

Jointly Maintain Peace, Cooperation and Development

A Speech at China-Mongolia-Russia Trilateral Civil Dialogue & the International Peace and Security and Promoting Cooperation: the Ulan Bator Meeting Participated by China, Russia and Mongolia

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I am very happy meeting with Mongolian and Russian friends in beautiful Ulan Bator to jointly discuss peace issues, work on cooperation strategies, and promote development policies. Now, I mainly wish to share with friends present diplomatic philosophy and practice proposed by China from the perspective of maintaining peace, promoting cooperation, pushing development, as well as the CPAPD's views on the trilateral non-governmental exchanges and cooperation, and concertedly promoting sustained, stable and healthy development of the trilateral relations.

The Chinese nation is always a peace loving nation and always adheres to the independent foreign policy of peace and peaceful development road. The new central collective leadership with Xi Jinping as the CPC General Secretary domestically adheres to comprehensively building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, comprehensively deepening reform, comprehensively advancing law-based governance, and comprehensively enforcing strict Party conduct. In foreign policy, it puts forward a new diplomatic concept that plays an important, positive and constructive role in the maintenance of regional and global peace and development in line with the Chinese characteristics and the characteristics of the times.

First, hold high China's banner of peace, development, cooperation and win-win. China, since ancient times, advocates "keeping valuable harmony", and "maintaining peace and amity with neighbors", unswervingly takes the road of peaceful development, and firmly pursues an independent foreign policy of peace. We advocate position and policy decision-making on the basis of the merit of each case, uphold fairness and justice; promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes and hotspot issues; oppose the use of or threat to use force, subversion of the legitimate government of others and all forms of terrorism; on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and recognized

international norms, advance all-round development of friendly cooperation with all countries, oppose all forms of hegemonism and power politics, as well as the conventional security thinking like the cold war thinking, zero sum game, etc.. Unswervingly pursuing the mutually beneficial and win-win strategy of opening up, China, through active participation in global economic governance, promotes trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, and deepens pragmatic cooperation with all the countries in the world to promote common development

Second, propose the China's program to build a new type of international relations with cooperation and win-win as the core. The new feature of the new type of international relations is represented by cooperation instead of confrontation, win-win cooperation instead of exclusive monopoly, and no longer engaging in activities of zero sum game and winner-take-all. China insists on mutual benefit and win-win strategy of opening up, promoting the establishment of a new type of international relations with cooperation and win-win as the core, taking the lead in realizing mutual benefit and win-win cooperation as the fundamental objective of international exchanges, and implementing the mutual benefit and win-win cooperation concept in political, economic, security, cultural and other aspects of foreign cooperation, conforming to the era trends of economic globalization and democratization of international relations, and coming out with a brand new thinking for the current world to handle state-to-state relations. It is both an integration with the innovative achievement of the existing international relations theories, and rich development to diplomatic concept of the equality and mutual benefit, openness and win-win cooperation China consistently adheres, and also transcends and innovates the traditional theories of international relations

based on realism.

Third, contributions to the Asian security concept and the Chinese "One Belt and One Road" initiatives. Chinese President Xi Jinping in May last year at the CICA fourth summit puts forward a new security concept for Asia, and actively promotes common security, comprehensive security, cooperative security and sustainable security, working out a security path jointly built, discussed and shared in Asia. The new Asian security concept advocates establishment of Asian new security structure of openness and inclusiveness, and abandons the outdated thinking of basing one's own security on others insecurity, and provides a new thinking and concept to maintain security and stability in Asia and the world at large. The "One Belt and One Road" initiatives China proposes focus on furthering the spirit of the ancient Silk Road, i.e., mutual learning and drawing experiences of each other, and harmonious coexistence, and actively promote mutual benefit and cooperation, common development and common prosperity for countries along the route, which has been positively responded and participated by those countries. At present, establishment of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has taken a substantial step, the Silk Road Fund is established, cooperation of Sino-Mongolian and Sino-Russian interconnection and interoperability such as railway infrastructure projects is actively advanced, and construction of the "One Belt and One Road" will inject strong power into the Eurasian common development and prosperity.

Fourth, shape the peripheral diplomatic philosophy of "amity, sincerity, benefit, and inclusiveness". China maintains friendship and partnership with neighbors, as well as "amity, sincerity, benefits, inclusiveness" with its neighbors. We adhere to neighborly relations, offer mutual help and protection; we sincerely treat the surrounding countries, and try to make more friends and partners possible; we carry out cooperation with neighboring countries in the spirit of mutual reciprocity and mutual benefit, weaving closer network of common interests, and elevating the interests integration to a higher level. In recent years, the Sino-Russian strategic coordinative partnership has always been in a high-level operation, with frequent exchanges of high-level visits between the two sides, breakthrough progress made by the bilateral

major cooperation projects, and further tightened ties of integrated interests between the two countries. The Sino-Mongolian comprehensive strategic partnership further upgrades, with further progress of bilateral pragmatic cooperation in various fields. The joint construction of China-Mongolia-Russia economic corridor will further promote the trilateral efforts to build a community of shared interests and a community of shared destiny, and make a positive contribution to the peace, stability and development in Asia and the world as a whole.

China, Mongolia and Russia are friendly neighbors linked by mountains and rivers, and the three people's friendship goes far back to ancient times. Currently, development of the trilateral relations faces a great chance of "good opportunity, favorable terrain and friendly people". The more people, the more strength. Under the current complicated and changing international and regional security situation, China, Russia and Mongolia should strengthen their pragmatic cooperation in various fields, work together to maintain regional and international peace, security and stability, and jointly promote common development and prosperity.

First, China, Mongolia and Russia should become good partners anchored on mutual benefit and win-win cooperation. It is the geographical proximity and economic complementarity between China, Mongolia and Russia that determine the basic characteristics of the tripartite cooperation: the mutually reciprocal and beneficial and win-win cooperation. In carrying out cooperation, the three parties should always adhere to the win-win cooperation, and never allow one gaining more at the cost of others loss or one gaining more than the rest. Only adhering to mutual benefit, can cooperation be sustained, and can in-depth development have motive power. At present, under the direct promotion and guidance of the high-level leaders, China's One Belt and One Road Initiatives with Mongolia's Grassland Strategy and the Russia's Eurasian Economic Union Strategy have an effective docking, while the construction of China-Mongolia-Russia economic corridor progresses in an orderly manner, and the three parties practical cooperation in various fields is in the ascendant. As mainstream NGO peace organizations in our homelands, the CPAPD

wishes to strengthen cooperation with Mongolian Federation of Peace and Friendship Organizations (MFPFO), International Peace Foundation of Russia (IPFR) to jointly assist the tripartite economic corridor building.

Second, China, Mongolia and Russia should become good friends treating each other sincerely. A Russian proverb says that a friend in need is a friend in deed. The Sino-Mongolian, Sino-Russian, and Russia-Mongolian relations through twists and turns have developed to today's level, which is our common treasure. The three parties should grasp the development orientation of the bilateral and trilateral relations from a strategic height and a long-term perspective: insist on non-interference principle in the internal affairs of others and impose no national will on others; respect mutually independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the choice for the national development path and development model; support each other's core interests, and collectively stabilize their forward march along the peaceful development and win-win cooperation road. As mainstream NGO peace organizations in our homelands, the CPAPD wishes to strengthen civil exchanges with MFPFO and IPFR through joint efforts, inherit and further people-to-people friendship and help to create a more favorable social environment for development of relations among three countries.

Third, China, Mongolia and Russia should become good neighbors giving mutual help and protection to each other. A Mongolian proverb says that neighbors share hearts and destiny. The three countries are friendly neighbors among them, uphold development concept of peaceful development and win-win cooperation, advocate global multi-polarization and democratization of international relations, also oppose double standards and hegemonism and power politics. The three countries have identical or similar positions and views on many international and regional issues, should strengthen their cooperation within the frameworks of the international and regional organizations such as the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEM, CICA, etc.. China also supports Mongolia and Russia to play a more active role in international and regional affairs, jointly safeguard regional peace and stability, and

promote common development. As mainstream NGO peace organizations in our homelands, the CPAPD wishes to make concerted efforts with MFPFO and IPFR, to strengthen coordination and cooperation in regional and international bilateral and multilateral NGO events, and together make unremitting efforts for building a harmonious region.

Fourth, China, Mongolia and Russia should become close relatives. The more contacts, the closer relatives become, the more contacts, the deeper friendship gets. The people of the three countries are always keen on friendship and affection, and attach much importance to the neighborliness and harmony among them. We should deepen mutual understanding and friendship among people of the three countries, and continue to cut short the distances between our hearts. State-to-state relations depends on people-to-people amity, and people-to-people amity depends on communications through hearts. As mainstream NGO peace organizations in our homelands, the CPAPD wishes to have joint devotion with MFPFO and IPFR to people-to-people exchanges and communication, and livelihood cooperation, strive to become peacemakers in tripartite NGO friendly cooperation, and continue to enhance mutual understanding and friendship among the peoples of the three countries.

There is a saying in China: Relatives wish relative fine, neighbors wish neighbors fine. China, Mongolia and Russia are close neighbors, and neighbors stay, mutual benefit, win-win and friendly cooperation are the indispensable choice for the trilateral relations. May we join hands to become good partners, good friends, good neighbors and good relatives featuring mutual trust, sincerity and friendship, mutual help and protection; to become friendly and kind neighbors featuring hearts getting closer, ties getting tighter and interests getting more integrated; to mutually support and mutually help each other to achieve common revival and common development; and to make positive contributions to regional and international peace, security and stability as well as common development and prosperity.