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List of U.S.-China Cooperative Projects

Media Note
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Following is a joint statement issued January 22 in Washington, D.C.

On January 22 following the 5th U.S.–China–Asia Pacific Consultations in Beijing, the United States and China announced the intention to pursue several areas of practical cooperation.

Disaster Relief: China and the United States jointly initiated and sponsored a second INSARAG (International Search and Rescue Advisory Group) exercise November 5–10, 2013, in Malaysia. Disaster rescue teams from EAS participating countries were invited to join the exercise.

From August 12 to 17, 2013, China, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States conducted the "Exercise Phoenix Spirit" quadrilateral planning exercise on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

We are willing to work on tsunami prevention through EAS, ARF, or other regional forums.

Burma: U.S. and Chinese experts will meet to coordinate with Myanmar counterparts on an appropriate project(s), such as in the field of health, to work together for Myanmar's stability and development.

Development in Afghanistan: For the second year in a row, we cooperated with China to offer the U.S. –China joint training program for young Afghan diplomats. The U.S. portion of the program ran September 9–20 and included simulations, meetings with Washington officials, and lectures. The Chinese phase of the training was held December 4–20 and included lectures, meetings with Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials, exchanges with academic institutions, and a visit to Tianjin. Both Washington and Beijing look forward to hosting young Afghan diplomats again in 2014 and also plan to develop a health project to support stability and capacity-building in Afghanistan.

Food Security: In February 2013, China, the United States, and Timor-Leste conducted a scoping mission to identify potential cooperative projects in the area of food security. In October 2013, the three sides signed an MOU on Chinese and U.S. assistance to Timor-Leste on agricultural technology. On October 25, 2013, China sent an expert group to Timor-Leste to begin implementation of the Chinese portion of the project. We will conduct agricultural demonstrations of corn, bean, onion, and garlic farming techniques to support Timor-Leste's efforts to ensure food security for its people.

Health: We will jointly carry out monitoring of resistance to antimalarial medicines under the East Asia Summit (EAS) framework. As a follow-up to the *Declaration of the 7th EAS on Regional Responses to Malaria Control and Addressing Resistance to Antimalarial Medicines*, China and the United States will put forward an initiative of joint monitoring of resistance to antimalarial medicines in Mekong River countries and information-sharing among all EAS participating countries.

Preventive Diplomacy: Along with New Zealand and Brunei, we will co-host an ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Roundtable on Training Resources for Preventive Diplomacy in Wellington, New Zealand, March 20–21, 2014, to review and strengthen preventive diplomacy training in the Asia–Pacific Region.

Marine Conservation: In accordance with the 2014 "Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Enforcement of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215" between the U.S. and Chinese Governments, China's fisheries law enforcement officers will continue to embark upon U.S. Coast Guard vessels and carry out joint law enforcement, including collaboratively enforcing the UN Moratorium on High Seas Drift-Net Fishing in the North Pacific Ocean. For more than twenty consecutive years, Chinese fisheries law enforcement officers have embarked on U.S. Coast Guard ships.

From September 11 to 16, 2013, we co-sponsored the Advanced Training Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning for APEC economies at the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Center in Xiamen, China. As a supporting party, the United States jointly provided trainings on ecosystem-based coastal and marine management approaches to coastal and marine resource managers. To expand the scope of training, the two sides agree to include sustainable fisheries and management courses in the near future.

We will jointly host two ARF workshops on the marine environment: one on Preparedness and Response to Pollution Incidents Involving Hazardous and Noxious Substances, tentatively scheduled for early March in Hawaii; and a second on Marine Oil Spill Remediation. The first workshop will be held in March 2014 in Qingdao, China.

China and the United States, among other APEC economies, are compiling the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report. China has also participated in the Marine Ecosystem Assessment and Management in the

Asia–Pacific, a U.S.-initiated project. The United States supports China hosting the 2014 APEC Ocean-Related Ministerial Meeting.

We would like to strengthen cooperation in the fields of ocean observation, marine scientific research and marine hazards prevention and mitigation. We plan to convene the 19th Joint Working Group Meeting on Ocean and Fishery Cooperation in May 2014, and the 3rd U.S.–China Marine Science Forum in October or November 2014. We will also jointly implement the Indian–Southern Oceans Climatic Observation, Reanalysis and Prediction (ISOCORE) program.

Customs Cooperation: In February 2013, the China–Russia–U.S. Trilateral Workshop on Best Practices for Deterring, Detecting, and Interdicting Illicit Trafficking of Nuclear and other Radioactive Materials was successfully convened. The three parties shared successful experiences on radiation detection and increased mutual understanding, which laid a good foundation for deeper cooperation in the future.

The General Administration of China Customs (GACC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will deepen cooperation on preventing and combating illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radioactive materials. The two sides organized an Asia–Pacific Radiation Detection Technology training program, January 13–17, 2014, for customs officials at the China Customs Radiation Detection Training Center jointly established by China and the United States.



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