

## Chapter 41 Promoting High-Quality Development of the Belt and Road Initiative

By following the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration, and upholding green, open, and upright values, we will deepen pragmatic cooperation, bolster security guarantees, and promote shared development.

### Section 1 Increasing Synergy in Development Strategies and Policies

We will promote alignment between strategies, plans, and mechanisms and strengthen connectivity in terms of policies, rules, and standards. We will create new means of achieving alignment, take steps to ensure that signed agreements are implemented and deliver results, and push for negotiating and signing agreements such as investment protection agreements and double taxation avoidance agreements with more countries. We will enhance cooperation on customs, taxation, and regulatory affairs, and work to implement higher-level integration of customs clearance procedures. We will promote alignment of rules in a broader range of areas, and strengthen cooperation on synergizing rules in areas including financing, trade, energy, digital information, and agriculture. We will see that the BRI is aligned with regional and international development agendas in order to generate complementary effects.

## Section 2

### Promoting Infrastructure Connectivity

We will promote land, maritime, air, and cyberspace connectivity. On basis of a framework involving six corridors, six types of routes, multiple countries, and multiple ports, we will develop a network of connectivity centered on economic corridors such as the New Eurasian Land Bridge, built on information highways and major transportation routes such as China-Europe freight train services and new land-sea transit routes, and supported by railways, ports, and pipelines, thus bringing a new international land-sea trade corridor into being. We will concentrate our efforts on key corridors and cities, advance major cooperation projects in an orderly manner, and ensure that the goal of building high-quality, sustainable, risk-resistant, affordable, inclusive, and accessible infrastructure is followed in projects at every stage of their development. We will raise the quality of China-Europe freight train services, and push forward the setting of rules for land-based international trade. We will expand the influence of Silk Road maritime shipping. We will develop Fujian and Xinjiang as core areas of the Belt and Road. We will promote the construction of a Belt and Road space information corridor, and work to build a “Silk Road in the air.”

## Section 3

### Deepening Practical Economic, Trade, and Investment Cooperation

We will upgrade trade and investment cooperation with Belt and Road partner countries, and actively develop Silk Road e-commerce. We will deepen international cooperation on production capacity, expand third-party market cooperation, build a mutually beneficial framework for cooperation on industrial chains and supply chains, and expand two-way

trade and investment. We will uphold the role of enterprises as the main players and the guiding role of the market, follow internationally accepted practices and the principle of debt sustainability, and develop a diversified system for investment and financing. We will create new frameworks for cooperation on financing, and make good use of the Belt and Road Multi-currency Special Lending Scheme and the Silk Road Fund. We will build a financial cooperation network through the Belt and Road, enhance financial infrastructure connectivity, and support the participation of foreign and multilateral financial institutions in investment and financing. The risk prevention and control and security safeguard systems for the Belt and Road will be improved and better legal services and safeguards will be provided in order to effectively prevent and defuse various risks.

#### Section 4

### Building Bridges for Exchanges and Mutual Learning between Cultures

We will deepen people-to-people cooperation in areas including public health, digital economy, green development, science, technology, education, art, and culture, boost exchanges between parliamentary bodies, political parties, and non-governmental organizations, and build closer contacts between groups such as women, young people, and people with disabilities in order to facilitate multi-faceted people-to-people exchanges. We will continue to carry out the Belt and Road Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation Action Plan and build the digital Silk Road and the Silk Road of innovation. We will bolster cooperation and exchanges on issues such as climate change, ocean conservation, protecting wildlife, and preventing and controlling desertification in order to advance the green Silk Road initiative. Furthermore, we will actively cooperate with Belt and Road partner countries on health, medical care, and countering infectious diseases in an effort to develop the healthy Silk Road initiative.