

PART XII

PROMOTING HIGHER-STANDARD OPENING UP AND INITIATING A NEW PHASE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION

We will promote opening up on a broader scale, across more areas, and in greater depth. Leveraging the advantages of China's massive market, we will spur international cooperation, achieve mutual benefits, advance sound and sustained development of the Belt and Road, and push forward the development of a human community with a shared future.

Chapter 40 Building New Institutions for a Higher-Standard Open Economy

We will step up levels of openness across the board, promote liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment, continue to promote opening up based on flows of goods and factors of production, and take solid steps to expand opening up on the institutional level in terms of rules, regulations, management, and standards.

Section 1 Accelerating Opening Up on the Institutional Level

We will establish institutions and models of oversight that are consistent with internationally accepted rules. We will improve the system of managing foreign investment on the basis of pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list, further cut the negative list for foreign investment, ensure the implementation of post-establishment national treatment, and promote fair competition between domestic and foreign enterprises. We will work on a negative list system for managing cross-border trade in services, and improve systems facilitating trade in technology. We will steadily expand access to financial sectors like banking, securities, insurance, funds, and futures, deepen connectivity between domestic and foreign capital markets, and improve the qualified foreign institutional investor system. We will promote the internationalization of the RMB in a prudent manner while remaining committed to a market-driven approach based on the free choice of businesses, and foster a new type of mutually beneficial cooperation based on free use of the RMB. We will improve management and services

with regard to entry and exit, customs, foreign exchange, and taxation.

Section 2

Enhancing the Functions of Platforms for Opening Up

We will coordinate the construction of all types of platforms for opening up so that we can turn them into new footholds from which we will attain higher levels of openness, build a better business environment, and achieve greater spillover effects. We will improve the layout of pilot free trade zones, and grant them greater autonomy in reform. We will conduct in-depth explorations on reforms that are pioneering, integrated, and differentiated in nature, and make vigorous efforts to replicate and promote achievements in institutional innovation. We will steadily develop the Hainan Free Trade Port, and promote trade liberalization and facilitation with a view to eliminating tariffs for trade in goods and reducing barriers to both access and operations for trade in services. We will ease market access restrictions significantly, fully implement a minimalist system of approval for investment management, carry out pilot reforms on cross-border securities investment and financing policies, and launch trials on managing cross-border data transmission security. We will implement more open policies with regard to talent, entry and exit, and transportation. We will formulate and promulgate the Hainan Free Trade Port Law, and establish an initial system of policies and institutions for free trade ports boasting unique Chinese qualities. We will enhance the innovative development of national-level new areas and development zones, push integrated bonded areas toward high levels of openness, improve the functions of key experimental zones for development and opening up in border areas as well as frontier and cross-border economic cooperation zones, and support the development of inland pilot zones for fostering an open economy in Ningxia, Guizhou, and Jiangxi.

Section 3 Improving the Balance in Opening Our Different Regions

We will encourage all regions to expand opening up based on their comparative strengths, and boost synergy for opening up between regions in an effort to make new ground in opening China further through links running eastward and westward, across land and over sea. We will ensure that the eastern coastal areas and megacities play a leading role in promoting comprehensive, high-level opening up. We will increase the pace of opening up in the central, western, and northeastern regions, and offer them support in accommodating industries relocated from other parts of China and abroad, building globally important processing and manufacturing bases, and fostering new growth poles. We will explore the prospects for establishing additional national-level category-1 ports in inland areas to help these areas stand at the forefront of opening up. We will push forward high-quality development and opening up in border areas, encourage more innovation in the development of border trade, and better leverage the role of key ports and border cities in bridging the domestic and international spheres. We will provide support for Guangxi in building a hub for opening up and cooperation targeting ASEAN, and for Yunnan in building a center of openness that reaches out to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the rim of the Indian Ocean.

Section 4 Improving the System of Security Guarantees for Opening Up

We will build regulation and risk prevention and control systems that correspond with higher-level opening up. We will improve the early warning system for industrial damage, provide more policy tools such as

trade adjustment assistance and trade remedies, and handle economic and trade frictions appropriately. We will improve the national security review system for foreign investment, the anti-monopoly review system, the list-based management system for national technological security, and the unreliable entity list system. We will establish an early-warning system for risks concerning global supply chains of important resources and products, and reinforce international cooperation on safeguarding supply chains. We will strengthen monitoring over the international balance of payments, maintaining a basic balance while also keeping foreign exchange reserves stable. We will step up monitoring over foreign assets and liabilities, and establish a sound system for oversight of all foreign debt. We will improve the category-specific and multi-level system for supervising and regulating overseas investment. We will build a system for protecting China's overseas interests and for predicting and preventing risks in this regard. We will increase our capacity to maintain the infrastructure of Chinese diplomatic missions abroad, improve systems and mechanisms for consular protection, and protect the security and legitimate rights and interests of Chinese people and institutions abroad.