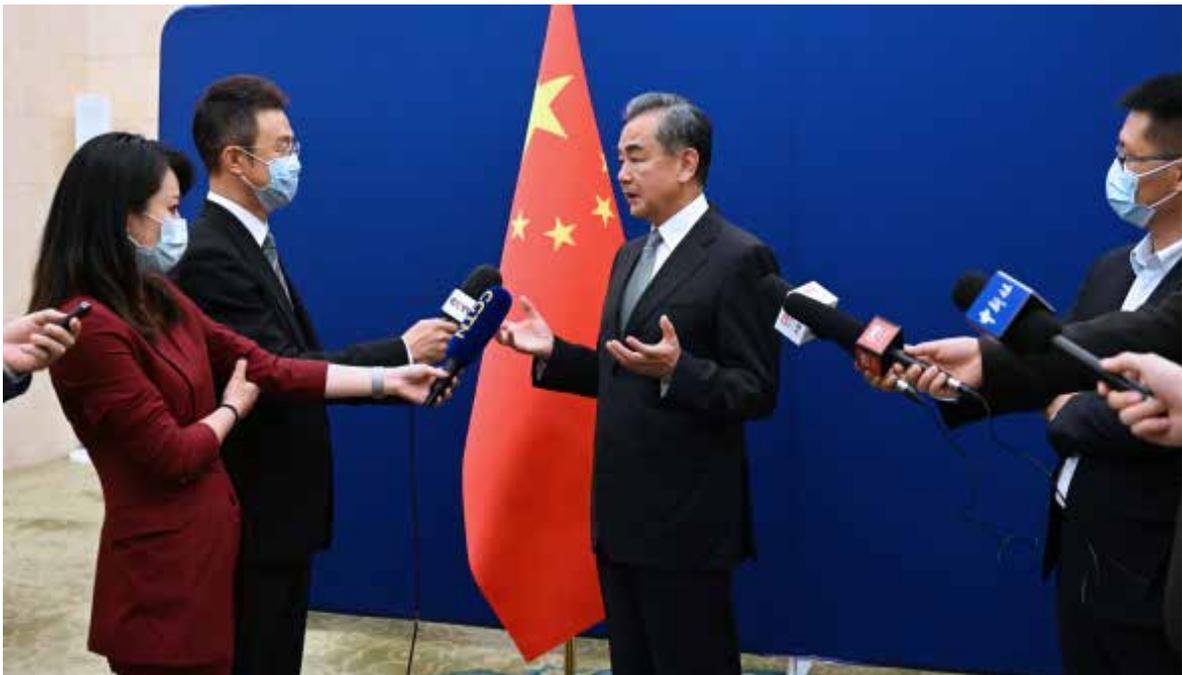
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The foreign ministers present at the dialogue expressed that we should support the promotion of multilateralism, defend the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and safeguard the cornerstone for developing countries to survive and thrive. It is necessary to adhere to solidarity and cooperation in the fight against the pandemic, continue to strengthen cooperation in vaccine and drug research and development, and help developing countries improve their capacity to combat the pandemic. It is necessary to strengthen South-South cooperation, build global development partnerships, and promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Write a New Chapter of Human Development and Progress

In an interaction with the media in Beijing on June 25, 2022 State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi called the BRICS summit hosted by President Xi Jinping, as “the most important home-ground diplomatic event before the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.” Wang Yi underlined that the summit “is of great importance in jointly upholding international fairness and justice, revitalizing global development, and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.”



From June 23 to 24, 2022, President Xi Jinping respectively chaired the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Global Development via video

link and delivered important remarks. On June 22, President Xi Jinping also delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. At the end of

the meetings, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi gave an interview to the Chinese central media, in which he made a review of China's hosting of the meetings and gave a detailed account of the significant ideas and propositions put forward by President Xi Jinping and their profound impacts.

Wang Yi said, following the summits in Sanya and Xiamen, China hosted the BRICS Summit for the third time. This is the most important home-ground diplomatic event before the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. It is of great importance in jointly upholding international fairness and justice, revitalizing global development, and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

At present, the world is ushering in a new phase of instability and transformation, with the combined impacts of changes and the COVID-19 pandemic both unseen in a century. The world economy still faces strong headwinds on its path toward recovery, security challenges are becoming more acute, and global development has faced headwinds and countercurrents. Each country's call for international fairness and justice is becoming stronger and people's desire for development cooperation is becoming more urgent. President Xi Jinping, bearing in mind the well-being of the entire humanity, has led the BRICS summits to produce a series of pioneering, leading and institutional outcomes, fully demonstrating the historical responsibility and global vision of a major country's leader and contributing China's new share to world peace and development.

I. Safeguard Fairness and Justice and Uphold Justice for the Maintenance of World Peace

Wang Yi said, for some time, the Cold War mentality and bloc politics have been on the rise, with traditional and non-traditional security threats emerging constantly. Some countries attempt to expand military alliances

to seek absolute security, stoke bloc-based confrontation by coercing other countries into picking sides, and pursue unilateral dominance at the expense of others' rights and interests. Factors of instability, uncertainty and insecurity are mounting in the international landscape, and the world faces the real risk of division and confrontation.

Peace, like sunlight and air, is essential for the survival and development of mankind and is the eager aspiration of people all over the world. President Xi Jinping pointed out profoundly in his speech that the tragedies of the past two world wars and the Cold War tell us that hegemony, group politics and bloc confrontation bring no peace or security; they only lead to wars and conflicts. The Ukraine crisis is another wake-up call for all in the world. It reminds us that blind faith in the so-called "position of strength" and attempts to expand military alliances and seek one's own security at the expense of others will only land oneself in a security dilemma. President Xi Jinping stressed that only when we all cherish and uphold peace and never forget the painful lessons of war can there be hope of peace.

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At this year's Annual Conference of the Boao Forum for Asia, President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Security Initiative (GSI)

for the first time, which has been warmly welcomed and acclaimed by the international community. During this BRICS Summit, President Xi Jinping further elaborated on the connotation and practical significance of the GSI and stressed that all countries need to stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security; stay committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries; stay committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; stay committed to taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously; stay committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation; and stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains. President Xi Jinping explicitly pointed out that we in the international community should reject zero-sum games and jointly oppose hegemonism and power politics. We should build a new type of international relations based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation. We should be clear that we are a community in which all countries share a common stake.

President Xi Jinping also stressed, as important emerging markets and major developing countries, the BRICS countries should have the courage to assume our responsibilities and act boldly to inject positive, stable and constructive forces into the world. BRICS countries should safeguard justice, fairness and solidarity and reject hegemony, bullying and division. We should speak for fairness and justice, push the international community to practice true multilateralism, uphold the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order underpinned by international law, reject the Cold War mentality and bloc confrontation, oppose unilateral sanctions and abuse of sanctions, and rise above the hegemonic “small

circles” with the “big family” of the community with a shared future for mankind.

Wang Yi said, President Xi Jinping’s speech is unequivocal and rousing, expressing the common aspiration of developing countries for peace and tranquility and against hegemony and power politics, and making the voice of justice, peace and the times. The GSI was just put forward at the right time, and has important practical significance and far-reaching impact. It not only firmly supports world peace, but also points the way forward for effectively responding to the current chaos and changes. China will work with all peace-loving countries to uphold justice, safeguard peace and promote the building of a global community of security for all.

II. Focus on Development and Set the Direction for Global Development Cooperation

Wang Yi said, in recent years, the global economy is struggling to recover, the development gap between the North and the South keeps widening, international development cooperation lacks drive, development is getting more and more marginalized on the international agenda, and the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is confronted with more difficulties. As such, President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Development Initiative (GDI) at the UN General Assembly, which aims to enable the international community to re-focus on development, contributing China’s initiatives and wisdom to addressing difficulties holding back development, and providing important public goods. So far, the GDI has been warmly received by more than 100 countries and international organizations, and more than 50 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative.

At this High-level Dialogue on Global Development, President Xi Jinping further proposed to foster a development

paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity, and put forward a four-point proposal: First, we need to jointly build international consensus on promoting development. It is important that we put development front and center on the international agenda, and deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Second, we need to jointly create an enabling international environment for development. It is important that we build an open world economy, and shape a global governance system and institutional environment that are more just and equitable. Third, we need to jointly foster new drivers for global development. It is important that we promote scientific, technological and institutional innovation, with a view to achieving stronger, greener and healthier global development. Fourth, we need to jointly forge a global development partnership. The North and the South need to work in the same direction to forge a united, equal, balanced and inclusive global development partnership. In this process, no country or individual should be left behind.

At this High-level Dialogue on Global Development, President Xi Jinping further proposed to foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity, and put forward a four-point proposal.

President Xi Jinping also announced China's important measures to implement the GDI, including setting up the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, enhancing support for the China-UN Peace and Development Fund, issuing a

Global Development Report and establishing a Global Development Promotion Center and a Global Knowledge Network for Development, to play China's part in mobilizing global resources for development and expediting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A list of deliverables composed of 32 measures was also released at the High-level Dialogue on Global Development, covering eight areas of poverty reduction, food security, pandemic response and vaccines, financing for development, climate change and green development, industrialization, digital economy, and digital-era connectivity, including setting up a Global Alliance for Poverty Reduction and Development, launching a Food Production Enhancement Action, establishing an International Vaccines Research, Development and Innovation Alliance, promoting to establish the Global Clean Energy Cooperation Partnership, establishing the Global Network for Sustainable Forest Management, holding a Global Development Forum and providing 100,000 training opportunities for other developing countries, among others. China looks forward to working with the international community to jointly implement the outcomes of the Dialogue and open up the project pool for the participation of all parties, so as to inject strong impetus into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Wang Yi said, holding the High-level Dialogue on Global Development marks that the GDI began to take root. In addition to leaders of the BRICS countries, the political dignitaries attending the Dialogue include leaders of major emerging markets and developing countries such as Indonesia, the rotating presidency of the Group of 20; Thailand, the host of APEC; Kazakhstan, the rotating chair of the Commonwealth of Independent States; Cambodia, the rotating chair of ASEAN; Fiji, the host country of the Pacific Islands Forum; Argentina, the rotating presidency of CELAC; Senegal, the rotating chairmanship

of the African Union; Uzbekistan, the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; Algeria, the incoming rotating chairmanship of the League of Arab States as well as Egypt, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Iran and others, which have wide representation and international influence. Focusing on the theme “Foster a Global Development Partnership for the New Era to Jointly Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, leaders of all countries had in-depth discussions on accelerating world economic recovery, deepening practical cooperation, implementing the GDI and fostering a global development partnership for the new era, to work for common development and prosperity.

III. Promote Win-win Cooperation and Help Improve the Global Governance System

Wang Yi said, as the international balance of power changes and global challenges increase, strengthening global governance and promoting the reform of the governance system has become the aspirations of the people and the trend of the world. However, we must note that some countries obstinately pursue hegemonism, unilateralism and protectionism, politicize the global economy and turn it into their tool or weapon, and fuel the momentum of backlash against globalization. The global economic recovery is at a critical juncture, and the reform of global governance faces a choice of direction. Whether to choose openness, inclusiveness or seclusion and exclusion, and whether to choose integrated development or camp confrontation bears on the future and destiny of the entire humanity.

President Xi Jinping made the profound point that anyone who attempts to turn back the wheel of history and block others' way will only have his own path blocked. We should stay committed to openness and inclusiveness, eliminate all barriers to the development of productivity, and steer globalization in the right direction. We should uphold the WTO-centered multilateral trading system, remove

barriers to trade, investment and technology, and keep the global economy open. We should promote extensive consultation and joint contribution to deliver shared benefits, enhance global economic governance, and increase the representation and say of emerging markets and developing countries. This will ensure that all countries enjoy equal rights, follow the rules as equals, and share equal opportunities. In response to the challenges facing the global economic recovery, President Xi Jinping pointed out that tiding over difficulties together and pursuing solidarity and cooperation is the only way for us to forestall an economic crisis. Each party should come together with a united purpose and strengthen macroeconomic policy coordination to prevent the slowdown and even halt of the global recovery. Major developed countries should adopt responsible economic policies and avoid negative policy spillovers that may take a heavy toll on developing countries.

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Wang Yi said that President Xi Jinping's speech answers the common call of the developing countries, and has charted the course for the reform of the global governance system and pooled strength to boost the global economic recovery. The reform of the global governance system is full of risks and challenges, like rowing a boat against the current. China will work with emerging markets and developing countries to stay on the right path of economic globalization and

build a more fair, equitable, inclusive global governance system that benefits all.

IV. Follow the Trend of the Times and Contribute to Deepening BRICS Cooperation

Wang Yi said that the BRICS countries account for 26 percent of the global area, 42 percent of the global population, and 25 percent of the global total economic output, representing the historical trend of the collective rise of large developing countries. It has been 16 years since the BRICS cooperation started. From the establishment of the New Development Bank and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement, to the “BRICS Plus” cooperation format, and to the establishment of the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, the BRICS cooperation is entering the stage of high-quality development. This year, China held the first “BRICS Plus” dialogue at the foreign ministers’ level in a pioneering way, deepening the BRICS institutional development and becoming the most influential platform for South-South cooperation.

At the BRICS Summit, President Xi Jinping put forward a four-point proposal for the future development of BRICS: First, we need to uphold solidarity and safeguard world peace and tranquility. Second, we need to uphold cooperation to boost development and jointly tackle risks and challenges. Third, we need to uphold the pioneering spirit and innovation and unleash the potential and vitality of cooperation. Fourth, we need to uphold openness and inclusiveness and pool collective wisdom and strength. In response to the recent expectation of many countries to join the BRICS mechanism, President Xi Jinping pointed out that BRICS countries gather not in a closed club or an exclusive circle, but a big family of mutual support and a partnership for win-win cooperation. Under the new circumstances, it is all the more important for BRICS countries to pursue development with open doors and boost cooperation with open arms. It is important to advance the process of BRICS

membership expansion to allow like-minded partners to become part of the BRICS family at an early date. President Xi Jinping also stressed at the opening session of the BRICS Foreign Ministers’ Meeting that the five BRICS countries need to engage in dialogue and exchanges with more emerging markets and developing countries, so as to make the pie of cooperation bigger and the force for progress stronger, and contribute still more to the lofty vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Wang Yi said, under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, the BRICS China Year is full of fruitful results and highlights. China will host over 170 BRICS events in various fields throughout the year. In the first half of this year alone, more than 20 ministerial meetings were held, and each of the “BRICS Plus” events attracted the participation of more than 50 non-BRICS countries, expanding the influence of BRICS. This year, BRICS activities will deliver 37 major outcomes, which will reach a new height in terms of quantity and quality. It can be preliminarily summarized as “ten highlights”:

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First, send BRICS’ strong message of safeguarding international fairness and justice. Release the Beijing Declaration, express the common position on supporting multilateralism and improving the global

governance system, and put forward BRICS proposals for safeguarding world peace.

Second, consolidate the BRICS line of defense against the pandemic. Launch the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center and build a comprehensive platform for joint research, development and production that reaches out to developing countries to help build a community of health for all.

Third, play BRICS' part to keep the global economy open. Release the Joint Statement on Supporting Multilateral Trading System and WTO Reform of the BRICS countries, put forward the BRICS Initiative on Enhancing Cooperation on Supply Chains, and build BRICS consensus on upholding the multilateral trading system and improving the formulation of international trade rules.

Fourth, highlight BRICS actions to win the fight against corruption. Adopt the BRICS Initiative on Denial of Safe Haven to Corruption, and deepen practical cooperation among BRICS countries on cross-border corruption governance and pursuit of economic and corrupt offenders to build a new global anti-corruption governance system.

Fifth, lay a solid foundation for building a big market for BRICS integration. Sign the Agreement Between the Governments of BRICS Countries on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, and release the BRICS Initiative on Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development, to provide new growth drivers for promoting trade facilitation and achieving economic recovery.

Sixth, inject BRICS impetus into global food security. Reach the first the Strategy on Food Security Cooperation of the BRICS Countries, and establish the Forum on Agricultural and Rural Development, to showcase the five BRICS countries' practical actions to stabilize global food production and the positive contributions to global food security governance.

Seventh, tap the potential of BRICS for innovation-driven development. Establish the BRICS network of technology transfer centers, and host the Forum on Big Data for Sustainable Development, to contribute to economic transformation, upgrading and high-quality development in the five BRICS countries.

Eighth, expand BRICS cooperation in new domains of frontier science and technology. Establish the BRICS aerospace cooperation mechanism, and promote exchanges and innovation in space science and technology, to set a BRICS model for the peaceful use of outer space and aerospace technology for sustainable development.

Ninth, seize the opportunity of the times for the development of the digital economy. Endorse the BRICS Digital Economy Partnership Framework, and release the BRICS Initiative for Cooperation on Digitalization of Manufacturing, to achieve leapfrog development together.

Tenth, build a future-oriented pool of high-quality technical talents. Establish the BRICS Technical and Vocational Education and Training Cooperation Alliance, and hold the Skills Competition, SDG Solutions Competition, and Women's Innovation Contest, to promote connectivity between the talent, industrial and innovation chains of the five BRICS countries.

In addition, this year we also held the BRICS Political Parties, Think Tanks and Civil Society Organizations Forum, and carried out the joint filming and broadcasting of documentaries, to tell BRICS stories, spread BRICS voices and promote mutual understanding and amity among BRICS countries through rich and colorful cultural exchanges activities. We also focused on strengthening BRICS institutional development, expanding "BRICS Plus" cooperation and establishing broader partnerships. We also agreed to support promoting discussions on BRICS expansion process and to clarify the guiding principles,

standards, criteria and procedures for this expansion process.

V. Adhere to Reform and Opening-up, to Inject China's Impetus into the Global Economic Recovery

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Wang Yi said that as the pandemic has recently continued to spread with new flare-ups, the international situation is complex and volatile, and various factors less expected are compounded with each other, China's economy also has been hit hard. As a major engine of world economic growth, how China will tackle risks and challenges and promote high-quality development has become an issue of general concern for countries around the world.

President Xi Jinping introduced China's economic situation and policy philosophy at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum, pointing out that facing a complicated and challenging domestic and international environment for development, China has risen to various challenges and taken well-coordinated steps to respond to COVID-19 and pursue economic and social development. Putting the people and their lives first, China has built a strong line of defense against the virus, and consolidated the gains made in COVID-19 response. Thanks to these efforts, China has protected people's lives and health

and ensured overall stable performance in economic and social development to the maximum extent possible. China will step up macroeconomic policy adjustment, and adopt more forceful measures to deliver the economic and social development goals for the whole year. President Xi Jinping said that China will continue to pursue opening-up against higher standards, develop new systems for a higher-standard open economy, and foster a market- and law-based and internationalized business environment. Various parties are welcome to invest and do business in China, and share in China's development opportunities. President Xi Jinping's speech, strategically positioned and inspiring, clarified the internal laws and inevitable trends of China's economy, demonstrated the huge potential and resilience of China's development, and increased the confidence of the outside world in China's economic prospects.

Wang Yi said at last that in a volatile world, China, as a major country, should and will stay cool-headed and not be affected by any distractions. At a critical moment in the development and evolution of human history, China has successfully hosted this Summit. By focusing on BRICS and going beyond BRICS, China has answered the questions of the world, history and the times, leaving an indelible chapter in the history of international relations. At present, the Chinese people are marching energetically toward the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a great modern socialist country. Under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era and Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, we will hold high the banner of building a community with a shared future for mankind, and make new and greater contributions to realizing the Chinese dream of national rejuvenation and promoting lasting peace and common development of the world.

How China, Along with other BRICS Nations, Turns Aspirations for Common Development into Reality

Since its inception in 2015, the BRICS-backed New Development Bank (NDB) has approved more than 80 projects with a total portfolio of some \$30 billion dollars to improve people's well-being. The NDB's work symbolise President Xi Jinping's economic philosophy, known as "Xiconomics," which has guided China's own development and promoted its global cooperation programs.

Traversed by the lower Amazon River flowing into the Atlantic Ocean, the state of Para has one of the busiest port in Brazil and a wealth of mineral and agricultural resources. However, for decades, local people have been struggling to harness the natural abundance to their well-being.

Lack of funds on large projects such as roads and transmission lines delayed the state's integration with markets in the country's rich south. And local residents have limited access to smaller infrastructure that more directly helps them to earn money.

Aline Feitosa, a mother of four who runs a small bar in Brasil Novo in Para state, is upset about muddy roads in the city. "People didn't come to my bar because of the mud in the rainy season and the dust in the drought season."

Among the country's 26 states, Para is the fifth poorest in terms of GDP per capita due in part to a chronic shortage of infrastructure. But things are changing for the better.

People-Centered Cooperation

In 2018 and 2021, the New Development Bank (NDB) granted loans of over 200 million U.S. dollars to build roads, bridges as well as sanitation and communication facilities in Para.

In the city of Brasil Novo, local authorities managed to pave some 17 km of roads with the NDB funds and construction is expected to finish by August. The renovated roads and a well-designed drainage system will not only renew the community but also improve health condition of the residents as dust in summer used to flow into every single household and cause many to suffer from serious respiratory diseases.

Promoting the welfare of the people has always been a major area of the BRICS cooperation over the past 16 years. Since its inception in 2015, the NDB has become an essential part of the BRICS mechanism tasked with promoting joint development with a people-centered philosophy.

The bank has approved more than 80 projects regarding transportation, energy and other types of infrastructure with a total portfolio of some 30 billion dollars to improve people's well-being.

"We should respond to people's concerns, pursue the larger interests of all countries, and steer global development to a new era to deliver benefit to all," Chinese President Xi Jinping said in his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum delivered on Wednesday.

His appeal for a people-centered approach resonates with the group's aspirations for shared growth and with his economic philosophy, known as "Xiconomics," which has guided China's own development and promoted its global cooperation programs.

Running a convenience store by an already paved road in Brasil Novo city, 38-year-old Giziany Fernandes Pereira has been enjoying public benefits brought by the project.

"It's much more comfortable now as you don't get your feet dirty as soon as you leave the house. Sales increased at my store because of easier accessibility. It is a wonderful program," she said.

The NDB loans have played a significant role in poverty reduction in the state, said Ruy Cabral, secretary of urban development and public construction of Para. "The NDB has been a spectacular partner for the facilities that it has provided us to date, and we hope to extend this partnership further."



Longping High-Tech Brazil, a Chinese-invested company owned by Longping Agriculture Science Co., Ltd., in Cravinhos, Brazil.

High-Quality Partnership

“Standing at the crossroads of history, we should both look back at the journey we have traveled and keep in mind why we established BRICS in the first place, and look forward to a shared future of a more comprehensive, close, practical and inclusive high-quality partnership so as to jointly embark on a new journey of BRICS cooperation,” Xi said in his speech at this year’s BRICS summit on Thursday.

Twenty-one years ago, when British economist Jim O’Neill coined the term “BRIC” -- an acronym for Brazil, Russia, India and China, it read like investment advice, pointing to promising prospects for emerging economies.

With South Africa added in 2010 to become the “BRICS,” the group, representing a quarter of the global GDP, 18 percent of global trade and 25 percent of the world’s foreign investment, has become a vital platform for strengthening cooperation among the five countries and a vital force for improving global governance.

Trade cooperation among the BRICS countries has seen remarkable progress over the years. In 2021, the total volume of trade in goods of BRICS countries reached nearly 8.55 trillion dollars, up by 33.4 percent year on year, official data shows. Meanwhile, China’s trade with other BRICS countries totaled 490.42 billion dollars, a yearly jump of 39.2 percent which outpaces the overall growth of China’s foreign trade over the same period.

In April, a string of online sales campaigns themed “Buy BRICS” was held in the southeast Chinese coastal city of Xiamen. In a two-week shopping spree, Chinese consumers bought 270 million yuan (40 million dollars) worth of products from the other four BRICS countries, according to statistics provided by e-commerce platforms.

In 2017, when China hosted the 9th BRICS Summit and other events in Xiamen, Xi

suggested that BRICS partners bear in mind their long-term goals rather than narrowly look at growth rates, advance structural reforms and explore new growth drivers and paths to achieve “better quality, more resilient and sustainable growth.”

His suggestion has proven to be significant to the expansion of BRICS cooperation into more areas. Cooperation in the digital economy has brought tangible benefits to the populations of the BRICS countries, with further digital transformation across various industries expected in the future.

Committed to developing an industrial internet and digital manufacturing, the five countries seek to build an industrial cooperation network to promote the circulation of capital, goods, talent and technology by facilitating an open and inclusive trade and investment environment.

The BRICS members have ample human resources and great economic potential and occupy a pivotal position in the global industrial chain, said Rosalia Varfalovskaya, a leading researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Amid a complicated international environment, the BRICS cooperation mechanism will play an important role in dealing with external challenges and propelling global economic growth, she said.

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Aerial photo shows the headquarters building of the New Development Bank (NDB), also known as the BRICS bank, in east China's Shanghai.

BRICS Plus for Sustainable Development

As part of this year's BRICS agenda, the group inaugurated a vaccine research and development center online in March. The five countries vowed to make vaccines accessible and affordable for developing countries as global public goods.

The immunization gap is one of the concerns shared by BRICS countries. To solve such global challenges, the group agreed to promote the expansion of global governance into more developing nations, a move West-dominated organizations are reluctant to take.

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For example, China is helping many African countries, such as Mozambique, to develop modern agriculture with the help of the China-developed BeiDou Navigation Satellite System and unmanned equipment.

In 2017, China steered its involvement of other nations into what has become known as “BRICS Plus” by building a more comprehensive partnership with other developing countries and organizations to turn BRICS into a more influential platform for South-South cooperation.

Gu Qingyang, an associate professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore, said BRICS cooperation has made remarkable progress in green development, science and technology, the digital economy and infrastructure construction.

Expanding BRICS cooperation will be more conducive to rallying developing countries to tackle global challenges, Gu said.

Last year, Xi launched the Global Development Initiative (GDI), calling on all countries to forge a united, equal, balanced and inclusive global development partnership.

For the Chinese leader, development holds the key to solving various difficult problems facing the world.

In his speech delivered at the 14th BRICS Summit on Thursday, Xi underlined the implementation of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the building of a global community of development. He pledged to work with BRICS partners to add more substance to the GDI and contribute to more robust, greener and healthier global growth.

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Elaborating on global cooperation for common development, South African Ambassador to China Siyabonga Cyprian Cwele said, “in order to sustain peace, there must be development.”



Products are displayed at the commodity service center for products of the BRICS countries in Xiamen City, southeast China’s Fujian Province,

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“What struck me was the message from President Xi Jinping that we should rise to the challenge as leaders, and be able to work together to deal with all these emerging challenges,” Cwele said.

Xi’s remarks remind us of “love for our people that they should grow, develop and live a prosperous life,” Cwele added.

China Promotes Cooperation Among BRICS Countries in Fighting COVID-19 Pandemic

The BRICS Business Forum culminated in Beijing Initiative of BRICS Business Community which called on BRICS countries to increase cooperation in trade and supported a rules-based multilateral trading system.



An elderly person receives a dose of China's COVID-19 vaccine in Brasilia, Brazil.

China has consistently advanced the research and development (R&D) of COVID-19 vaccines among the BRICS countries, spearheading the global fight against the pandemic.

It is the first country to propose COVID-19 vaccine as a global public good, the first to support vaccine intellectual property rights exemption and the first to carry out cooperation in vaccine production with developing

countries, playing a positive role in boosting steady economic recovery for all countries.

Chinese biopharmaceutical company Sinovac has made progress in the joint R&D as well as collaborative production of COVID-19 vaccines with BRICS countries.

Since June 2020, Sinovac has carried out cooperation with the Butantan Institute of Brazil to conduct a number of clinical studies, the most important of which is the Phase III clinical trial of the vaccine that has involved more than 10,000 volunteers.

Another COVID-19 vaccine, developed by China's Sinopharm, has been approved for use in South Africa among people aged 18 and older, South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) said on Feb. 7, 2022.

More than 112 million doses of the CoronaVac vaccine have been administered in Brazil since the beginning of the vaccination campaign in 2021. Brazil will start the production of the CoronaVac vaccine in 2023.

In 2021, a Phase III clinical trial of the Chinese vaccine among 4,500 people aged between six months and 17 years has demonstrated sound safety and immunogenicity among juveniles, especially children aged from six months to three years, in South Africa.

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The cooperation in vaccine R&D between China and the other BRICS countries like Brazil and South Africa is based on the complementary advantages, said Meng Weining, deputy general manager of Sinovac Life Sciences Co., Ltd.

Sinovac expects to strengthen its cooperation with BRICS countries and beyond, and will continue to provide vaccine products, jointly enhance the R&D and production capacity of vaccines and improve the capability of infectious disease prevention and control, Meng said.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, BRICS countries have supported one another with medical supplies and carried out extensive cooperation on infection prevention and control, diagnosis and treatment protocols, and vaccines and drug research and development.

Hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, the online launch ceremony of the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center was held on March 22, 2022.

During this ceremony, the BRICS countries jointly proposed an initiative to strengthen vaccine cooperation to ensure the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in developing countries through their equitable distribution as global public goods.

Furthermore, this initiative is aimed at enhancing BRICS countries' capability to control infectious diseases and respond to public health events.

China will work with other BRICS countries to promote exchanges and cooperation on vaccine R&D and testing, Minister of Science and Technology Wang Zhigang said during the launch ceremony.

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BRICS Business Community Unveils Initiative for Global Economic Recovery

BRICS countries will further consolidate cooperation and promote the BRICS mechanism to become an accelerator for global economic recovery and sustainable development, said Chinese Vice minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen on June 25, 2022.

The Beijing Initiative of BRICS Business Community was released during the BRICS Business Forum to strengthen cooperation and promote the recovery of the global economy.

Faced with unprecedented shock and hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a changing international landscape and governance, and uncertainties in economic recovery, the international community looks to BRICS to fight the pandemic, promote economic recovery, and maintain peace and stability, the initiative said.

“We support a comprehensive, close, practical, and inclusive cooperation and are ready to actively contribute the strengths of the business community to this end,” said the initiative, deeming emerging economies and developing countries “important forces in driving global economic recovery.”

On health cooperation, the initiative called for solidarity to meet the challenges brought by COVID-19 through measures including strengthening vaccine research and promoting knowledge-sharing on traditional medicine.

The initiative expressed support for an open, transparent, fair, inclusive, non-discriminatory, and rules-based multilateral trading system.

It called on BRICS countries to increase cooperation in trade and investment facilitation, enhance business environment transparency, and deepen exchanges in e-commerce, intellectual property rights, trade in services, micro, small and medium-sized firms, and economic and technical cooperation.

It also urged promoting global sustainable development and accelerating the green transition, embracing the digital economy, and enhancing the resilience of the industrial and supply chains.

The BRICS Business Forum 2022 took place in Beijing on Wednesday in an online and on-site format.

Representatives of the business communities of BRICS countries -- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa -- had extensive and in-depth exchanges on promoting BRICS cooperation under the theme of “Deepening BRICS Business Partnership for a Better Future for Global Development.”

BRICS Summit Yields Fruitful Trade Results, Boost For Global Economic Recovery: Minister

The BRICS summit has yielded fruitful results in terms of economic and trade progress, with a series of agreements reached on the digital economy, sustainable development, industrial chain stability and support for multilateralism, Wang Shouwen, Chinese vice minister of commerce, said in a statement released on the ministry's official website Friday.

Wang said that in the second half of the year, China will also hold activities such as the Digital Economy Dialogue, the "Cloud Lecture" e-commerce training BRICS session, the Service Trade Forum, and the Sustainable Investment Forum.

Judging from the positive results of the meeting, the willingness of the BRICS countries to unite and cooperate has not changed, and the momentum has not weakened, Wang said, noting that BRICS countries will further consolidate cooperation and promote the BRICS mechanism to become an accelerator for global economic recovery and sustainable development.

Wang said the meeting acknowledged the pragmatic cooperation activities held among



BRICS countries in the economic and trade field this year.

In the first half of the year, China held the "Buy in BRICS" online promotion event. The sales of high-quality specialty products in

BRICS countries increased by 133.5 percent compared with the same period last year. Chocolates from Russia, red wine from South Africa, seasonings from India and roasted nuts from Brazil were all popular with consumers.

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In June this year, the BRICS countries also jointly expressed support for the multilateral trading system, said the official.

As for the initiative for strengthened ties in industrial chain cooperation, Wang said it demonstrates BRICS countries’ responsibility and sets an example for the world.

Over recent years, the global challenges caused by an unstable supply chain have bothered governments and enterprises around the world. Some countries are calling for “decoupling and breaking the chain” and building a “small courtyard with a high

wall,” which seriously affects the security and stability of the global supply chain and hinders the recovery of the global economy, Wang said.

According to WTO estimates, if the interdependent world economy were to disintegrate into two self-contained trading blocs, the long-term level of global real GDP would be reduced by about 5 percent – an impact even greater than the 2008 financial crisis.

“We look forward to carrying out wider and deeper cooperation with the BRICS countries around the industrial chain and supply chain, jointly building a stable, secure, mutually beneficial and win-win industrial chain and supply chain system, and promoting trade and investment flows and sustained economic recovery,” Wang said.

Official data showed that in 2021, the bilateral trade between China and the BRICS countries has shown resilience, with value of the total trade reaching more than \$490 billion, a year-on-year increase of 40 percent, double that of five years ago.

From January to May this year, this figure was \$205.1 billion, an increase of about 16 percent year-on-year, a relatively high growth rate.

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Strengthen BRICS Cooperation, Promote Global Development Together



On June 30, 2022 the Chinese Embassy in India held an online seminar under the theme of “Strengthen BRICS Cooperation, Promote Global Development Together”. Ambassador Sun Weidong chaired the event and delivered a keynote speech as well as vote of thanks and closing remarks. The full text is as follows:

Honorable Shri. Suresh Prabhu,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Namaste! First, I would like to extend warm welcome to Honorable Shri Suresh Prabhu for his presence today as the Chief Guest. Hon. Prabhu is a veteran politician with

prominent achievements as well as a renowned economist. He had served as Union Minister of 12 portfolios, as a Member of Parliament for 6 terms, and now the Founding Chancellor of Rishihood University. He is also respectable old friend of mine and my predecessors. It is my privilege to have him at today’s seminar to share his insights. It is also my honor to welcome other distinguished guests to this seminar to exchange ideas on the BRICS Summit held last week.

To begin with, I would like to give a briefing on the BRICS Summit and its main outcomes.

From June 22 to 24, Chinese President Xi Jinping chaired the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Global Development via video link, attended the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum and delivered a keynote speech. The BRICS Summit released the Beijing Declaration, and China issued the Chair’s Statement of the High-level Dialogue on Global Development. The Summit was a full success.

Our world today is living through accelerating changes unseen in a century and continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. They confront humanity with unprecedented challenges and usher in a new phase of instability and transformation for global development. The world is confused and upset in face of questions such as “What is going on with the

world?" "Will the future be better?" "What should human beings do?" The successful BRICS Summit, with fruitful outcomes has contributed a "BRICS of Stability" to ease the turbulent situation, a "BRICS of Protection" to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and a "BRICS of Progress" to pave the way for global development. The Summit provided the world with the much needed direction, confidence and strength. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended all three events and delivered remarks respectively, showing that India attaches great importance to BRICS cooperation and firmly supported China's Chairmanship, and we highly appreciate that.

Now, I would like to use five P's to summarize the BRICS cooperation mechanism and the outcomes of the 14th BRICS Summit.

The First P Stands for Perception

The BRICS countries have significant roles in the international structure. They account for 26 percent of the global area, 42 percent of the global population, 25 percent of the global total economic output, and contributed more than 50 percent of the world's economic growth in recent years. BRICS is an important mechanism for cooperation among emerging markets and developing countries. It is an important platform for South-South cooperation with international influence. Meanwhile, BRICS is a positive, stable and constructive force on the international stage.

The BRICS mechanism upholds the spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation. The BRICS countries are an open family, not an exclusive circle. The BRICS countries have displayed a good example of different regions, systems and civilizations getting along friendly and moving forward together. The five countries have established a solid cooperation architecture with three main drivers, namely political and security cooperation, economic,

trade and financial cooperation, and people-to-people exchange. The five countries are equal partners, contributors and sharers. We can always find more synergy of our common interests. As a good initiative raised by one country also benefits others, everyone gains from cooperation. These features endow the BRICS mechanism with resilience and vitality, and ensure its steady and sustained progress.

The Second P Stands for Peace

Peace, like sunlight and air, is essential for the survival and development of mankind. The tragedies of the past two world wars and the Cold War tell us that hegemony, group politics and bloc confrontation bring no peace or security; they only lead to wars and conflicts. The Ukraine crisis is another wake-up call for all in the world. It reminds us that blind faith in the so-called "position of strength" and attempts to expand military alliances and seek one's own security at the expense of others will only land oneself in a security dilemma.

At this year's Annual Conference of the Boao Forum for Asia, President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Security Initiative (GSI) for the first time. The Initiative stressed that all countries need to stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security; stay committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries; stay committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; stay committed to taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously; stay committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation; and stay committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains. The Global Security Initiative points out the way to make up the peace deficit and solve the global security dilemma, and has received a warm response from the international community. China is willing

to work with BRICS partners to implement the Initiative, create a new path to security that features dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance, and win-win over zero-sum, and bring stability and positive energy into the world.

The Third P Stands for Progress

Development is the eternal theme of human society. In recent years, the global economy is struggling to recover, the development gap between the North and the South keeps widening, international development cooperation lacks drive, development is getting more and more marginalized on the international agenda, and the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is confronted with more difficulties. President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Development Initiative (GDI) in 2021, which contributes China's initiatives and wisdom to addressing difficulties holding back development.

President Xi stressed that BRICS is not a talking shop, but a task force that gets things done. Prime Minister Modi also stated that practical steps make BRICS a unique international organization whose focus is not just limited to dialogue.

In this context, China initiated the High-level Dialogue on Global Development. In addition to leaders of the BRICS countries, there are 13 leaders of major emerging markets and developing countries also attending the Dialogue. They are from different regions and represent different regional cooperation organizations, which make wide representation and international influence. At this High-level Dialogue on Global Development, President Xi Jinping proposed to foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-

win cooperation and common prosperity. He also put forward a four-point proposal that we need to jointly build international consensus on promoting development, jointly create an enabling international environment for development, jointly foster new drivers for global development, and jointly forge a global development partnership. President Xi Jinping announced a series of pragmatic measures to implement the Global Development Initiative, including setting up the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, enhancing support for the China-UN Peace and Development Fund, issuing a Global Development Report and establishing a Global Development Promotion Center and a Global Knowledge Network for Development, to play China's part in mobilizing global resources for development and expediting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A list of deliverables composed of 32 measures was also released at the High-level Dialogue on Global Development, covering eight areas of poverty reduction, food security, pandemic response and vaccines, financing for development, climate change and green development, industrialization, digital economy, and digital-era connectivity. The above mentioned measures with goals, funds and actions, are not only in line with the imminent demands of developing countries, but also enhancing their capacity for independent and sustainable development. India has also established development partnerships with many developing countries, and make important contributions to South-South Cooperation. Meanwhile, India is also pushing forward energy transition and developing circular economy. China looks forward to working with the international community including India to jointly implement the outcomes of the Dialogue and open up the project pool for the participation of all parties, so as to inject strong impetus to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Fourth P Stands for Practice

President Xi stressed that BRICS is not a talking shop, but a task force that gets things done. Prime Minister Modi also stated that practical steps make BRICS a unique international organization whose focus is not just limited to dialogue. It has been 16 years since the BRICS cooperation started. From the establishment of the New Development Bank and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement, to the “BRICS Plus” cooperation format, and to the establishment of the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution, the BRICS cooperation is entering the stage of high-quality development. As the rotating Chair, China will host over 170 BRICS events in various fields throughout the year and the “BRICS Plus” events attracted the participation of more than 50 non-BRICS countries. This year, BRICS activities will deliver 37 major outcomes, which will reach a new height in terms of quantity and quality. The New Development Bank has established a regional office in India, which will provide financial support and cooperation opportunities for infrastructure development and sustainable development for India and regional countries. The BRICS Vaccine R&D Center has been launched to build a comprehensive platform for joint research, development and production that reaches out to developing countries. It is a distinctive feature of the BRICS that we stand ready to promptly respond to the needs of the era with actions.

The Fifth P Stands for Prospect

Some Western media have been hyping up negative views such as the BRICS “fading color”. The successful meetings last week had scotched these remarks. We have full confidence in the BRICS mechanism. This is because BRICS cooperation is a way for emerging countries to seek strength in unity,

which is in accordance with the evolution of the international order and represents the historical trend of the rise of major developing countries. This is because the BRICS mechanism has formed an all-round, wide-ranging and multi-level cooperation framework led by the leaders’ meeting and supported by the senior representatives’ meeting on security affairs and the foreign ministers’ meeting, and its mechanism construction has become increasingly stable. This is because the BRICS mechanism has always focused on cooperation, pooled strength just like making a clenched fist, taken people-centered approach and delivered tangible benefits to the peoples. That is why the BRICS concept is deeply rooted in the hearts of peoples in five countries.

As a Chinese saying goes, a single tree does not make a forest while a hundred flowers in full blossom bring spring to the garden. Under the new circumstances, it is all the more important for BRICS countries to pursue development with open doors and boost cooperation with open arms. In recent years, many countries have asked to join the BRICS cooperation mechanism. Bringing in fresh blood will inject new vitality into BRICS cooperation and increase the representativeness and influence of BRICS. During the summit, all parties agreed to support promoting discussions on BRICS expansion process and to clarify the guiding principles, standards, criteria and procedures for this expansion process. Let us look forward to the growth of BRICS family and work together for it.

Going forward, China stands ready to join hands with India and other BRICS partners to continuously empower and brighten the BRICS cooperation, build a community with a shared future for mankind and jointly create a bright future for humanity!

Thank you!

Concluding Speech by Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong

First of all, on behalf of the Chinese Embassy in India, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Honorable Suresh Prabhu, and all the distinguished guests for participating in this high-quality discussion. We have spent about 2 hours covering a wide range of topics, sharing our thoughts, and providing lots of valuable proposals and suggestions for further cooperation under the framework of the BRICS. I would also like to thank you all for support to the successful BRICS Summit, as well as the High-level Dialogue and the Business Forum. It also reflects the solidarity of all the five member countries as well as the emerging markets and developing countries to address the common challenges that we are facing nowadays, regionally and globally. We believe that when we stand together, it's just like five fingers clasped together, which can tackle those challenges.

Tomorrow, July 1st, marks the 101st anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China. During the period of over one hundred years, the CPC has united and led the Chinese people in unremitting struggle, and the Chinese nation has achieved the tremendous transformation from standing up and growing prosperous to becoming strong. Now the Chinese people are marching towards the realization of the second centenary goal. In the second half of this year, the CPC will convene its 20th National Congress, which will chart the course for the next phase of China's development. We will ground our efforts in the new development stage, follow the new development philosophy, foster a new development paradigm and strive to achieve high-quality development. China will continue to pursue opening-up with higher standards, develop new systems for a higher-standard open economy. China will continuously contribute to the world's development through its own development, and achieve greater development for itself through the common development of all countries. China enjoys a promising prospect.

Tomorrow also marks the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland. President Xi Jinping has arrived in Hong Kong today and will attend a meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the inaugural ceremony of the sixth-term government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). With the solid support of the motherland, Hong Kong has successfully overcome various risks and challenges and maintained prosperity and stability over the past 25 years. The practice of "one country, two systems" in Hong Kong has achieved universally recognized success. We believe that with the strong support of the central government, Hong Kong will have an even brighter future.

At last, I would like to end today's seminar by telling a story of "Three construction workers". One day, a journalist interviewed three construction workers and asked them what they were doing. With sweat pouring down, the first one was unpleasant and impatient, and answered that he was doing a meaningless job of carrying bricks. The second one said indifferently that he was erecting a wall. However, the third one said he was making a great building and already working for the second floor, a brand new building would be constructed by his hands. Which worker should we learn from? Obviously we should learn from the third one. We should bear in mind our lofty goal and take a down-to-earth manner in work, and do our bits to construct the BRICS building for the benefits of peoples in BRICS countries and the world at large.

Thank you again for participating in this seminar.

BRICS Countries: Create A Better Future for Mankind

On June 28, 2022, Chinese Ambassador to India H. E. Sun Weidong published an article entitled “BRICS Countries: Create A Better Future for Mankind” in *The Indian Express* and *Financial Express*. The full text is as follows:

The ocean is vast when it can be inclusive for hundreds of rivers. Over the past 16 years, the BRICS cooperation mechanism has grasped the historic trend of openness and development, and embarked on a righteous course of mutual support and win-win cooperation. From June 22 to 24, President Xi Jinping virtually hosted the 14th BRICS Summit and the High-Level Dialogue on Global Development in Beijing, and delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. President Xi Jinping tapped the gavel, marking the adoption of the Beijing Declaration at the BRICS Summit. And China released the Chair’s Statement of the High-level Dialogue on Global Development. The BRICS cooperation has reached a new milestone and made new contributions to a better future for mankind.

China and India are both large developing countries and important emerging markets, and have maintained close coordination and cooperation in a wide range of multilateral institutions and international fora including the BRICS.

Today, peace and development remain the theme of our times. However, various security challenges keep emerging, world economic recovery is losing momentum, and global governance faces difficult choices. President Xi Jinping, with his deep reflection on and a strong sense of responsibility for the destiny of mankind, put forward the Global Security Initiative, advocating a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security. At the BRICS Summit, President Xi Jinping shared thoughts with leaders of BRICS partners including India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa, drawing a new grand blueprint for BRICS cooperation, and sending out a powerful message to the world calling for peace not war, development not regression, openness not isolation, solidarity not division, and cooperation not confrontation.

President Xi Jinping pointed out that development is a timeless theme for humanity. 18 emerging markets and developing countries actively participated in the High-level Dialogue on Global Development and were committed to jointly building a high-quality global development partnership, which demonstrated the strong vitality and attractiveness of the BRICS mechanism. BRICS countries should work together with emerging markets and developing countries to support the early implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for

all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity.

China, India, Russia and other BRICS countries strengthened cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and launched the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center, which demonstrated BRICS countries' friendly bonds to come to each other's assistance and pull together in these trying times.

China and India are both large developing countries and important emerging markets, and have maintained close coordination and cooperation in a wide range of multilateral institutions and international fora including BRICS. Last year, India played an important role as the rotating Chair of BRICS. This year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 14th BRICS Summit, the High-level Dialogue on Global Development, the BRICS Business Forum and delivered remarks respectively, showing that India attaches great importance to BRICS cooperation and lends firm support to China's Chairship.

China highly appreciates India's commitment and endeavor. Within the BRICS framework, China and India have conducted cooperation in multiple areas. The New Development Bank has established a regional office in India, which will provide financial support and cooperation opportunities for infrastructure development and sustainable development for India and regional countries. China, India, Russia and other BRICS countries strengthened cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and launched the BRICS Vaccine R&D Center, which demonstrated BRICS countries' friendly bonds to come to each other's assistance and pull together in these trying times. China and India

are also working with other BRICS partners to advance practical cooperation in science and technology innovation, digital economy, people-to-people exchanges, and sustainable development.

As the tide of the millennium surges, it is time to set sail amid the rising wind. The BRICS countries should follow the trend of the times of peace and development, take bold action, and be a positive, stabilizing and constructive force in the world. Let us make united efforts to uphold fairness and justice, strengthen solidarity and cooperation, practice multilateralism and promote global development. We should further burnish BRICS' credentials and work together with the emerging markets and developing countries towards the goal of building a community with a shared future for mankind.



Building Peace and Prosperity with Strong BRICS



On May 30th, 2022, Chinese Ambassador to India H. E. Sun Weidong published an article entitled "Building peace and prosperity with strong BRICS" in *The Hindu*. The full text is as follows:

As an old Chinese saying goes, nothing can separate people with common goals and ideals; not even mountains and seas. Sixteen years after its creation, BRICS has become an important platform for win-win cooperation among China, India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa, and a significant force for the evolution

of international order, the improvement of global governance and the promotion of common development.

Since China took over the BRICS chairmanship at the beginning of this year, we have worked together with BRICS partners to press ahead with cooperation in political security, economy and finance, people-to-people exchanges, public health and other realms. More than 50 important events have been held, contributing to significant progress in various cooperative fields.

On May 19, President Xi Jinping delivered a video address at the virtual meeting of BRICS foreign ministers. The BRICS foreign ministers issued a joint statement. And the first dialogue of foreign ministers between BRICS and emerging markets and developing countries was held.

The world today witnesses increasing factors of instability, uncertainty and insecurity. It is of great significance for the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting to reach consensus and outcomes on multiple important issues concerning global security and development, which made political preparations for the 14th BRICS summit.

The BRICS foreign ministers' meeting indicated that BRICS countries will strengthen solidarity and cooperation in the face of challenges with firm conviction, and take real actions to promote peace and development, and uphold fairness and justice. We will inject more BRICS strength into global development, and speak with a louder BRICS voice to uphold the common interests of the developing countries.

Upholding Universal Security

BRICS countries should be builders of universal security. Cold-war mentality and bloc confrontation pose grave threats to world peace and security. Seeking one's own security at the expense of others' will only create new tensions and risks. President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Security Initiative, pointing out the way to make up the peace deficit and solve the global security dilemma. It's important to respect and guarantee the security of every country, replace confrontation and alliance with dialogue and partnership, and promote the building of a balanced, effective and sustainable regional security architecture. BRICS countries need to strengthen political mutual trust and security cooperation, maintain communication and coordination on major international and

regional issues, accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, respect each other's sovereignty, security and development interests, oppose hegemonism and power politics, and work together to build a global community of security for all.

BRICS countries should be contributors of common development. The COVID-19 pandemic threatens to derail the world economy. The irresponsible macro-economic and monetary policies of certain countries have aggravated the uncertainties and imbalances of economic recovery. President Xi Jinping's Global Development Initiative gives priority to development, embraces the people-centered core concept, and calls for more robust, greener and more sound global development. It provides a Chinese solution to global development problems and has been widely echoed by the international community.

BRICS countries need to strengthen political mutual trust and security cooperation, maintain communication and coordination on major international and regional issues, accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, respect each other's sovereignty, security and development interests, oppose hegemonism and power politics, and work together to build a global community of security for all.

Facing the rising tide of de-globalization and the increase of unilateral sanctions and technology barriers, BRICS countries should enhance mutually-beneficial cooperation in supply chains, energy, food and financial resilience, take solid steps to implement the Global Development Initiative, foster an open world economy and create a favorable environment for common development.

On Health

BRICS countries should be pioneers of cooperation in COVID-19 pandemic management. The international pandemic response is at a critical moment, and we should not give up halfway. President Xi Jinping has called for accelerating the building of a global community of health for all, and has advocated a coordinated international approach to the pandemic and the improvement of global health governance. India's vision of 'One Earth, One Health' also contributes to multilateral cooperation on public health. BRICS countries should fully leverage their respective strengths, and jointly promote the development of global health governance in a direction in favor of developing countries. We should make good use of the BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Center, establish a BRICS early warning mechanism for preventing large-scale infectious diseases, and provide high-quality public goods for global health governance cooperation.

As an old saying goes, if you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together. Since the establishment of the BRICS mechanism, it has been closely connected with the destiny of emerging markets and developing countries.

A Governance Philosophy

BRICS countries should be leaders of global governance. Global challenges are emerging one after another. Only by coordinating global actions can we properly cope with them. "Small circles" can't solve the "big challenges" facing the whole world. BRICS countries should firmly safeguard the international system, with the United Nations at its core and the international order underpinned by international law, and ensure

that international affairs have participation by all, international rules are formulated by all, and development outcomes are shared by all. We should embrace a global governance philosophy that emphasizes extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, enhance unity and cooperation with emerging markets and developing countries, and increase the voice in global governance.

It's especially commendable that the first dialogue of Foreign Ministers between BRICS and emerging markets and developing countries sent out the message of supporting multilateralism, supporting anti-pandemic cooperation, supporting common development, and supporting solidarity and cooperation. All parties to the dialogue support and advocate the 'BRICS plus' cooperation model, which is a platform born for cooperation and thrives on development. We should explore the 'BRICS plus' cooperation at more levels, in more areas and in a wider scope. China proposes to launch the BRICS expansion process and discuss standards and procedures for expansion in order to build consensus step-by-step. This will increase BRICS countries' representation and influence and make greater contributions to world peace and development.

As an old saying goes, if you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together. Since the establishment of the BRICS mechanism, it has been closely connected with the destiny of emerging markets and developing countries. China is always a member of the family of the developing world, and will always stand alongside developing countries. We will endeavor to translate the BRICS spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation into concrete actions, deepen the BRICS partnership centering on the theme of 'forming a high-quality partnership to jointly create a new era of global development'; we will make unrelenting efforts to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

INTERVIEW

BRICS Should Play Crucial Role in Improving Global Governance

BRICS countries have become a significant force worldwide and should play a “crucial” role in bettering the global governance system, an Indian economist has said.

The 14th BRICS Summit “concluded with a futuristic and pragmatic agenda not only for BRICS but for developing countries and the world,” Mohammed Saqib, secretary-general of the India China Economic and Cultural Council, said in an interview with *Xinhua* on Monday.

Saqib said the summit was held against the backdrop of severe global crises, such as the still-spreading pandemic, economic disruptions, supply chain snarls, and geopolitical tussles.

BRICS leaders reiterated solidarity and cooperation, as well as commitments to strengthening and reforming global governance, combating the pandemic, safeguarding world peace and security, speeding up economic recovery, and implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he added.

“I believe BRICS can play a critical role in overcoming these challenges,” Saqib said.

The economist said the existing governance system dominated mainly by Western countries including the United States has not

been able to satisfactorily address the current economic, social, political and security issues in a globalized world.

“The new emerging challenges of globalization and concerns of the developing countries are not addressed,” he said.

Noting BRICS countries have evolved into an internationally influential force when it comes to globalization processes, he called on BRICS to play a crucial role in pushing for a global governance system that is not unipolar and based on inclusive, fair and just principles of governance.

“The Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative are good initiatives and should be seriously pursued,” he said.

China’s proposal at the High-Level Dialogue on Global Development is “an excellent idea,” and meets “the need of the hour,” Saqib said. “It will need a concerted effort and intensive coordination among BRICS countries.”

Saqib said China has immensely contributed to the world, especially poor developing countries, through material aid, technical cooperation, human resource development cooperation, the dispatch of medical teams, emergency humanitarian aid, overseas volunteer programs, and debt relief.

BRICS Cooperation Injects Vitality Into Global Development, Wins Worldwide Applause

History abounds with formidable challenges from which the world has emerged as an even safer and better place, and those triumphs over adversity have testified that cooperation and common development are crucial in turning the tide.

The world is now living through drastic changes and a COVID-19 pandemic, both unseen in a century. Various security challenges continue to surface, while the global economy is still battling against significant headwinds on its path to recovery. Meanwhile, global development has experienced major setbacks.

“Where is the world headed: Peace or war? Progress or regression? Openness or isolation? Cooperation or confrontation? These are choices of the times that we are confronted with,” Chinese President Xi Jinping said Wednesday in his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum. He then went on at that forum and later at two other related high-level events in the following days to share his thoughts on how to tackle global challenges and advance common development.

Experts worldwide said they are inspired by Xi’s insights into the choices of the times, and expect BRICS cooperation to add impetus to global prosperity.

Promoting Global Unity, Cooperation

Experts told Xinhua that they are impressed by Xi’s emphasis on and China’s commitment to promoting global unity and cooperation,

and the BRICS partnership has set an example of South-South cooperation and of seeking strength through unity among emerging markets and developing countries.

In his keynote speech on Wednesday, Xi said despite changes in an evolving global environment, the historical trend of openness and development will not reverse course, and the shared desire to meet challenges together through cooperation will remain as strong as ever.

When hosting the 14th BRICS Summit via video link on Thursday, Xi stressed that the Global Security Initiative (GSI), which advocates a vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, follows the philosophy that humanity is an indivisible security community, and aims to create a new path to security that features dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance and win-win over zero-sum.

“China would like to work with BRICS partners to operationalize the GSI and bring more stability and positive energy to the world,” said Xi.

Xi’s call for global cooperation and solidarity, as well as true multilateralism, is a positive step toward world peace and security, said Samer Khair Ahmed, a Jordanian writer and expert on Arab-China relations.

The experiences of recent years have demonstrated that global security is an integrated issue that cannot be achieved by antagonizing or isolating a country or a group

of countries, and it has become necessary for the world to build true international solidarity for the sake of security and peace, said Ahmed.

Jose Ricardo dos Santos Luzin Junior, CEO of Sao Paulo-based company LIDE China, said China has been playing a key role in upholding multilateralism and helping shape a new global governance order that stresses mutual cooperation.

Charting Course for Global Development

To muster concerted efforts and chart the course for global development ranks high on the agenda of the BRICS cooperation.

When chairing the High-level Dialogue on Global Development on Friday in virtual format, Xi called for forging high-quality partnership for a new era of global development.

“We must get a good grasp of the overarching development trend in the world, firm up confidence, and act in unison and with great motivation to promote global development and foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity,” he said.

Xi noted that at last year’s UN General Assembly session, he put forth the Global Development Initiative (GDI).

“China will take pragmatic steps to give continued support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” Xi said.

The GDI proposed by Xi sets out to tackle such development issues as food security, environment, climate change and poverty, said Charles Onunaiju, director of the Abuja-based Center for China Studies, hailing China for sharing Chinese expertise in the eradication of poverty and food security with the rest of the world.

Xi’s speech has demonstrated China’s commitment to sharing development

opportunities with the rest of the world in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mohammad Abdur Razzaque, chairman of a Dhaka-based think-tank Research and Policy Integration for Development, told Xinhua.

Describing China’s proposals at the forum as “very timely and thoughtful,” Razzaque stressed that China has already been playing a critical role in helping other countries integrate with the global economy.



The medical supplies donated by China arrive at Or Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, April 14, 2020.

For Sudheendra Kulkarni, former chairman of Mumbai-based think-tank Observer Research Foundation, the GDI means development for all without any discrimination.

“Whether the country is small or big, whether the country is rich or poor, whether the country is militarily strong or weak, all have to be treated equally, and the fruits of development, the fruits of technological revolution must reach all,” he added.

Positive Force For A Better World

The BRICS mechanism has been taken by many around the world as an important cooperation platform for emerging markets



A solar power plant near Hyderabad, constructed with the assistance of Chinese enterprises.

and developing countries, which is expected to bring positive, stabilizing and constructive strength to the world.

At the BRICS Business Forum, Xi noted that BRICS cooperation has now entered a new stage of high-quality development, calling on BRICS members to deepen cooperation to better safeguard food and energy security, seize opportunities presented by the new scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, help developing countries speed up development of the digital economy and green transformation, and engage in cooperation on COVID-19 response to beat the virus at an early date.

In the view of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder and chairman of German think tank Schiller Institute, BRICS countries respect each other, firmly support multilateralism, and are committed to win-win cooperation.

BRICS cooperation in such fields as food supply and public health is of great significance

to the world, Zepp-LaRouche said, adding BRICS countries can play an important role in eradicating global hunger and strengthening the construction of modern global health systems.

Lawrence Loh, Director for Centre for Governance and Sustainability of the National University Singapore Business School, said another notable area for BRICS cooperation is in innovation, technology and education.

In this regard, the BRICS can play a major role in spearheading new development for the next phase of post-pandemic global growth, said Loh.

Noting that BRICS countries gather not in a closed club or an exclusive circle, but a big family of mutual support and a partnership for win-win cooperation, Xi said when hosting the 14th BRICS Summit on Thursday that BRICS countries need to uphold openness and inclusiveness and pool collective wisdom and strength.

Herman Tiu Laurel, founder of a Manila-based think tank Philippine BRICS Strategic Studies, said the “BRICS Plus” cooperation model, which focuses on openness, inclusiveness, and mutual benefit and represents the voice and interest of the developing countries, will provide an essential impetus to global development.

Nourhan el-Sheikh, professor at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, said that China has a sound understanding of what the world is confronted with.

“The world shares the same interests and challenges. We either live together or we will be ruined together,” said El-Sheikh. “This is a very accurate vision and understanding of President Xi and China, stressing the need to co-exist and live together. It is a different vision from that of the West, which seeks to grow at the expense of others.”

BRICS Mechanism Enables Developing Countries to Voice Aspirations: Kulkarni

The BRICS mechanism provides a platform for developing countries to voice their concerns and aspirations, an Indian expert has said.

The BRICS summit this year will be an important event in the calendar of 2022 as far as interactions in multilateral relations are concerned, Sudheendra Kulkarni, former chairman of the Mumbai-based think-tank Observer Research Foundation, said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

“As regards the future of BRICS, the leaders of BRICS countries should seriously apply their minds on how to make it more effective,” he said.

In view of the growing economic and political importance of several new emerging markets and developing countries in the rapidly changing world environment, Kulkarni said their potential to contribute to the cause of regional and world peace cannot be ignored.

Including them in the BRICS Plus mechanism will make the platform “more representative,” he added.

“The ideas presented by China, namely the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative ... are of immense benefit to the international community,” he said.

Amid the current rapidly evolving international landscape and the COVID-19 pandemic, Kulkarni said BRICS countries must adopt an action-oriented plan to stabilize the global economic situation, accelerate the recovery of the global economy, and forcefully bring back the agenda of equitable development to the center stage of global politics.

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When the crisis is of a global nature, the response to it also has to be in the form of global cooperation, he stressed.

The united action by BRICS countries and other emerging economies can certainly help revive the global economy after the COVID-related slowdown it has suffered, Kulkarni said.

BRICS and other emerging economies should also increase dialogue and cooperation on geopolitical conflicts, he added.

Global Development Initiative in Sync with Development Goals of BRICS Countries: Deepak

The Global Development Initiative proposed by China is in sync with the development goals of BRICS countries, and essentially benefits BRICS countries, an Indian expert has said.

“I believe this offers a platform, where BRICS nations can forge strategies for pragmatic cooperation in dealing with challenges in a better and efficacious way,” B. R. Deepak, chairperson of the Center of Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies at the New Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University, said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

“If they are able to realize their goals, it would be a huge contribution towards meeting the 2030 UN goals, alleviating global poverty, and pushing global economic growth,” Deepak added.

Advocating pragmatic cooperation in the spirit of openness and inclusiveness, the initiative “is rather in sync with the development goals of many developing countries,” he said.

Meanwhile, noting that the present geopolitical turmoil, the Cold War mentality and unilateralism have endangered the global development, Deepak said that BRICS can play its role in improving global governance.

“At the same time, many emerging economies do look towards such a mechanism for development opportunities and win-win cooperation,” he said.

As regards global governance, the expert

called on the international community to respond to the new global realities and challenges, and to initiate appropriate reforms. Multilateral mechanisms like the BRICS tend to infuse new values into global governance, he added.

Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Deepak said BRICS countries have been exchanging information and cooperating in containment of the pandemic, adding that trade among BRICS nations has touched new records though the pandemic has hampered investment.

“Cooperation in agricultural economy, digital economy, green development projects, connectivity, poverty alleviation, etc., would be instrumental in bridging the development gap between the member states,” he said. “This in other words will also spur economic recovery, which remains crucial for fulfilling the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

As the BRICS rotating chair this year, China has prioritized promoting poverty alleviation and food security, and initiated discussions on establishing a BRICS rural development working group, which Deepak said is “a welcome step.”

Poverty reduction is unthinkable without food security, he said.

“China’s experience in poverty reduction and increasing the income levels of the peasantry would come handy and be beneficial for poverty eradication in countries like India, Brazil and South Africa,” Deepak noted.

14th BRICS Summit Significant for Global Stability, says Russian Deputy Minister

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The recently concluded 14th BRICS Summit was relevant to maintaining global stability and ensuring sustainable development, Russian Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Alexei Gruzdev has said.

The summit, held under the theme of “Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development,” is more relevant now than ever before, Gruzdev told Xinhua.

Given the transnational nature of present-day challenges, Gruzdev said it is necessary for the world’s leading economies, including BRICS countries, to closely coordinate on global stability and sustainable development.

It is essential to strengthen the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR), Gruzdev noted.

“The PartNIR is aimed at expanding and deepening the practical cooperation of BRICS countries in the industrial sector. The Russian delegation consisting of government and business representatives participates in the PartNIR forum annually. The forum has proven to be a good platform for strengthening business-to-government ties,” he said.

Cooperation within the BRICS framework has been developing year by year, and the potential for expanding mutually beneficial cooperation is enormous, Gruzdev stressed.

As the global economic recovery is faced with grave challenges, “BRICS can become a bulwark of stability and a locomotive for a new configuration of the world economy,” Gruzdev said.

Together, the bloc continues to occupy a growing portion of global GDP, he said, adding that trade among BRICS countries still sustained growth last year despite headwinds.

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Gruzdev said he expects BRICS countries to promote economic integration and trade based on equality and respect for common interests.

BRICS Spurs Global Cooperation, Multilateralism, says Argentine Expert

BRICS has played an important role in spurring cooperation between emerging economies and developing countries, and promoting multilateralism, an Argentine expert has said.

BRICS, an emerging-market group which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, is a product of an increasingly multipolar world and also reflects the growing influence of emerging economies worldwide, Jorge Malena, director of the Asian Affairs Committee at the Argentine Council for International Relations told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Developed countries' influence on the world economy has been on the wane, with their contributions to the global growth falling gradually, Malena said.

Malena, who also heads the studies of China in the Global Era at Argentina's Catholic University, said several BRICS countries have become significant donors of aid to developing countries and key investors in both emerging and developed economies.

"China, in particular, is already one of the world's leading investors," he said, noting that the country spearheaded the creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment

Bank headquartered in Beijing, and BRICS established the New Development Bank (NDB) headquartered in Shanghai.

There is hope that BRICS investments could make the international economy more equitable, the expert added.

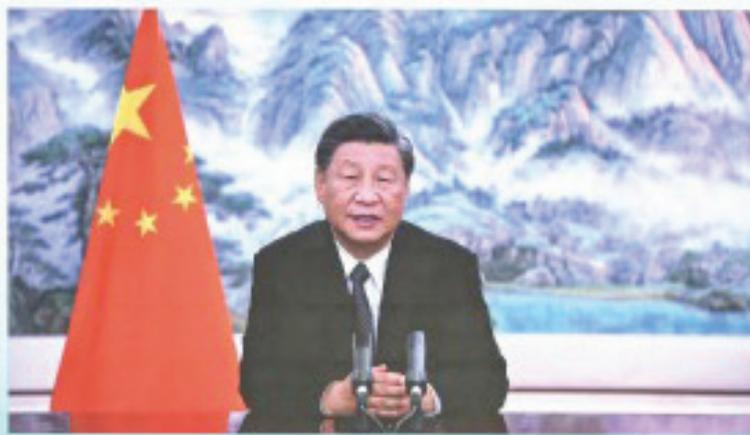
Taking the NDB as an example, Malena said the bank has not attached conditionality to its loans and made innovations in such ways as offering credit in local currency, Malena said.

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From renewable energy projects in Brazil to railway network upgrade programs in India, the NDB had approved more than 80 projects in member countries by May 2021, with a total portfolio of some 30 billion U.S. dollars.



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