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Preamble

H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, paid a state visit to Finland from April 4, 2017 to April 6, 2017. The two countries published the Joint Declaration between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Finland on Establishing and Promoting the Future-oriented New-type Cooperative Partnership.

H.E. Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland, paid a state visit to China from January 13, 2019 to January 16, 2019. The two presidents agreed on deepening practical cooperation between the two countries on important fields of political and economic relations, sustainable development, connectivity and social equality. To this end, both sides agreed to adopt a Joint Action Plan on Promoting the Future-oriented New-type Cooperative Partnership 2019-2023 (hereinafter referred to as the Joint Action Plan).

The Joint Action Plan works as a backbone and guidance for pragmatic and result-oriented cooperation in mutually agreed important fields. Its aim is two-fold: first, to document jointly negotiated objectives for each area of cooperation and set out a plan for their implementation; and second, to increase awareness among various stakeholders of mutually beneficial practical cooperation between the two sides.

The Joint Action Plan extends over a timeframe from 2019 to 2023. The intention is to update the document as necessary, with a formal review to take place in the middle of the timeframe in 2021. A separate joint evaluation will be carried out before 2023 with a view to renewing or revising the document.

The Joint Action Plan between China and Finland on Promoting the Future-oriented New-type Cooperative Partnership is complementary to the EU-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership as well as the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation.

Chapter 1

Toward Closer Political and Economic Exchanges

The First Chapter, Toward Closer Political and Economic Exchanges, focuses on the bilateral relations between China and Finland. It encompasses the most important political and economic exchanges (visits and dialogues included) whether of bilateral, regional or global significance. The two Ministries of Foreign Affairs play a crucial role either as partners or facilitators of cooperation. This cooperation creates the basis for the sector-specific cooperation described in other Chapters of this Joint Action Plan.

1. Toward Closer Political and Economic Exchanges

1.1 Political and Economic Cooperation			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Actively promote high-level bilateral visits to discuss and coordinate views on issues of mutual interest.	Actively promote mutual visits of state leaders.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Hold meetings on the sidelines of international meetings.	Facilitate meetings of state leaders or ministers between the two sides.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Arrange regular exchanges between the governments and government agencies of the two sides.	Organise political, senior official and expert level meetings on mutually agreed topics in China, Finland or on the sidelines of international meetings.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Strengthen bilateral political exchanges and coordination on topical foreign policy issues; and deepen cooperation and exchanges on global and regional issues of mutual interest, such as security, disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and nuclear safety, human rights, climate, free trade and sustainable development. Enhance the rights and status of women and girls, and strengthen bilateral cooperation in this regard.	Organise regular vice-foreign-minister-level political consultations at time convenient to both sides in China or Finland. Hold arms control and non-proliferation consultations. Arrange high-level events and workshops to enhance women's participation and empowerment in various sectors.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Strengthen bilateral dialogue on international law and international legal issues.	Establish a director-general level dialogue between the legal advisers of the two ministries of foreign affairs.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)		Strengthen cooperation in the United Nations and other multilateral and regional mechanisms.	Hold senior official and expert level meetings on mutually agreed topics in Beijing, Helsinki or on the sidelines of international meetings.

1. Toward Closer Political and Economic Exchanges

1.1 Political and Economic Cooperation			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)	Joint Declaration between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Finland on Establishing and Promoting the Future-oriented New-type Cooperative Partnership (2017) and the Joint Action Plan (2019-2023).	Follow the implementation of the Joint Action Plan by parties concerned and evaluate the results.	Hold meetings at director-general level in Beijing or Helsinki.
Ministry of Commerce (CN) and Ministry for Foreign Affairs (FI)	Memorandum of Understanding on China-Finland Economical, Industrial, Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 1979.	Deepen bilateral economic dialogue, and promote practical cooperation among enterprises.	Hold regular meetings between economic, industrial and technological Joint Commissions alternately in China and Finland.

Chapter 2

Toward Sustainable Growth

The Second Chapter, Toward Sustainable Growth, combines the two big aims of promoting economic growth while guaranteeing sustainability and ecological protection. Areas of cooperation aim at developing and securing a stable and sustainable business environment for all participants. New investment and trade opportunities are promoted especially in the fields where both countries can bring their complementary advantages into full play. In the field of research and innovations, projects will be launched to benefit smart solutions, green growth and sustainable use of natural resources. Several pilot projects and technological solutions are being introduced in urban construction and energy sector in order to leave a cleaner environment for generations to come.

2. Toward Sustainable Growth

2.1 Business Opportunities, Trade and Investments			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
China-Finland Committee for Innovative Business Cooperation under the guidance of Ministry of Commerce of China (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland (FI)	Joint Statement on the Establishment of the China-Finland Committee for Innovative Business Cooperation.	Promote innovative cooperation and business opportunities between China and Finland, especially in chosen key areas by studying development of bilateral trade, promote the implementation of investment projects, put forward opinions and suggestions to improve business environment.	Hold regular committee and working group meetings as well as sector-specific seminars. The Energy Working Group was established in November 2017. Maritime Logistics, Forestry and Clean Air Working Groups were established in November 2018.
Ministry of Commerce (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI)	MoU on China-Finland Exchange and Cooperation on Technology Trade.	Promote technology trade and strengthen cooperation in this area. Establish a platform and improve cooperation mechanisms between China and Finland.	Hold regular meetings, seminars, investment events and conferences. Enhance exchanges and dialogues on policies, laws, regulations, and statistics. Update and revise the MoU at an appropriate time.
Ministry of Commerce (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI)	Joint Investment Promotion Sub-Committee under the China-Finland Economic and Trade Joint Commission.	Promote investment; assist investors in exchanging information about laws, regulations, policies, etc.	Hold meetings to invigorate the activities of the sub-committee.
China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CN) and Business Finland (FI)	MoU between China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and Business Finland (formerly Finpro).	Strengthen the friendly and cooperative relations. Support trade and investment promotion activities between China and Finland.	Organise regular meetings and mutual visits between business delegations.
China Enterprise Confederation (CN) and Confederation of Finnish Industries (FI)	MoU expected in 2019.	Carry out information exchange and coordination in labour market, digitization, enterprise cooperation, capacity building and development of employers' organizations.	Hold regular bilateral meetings.

2. Toward Sustainable Growth

2.1 Business Opportunities, Trade and Investments

Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
China Development Bank (CDB) (CN) and Business Finland (FI)	Agreement on strategic cooperation between China Development Bank and Business Finland.	Support CDB's initiatives, activities and cross-border investments in Finland, especially in bio economy, development of high-tech companies, wind and photovoltaic power, infrastructure and fund establishment.	Organise regular meetings and high-level visits. Deepen cooperation in key projects between the two countries.
Bank of China Limited (BOC) (CN) and Business Finland (FI)	Cooperation Agreement between Bank of China Limited and Business Finland.	Support BOC's initiatives and activities in Finland, especially in winter sports, infrastructure and trade and investment.	Hold regular meetings. Deepen cooperation in key projects between the two countries, e.g., winter sports, infrastructure as well as trade and investment.

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2.2 Research & Development; Technology and Innovation			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Science and Technology (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI), Ministry of Education (FI)	Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement Between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Finland.	Promote cooperation in innovation and science by bringing together relevant stakeholders.	Convene Science and Technology Joint Committee meetings.
Ministry of Science and Technology (CN) and Business Finland (formerly Tekes) (FI)	MoU for China-Finland Science & Technology Innovation Cooperation between MOST and Business Finland (formerly Tekes) for 2018-2020.	Promote cooperation in IoT factory, medical science (e.g. digital health, preventive & predictive healthcare), smart and flexible energy, and intelligent transportation (e.g. mobility as a service).	<p>Launch joint funding calls for projects.</p> <p>Fund innovative projects from both countries each year.</p> <p>Assist in the establishment of partnership networks.</p> <p>Make best use of the existing development platforms.</p> <p>Hold regular meetings.</p>
Provincial Departments of Science & Technology (Jiangsu and Zhejiang S&T Departments (CN) and Business Finland (formerly Tekes) (FI)	MoUs for Jiangsu-Finland and Zhejiang-Finland Cooperation on Science, Technology & Innovation.	<p>Promote S&T innovation cooperation between Jiangsu and Finland in cleantech, ICT, intelligent manufacturing, smart urbanization and design.</p> <p>Promote S&T innovation cooperation between Zhejiang and Finland in ICT, cleantech, oceantech, smart city, food safety, service technologies and equipment manufacturing.</p>	<p>Solicit innovation projects and provide funding for them each year.</p> <p>Hold regular meetings and pair up enterprises.</p>
Ministry of Natural Resources (CN), Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI) and Maritime Enterprises of China and Finland		Develop and deepen bilateral exchanges in environmental protection and sustainable development of the Arctic.	<p>Carry out cooperation in Arctic marine technology with a view to improving safety and environmental sustainability of the Arctic. Promote bilateral trade through seminars, visits, and marine exhibitions.</p> <p>Increase and develop contacts between the Chinese and Finnish companies, shipyards and ship owners.</p>

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2.3 IPR, Trademarks and CSR			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (CN) and Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) (FI)	Cooperation MoU between CNIPA and PRH.	<p>Strengthen exchanges and cooperation between partners, particularly in intellectual property.</p> <p>Establish a high-level dialogue on IPR-related matters between the two authorities.</p> <p>Update the MoU on cooperation between CNIPA and PRH.</p>	<p>Ensure the sound follow-up implementation of the expert level meeting in 2017 (utility models).</p> <p>Hold expert level meetings to promote discussions on patent and trademark cooperation between partners.</p> <p>Continue examiner exchange in 2019-2023.</p>
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), relevant Chinese universities, such as Peking University (CN), and University of Helsinki, Finnish China Law Center (FI)	MoUs and subsequent agreements.	<p>Deepen bilateral research and education cooperation between China and Finland on sustainability issues, such as corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainable business practices, labour law, environmental law, Arctic-related laws and other fields of mutual interest.</p>	<p>Launch joint bilateral research projects.</p> <p>Hold annual Sino-Finnish Comparative Law Seminars jointly organised by the Finnish China Law Center and the CASS Institute of Law, and Chinese law workshops organised by the Finnish China Law Center.</p> <p>Continue high-level bilateral visits, joint publications, lectures by guest professors, academic exchanges and other forms of cooperation.</p>

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2.4 Research Cooperation on the Arctic			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
China Nordic Arctic Research Centre (CNARC) and Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC) (CN) and Arctic Centre/ University of Lapland (FI)	Arctic Centre is one of the founding members of this China-Nordic Arctic research cooperation. The Polar Research Institute of China and the Arctic Centre have a cooperation relationship through CNARC. Other Chinese research institutes and universities have also participated in China-Nordic Arctic cooperation.	Increase knowledge of the Arctic region through science.	<p>Foster and develop joint research projects.</p> <p>Exchange researchers and early career students in the field of Arctic research.</p> <p>Promote interaction between the business community and the academia on specific fields.</p>
Several Chinese universities (Fudan, Wuhan, Tongji, Peking University, Beijing Normal University, etc.) and University of Lapland (FI)		<p>Conduct studies on Arctic-related laws and social science studies.</p> <p>Take a multidisciplinary approach toward geo-engineering study.</p> <p>Develop expertise in design for extreme climate conditions.</p>	<p>Arrange research seminars, academic exchanges and joint research programs on Arctic issues.</p>

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2.5 Sustainable Use of Resources: Water and Air			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Ecology and Environment (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI)		<p>Encourage companies from both China and Finland to actively explore technological and industrial cooperation in the field of environmental protection, based on market mechanisms.</p> <p>With a focus on China's efforts to improve air and water quality, the new Finnish technologies and solutions shall be analysed, studied, and where appropriate and feasible, applied, with efforts to encourage Finnish companies to participate in associated projects.</p> <p>Jointly promote and realize the environmental goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>	<p>Promote co-research on reduction of black carbon emissions (connection with Arctic cooperation).</p> <p>Promote pilot research and technology demonstration programmes.</p> <p>Promote demonstrations and practical projects for measurement technologies of the air-bound harmful substances.</p> <p>Participate in international green development projects, such as the International Coalition for Green Development on the Belt and Road Initiative.</p>
Ministry of Ecology and Environment and China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI)	Based on the composition of CCICED Phase VI (2017-2021), Mr. Ismo Tiainen, Director of Administration and International Affairs of the Ministry of the Environment of Finland, shall participate in the associated research activities and events as a special adviser.	Respond to global environmental challenges through international cooperation.	Promote Finnish participation in CCICED's multinational research projects.

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2.5 Sustainable use of resources: Water and Air			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Water Resources (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (FI)	Joint Statement upon the Establishment of the China-Europe Water Platform co-signed by the Ministry of Water Resources of China and the Ministry of the Environment of Denmark as the representative of Europe in March 2012.	Deepen bilateral cooperation under the framework of China-Europe Water Platform (CEWP).	Promote implementation of the Partnership Instrument of EU and other projects under the CEWP framework. Support each other in international meetings and water-related events, and jointly push forward the water-related goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
Ministry of Water Resources (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (FI)	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Finland on Cooperation in the Field of Water Resources signed in February 2014.	Enhance bilateral cooperation in the water sector, including cooperation between water authorities, research institutions and enterprises. Improve integrated water resources management, disaster prevention and mitigation, dam safety management, urban flood management, quality management of rivers and lakes, water ecosystem rehabilitation, etc. in both countries.	Convene meetings of the Joint Steering Committee with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland to provide guidance and supervision for technical exchanges and cooperation. Enhance mutual visits and hold seminars on topics of mutual interest. Promote joint research and business cooperation between research institutions and enterprises.
National Institute of Metrology and State Administration for Market Regulation (CN) and Finnish Environment Institute (FI)		Improve quality management of environmental monitoring operations (especially in such aquatic environments as sea, freshwater, lakes, rivers, and groundwater). Increase participation of the Finnish research centers and companies in Chinese environmental monitoring projects. Increase the application of monitoring tools, such as organic and inorganic analysis, remote sensing, data collection planning and data analysis.	Activate cooperation between partners and create a mechanism for that. Seek and identify practical environmental monitoring projects for Chinese-Finnish cooperation. Hold seminars on monitoring of the aquatic environment. Develop exchange programs concerning monitoring of the aquatic environment.

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2.6 Sustainable Use of Resources: Forestry and Agriculture

Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
National Forestry and Grassland Administration (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (FI)	The Chinese-Finnish Working Group for Forestry under the Agreement on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between China and Finland.	Promote and expand the practical and in-depth cooperation on sustainable and multifunctional forest management, forest and climate change, bio-energy utilization, forest education and scientific research, forest industrial development and other fields of mutual interest.	<p>Implement the Protocol of the Twentieth Session of the Chinese-Finnish Working Group for Forest, including carrying out the project of China-Finland Introduction and Demonstration of Sustainable Forest Management Technology Project (Liaoning, Qingyuan) and promoting exchange and cooperation in the area of forestry and national park management.</p> <p>Hold a meeting of the Chinese-Finnish Working Group for Forestry every two years to discuss future cooperative plans.</p>
Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Agro-environmental Protection Institute (AEPI), and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Engineering (CAAE) (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Natural Resources Institute (LUKE) (FI)	<p>MoU between the Ministries.</p> <p>Framework Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China on Establishment of China-Finland Platform for Agriculture Development and Innovation (CFPADI) in China.</p> <p>Action Plan for Agricultural Cooperation.</p> <p>MoU between CAAS, AEPI and LUKE on scientific cooperation under the Action Plan for Agricultural Cooperation between the ministries.</p> <p>MoU between CAAE and LUKE.</p>	<p>Promote cooperation in research, quality and safety of foodstuffs, biomass energy, environment-friendly agriculture, animal husbandry, animal health, aquaculture, cultivation of oats and agricultural machinery.</p> <p>Improve agricultural productivity and enhance food safety and quality.</p> <p>Promote mutually beneficial trade. Carry out scientific cooperation under the Action Plan.</p>	<p>Arrange regular Agriculture Working Group meetings. Confirm and implement Action Plan for Agriculture 2017-2019.</p> <p>Continue to develop projects on oat production, agricultural machinery, biomass energy and dairy production under CFPADI. Discuss possibility of new projects.</p> <p>Update Action Plan beyond 2018.</p> <p>Facilitate bilateral visits and exchange of information on dairy production and biomass energy.</p> <p>Facilitate bilateral visits and exchange of information on oat production and biomass energy.</p>

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2.6 Sustainable Use of Resources: Forestry and Agriculture			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (FI)	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland and Certification and Accreditation Administration of China (CNCA) on the internet based informatisation system for the Finnish companies exporting pork, from Finland to China.	Further develop the internet-based mechanism for electronic information sharing to increase Finnish pork export to China. Build mutual trust and promote mutually beneficial cooperation.	Guarantee continuous exchange of information.
General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (FI)	Plan of Cooperation on E-certification of Food and Agricultural Products between China and Finland.	Increase cooperation on E-certification; exchange data of digital certificates by connecting systems of the two countries, so as to facilitate clearance and reduce fraud.	After successful commencement of exchange of electronic certificates for milk and pork products, China and Finland will start cooperation on paperless certificates of inspection and quarantine.

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2.7 Sustainable Land Use and Urban Construction			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI)	MoU on cooperation in the built environment between Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI).	<p>Deepen cooperation in new-type urbanization as well as in green ecological and smart cities, especially in energy efficiency and environmental protection.</p> <p>Focus on developing sustainable and high-quality living areas and projects related to energy efficiency and sustainable construction.</p>	<p>Select 2-3 pilot cities.</p> <p>Promote cooperation in wooden structure building.</p> <p>Organise mini-seminars and visits to sustainable city areas.</p>
Ministry of Natural Resources (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI)	MoU on cooperation in the field of territorial and spatial planning between Ministry of Natural Resources (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI).	<p>Develop sustainable territorial and spatial planning.</p> <p>Increase opportunities for Finnish companies to offer expertise in territorial and spatial planning competitions to their Chinese partners.</p> <p>Increase the use of digital design services by leveraging Finnish companies' expertise on ICT and modelling.</p> <p>Establish active interdisciplinary/ cross-sectorial cooperation to share information on environmental laws and regulations to prevent violation of environmental norms and legislation.</p> <p>Strengthen tripartite cooperation with other Nordic Countries.</p>	<p>Organise joint mini seminars and visits to sustainable city areas.</p> <p>Plan an urban planning competition (for example in Ningbo) and organise it based on the example of the Nanjing competition.</p> <p>Promote cooperation in practical projects for digital services, such as 3D-augmented reality and simulation of floods.</p> <p>Create a joint (research or education) project concerning evaluation of implementation of the legislation and land use planning procedures.</p> <p>Both sides will launch projects in cooperation with other Nordic Countries.</p>

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2.7 Sustainable Land Use and Urban Construction			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Natural Resources (CN) and Ministry of the Environment (FI)		<p>Develop and apply new tools and methods for sustainable spatial planning. Foster the concept of Sustainable Urbanisation.</p> <p>Share Finnish expertise concerning territorial and spatial planning and green infrastructure planning.</p> <p>Develop and apply new tools for evaluation of sustainability in land-use planning.</p>	<p>Activate cooperation between the new partners, such as institutions and companies. Designate 2-3 pilot cities for collaboration to develop and apply sustainability- and health-related indicators for territorial and spatial planning.</p> <p>Utilise expertise of Finnish companies, such as Keko Eco-estimation application.</p> <p>Develop a concept of Stakeholder Participation.</p> <p>Designate 2-3 pilot cities for adoption of digital tools for city planning in order to increase communication and co-design with stakeholders including the public.</p>
National Energy Administration (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI)	MoU between National Energy Administration (CN) and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (FI).	<p>Conduct cooperation especially in the following fields as selected and agreed upon by both sides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Smart and flexible grid; 2) Regional heating and cooling. 	Co-organise events, delegation exchanges and pilot/demonstration projects.

Chapter 3

Toward Greater Connectivity

The Third Chapter, Toward Greater Connectivity, seeks to strengthen visible and invisible connections between the two countries and two continents through tourism, cultural events and festival celebrations, youth programs, school exchanges, cooperation in the field of sports and closer sub-national and sister-city cooperation. These all contribute to better mutual understanding and mutual learning. Convenient and safe transportation and availability of information and means of communications will also facilitate mobility of people. The two parties will explore opportunities to cooperate in line with each other's guiding policies, taking into account the need for synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative and the EU Strategy on Connecting Europe and Asia.

3. Toward Greater Connectivity

3.1 Aviation, Transportation and Networks			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China and Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland		Strengthen cooperation between the ministries in order to support the establishment of the North-East Passage data cable.	Organise bilateral working-level discussions on an irregular basis.
Civil Aviation Administration of China and Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland Capital Airports Holding Company (CN) and Finavia (FI)	MoU on bilateral air services consultations between the Civil Aviation Administration of China and Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland, May 2017. MoU on the Establishment of A Sister Airport Relationship between Capital Airports Holding Company and Helsinki Airport, January 2016.	Develop air connectivity between China and Finland. Increase flight frequencies and add new destination points. Build up cooperation in aviation for Finland to grow as a vibrant international aviation hub and promote tourism between China and Finland/the EU.	Facilitate bilateral air services consultations in due time. Benchmark best practices; share knowledge and launch co-marketing activities in respective domestic markets; hold personnel exchange and build competence.

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3.2 Cultural Cooperation			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
All-China Youth Federation (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)	Memorandum of Understanding between the All-China Youth Federation, the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Republic of Finland on Youth Cooperation (September 2015).	Strengthen bilateral youth cooperation and exchange.	Arrange bilateral visits and expert exchanges to share experiences on key issues of youth work, and support exchange and cooperation between youth organizations and other actors in the field of youth.
Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China/Bureau of International Exchanges and Cooperation (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture/ Department for Art and Cultural Policy (FI)	Memorandum of Understanding on Culture and Cultural Tourism.	Deepen and concretise cooperation on culture and cultural tourism.	Update the existing MoU.
National Radio and Television Administration (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)		Support cooperation in the TV sector and increase the number of co-productions. Support the entry of co-productions to the markets of the contracting states; increase the amount of Finnish and Chinese investment in co-productions.	Negotiate an agreement on TV co-productions between China and Finland.
China Film Administration (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)		Support the signing of the film co-production agreement between China and Finland; encourage film co-productions, exchanges and other cooperation in the field of film.	Negotiate a film co-production agreement between China and Finland.

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3.3 Cooperation in Sports			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Beijing Sport University (CN) and University of Jyväskylä (FI)	MoU between Beijing Sport University and the University of Jyväskylä (June 2017).	Establish Chinese-Finnish Winter Sport College at Beijing Sport University.	<p>Finnish Winter Sport Training Centers provide expertise under the framework of JYU and BSU collaboration.</p> <p>Organise coach exchange.</p> <p>Organise athlete exchange.</p> <p>Promote winter sport science and education development in China.</p> <p>Expand Finnish SnowHow into Chinese context.</p> <p>Organise school tours and visits.</p>
General Administration of Sport of China (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)		Promote winter sports collaboration and the Finnish side provides technical support and assistance to the Chinese side, especially under the framework of 2019 China-Finland Year of Winter Sports.	Establish a China-Finland coordinating committee to work on the theme year events.
General Administration of Sport of China (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)		Intensify the exchange of personnel in sports, share experience in the preparation and organisation of mega sports events, promote the development of competitive sports as well as sports for all, and encourage collaboration on sports industry, on winter sports industry in particular.	Collaborate in the context of Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games and discuss the possibility of continuing the collaboration after Beijing 2022.
General Administration of Sport of China (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)		Increase collaboration between ministries, National Olympic Committees and other sports organizations.	Organise mutual visits by delegations.

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3.4 Promotion of Tourism			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China/Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and Visit Finland/Business Finland		<p>Increase input and deepen joint partnerships in the field of tourism.</p> <p>Develop crossover cooperation in the travel industry.</p> <p>Increase and promote digitization of travel facilitation platforms.</p>	<p>Deepen partnerships between public and private partners of cooperation.</p> <p>Use Finland as a test platform for new applications, such as Cashless Society and Mobile Traveller Information services.</p>
National Forestry and Grassland Administration and China Wildlife Conservation Association (CN) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ähtäri Zoo (FI)	MoU on Co-operation of Promoting Giant Panda Conservation, April 2017.	Further strengthen cooperation and exchanges in the area of conservation of wildlife including giant pandas.	Carry out collaborative project on conservation and research of giant pandas.

3. Toward Greater Connectivity

3.5 People-to-People Exchanges			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Sub-national governments of China and Finland	Various MoUs and bilateral agreements.	Strengthen cooperation between China and Finland at the sub-national level; promote friendly exchanges and cooperation and sister-city relations.	Support friendly exchanges and cooperation between provinces/regions, cities and city clusters from the two sides. Share information and list best practices. Coordinate visits for local businesses and other interested participants.

Chapter 4

Toward Social Equality

The Fourth Chapter, Toward Social Equality, focuses on thematic cooperation in the fields of public security, justice, health, social welfare, education and learning. These projects aim at enhancing cooperation between the partners and building the capacity of the institutions to promote equal opportunities in our societies.

4. Toward Social Equality

4.1 Public Security			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Public Security (CN) and Ministry of the Interior (FI)	MoU between the Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Finland concerning cooperation in preventing and combating crime.	Promote comprehensive cooperation in various fields of law enforcement. Improve cooperation in timely sharing of intelligence on cross-border crimes.	Evaluate the current situation on cross-border crimes and discuss specific further measures.
China Anti-Money Laundering Monitoring and Analysis Center (CN) and Financial Intelligence Unit (FI)	MoU between China Anti-Money Laundering Monitoring and Analysis Center and the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Republic of Finland concerning cooperation in the exchange of financial intelligence related to money laundering and terrorist financing.	Prevent and combat money-laundering, terrorist financing and related criminal activities. Strengthen cooperation of China Anti-Money Laundering Monitoring and Analysis Center and the Financial Intelligence Unit.	Further the cooperation and exchange of information on anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing.
Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China and relevant authorities in the Nordic Countries	Roadmap between the Ministry of Public Security of China and the relevant authorities in the Nordic countries on cooperation on crime prevention. Annual meetings to review the Roadmap.	Enhance cooperation between the Ministry of Public Security of China and relevant authorities in the Nordic countries.	Improve cooperation in freezing bank accounts and recovering assets; handling cases regarding fugitives, telecom and CEO-fraud; and on drug related crimes, counter-terrorism/illegal radicalization and illegal immigration. Further promote bilateral cooperation under the framework of annual meeting between China and Nordic countries, and arrange an expert-level meeting with focus on combating telecom fraud in 2019. Continue to strengthen cooperation on individual cases related to NPS (new psychoactive substances).

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4.2 Justice			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Justice of China and Ministry of Justice of Finland	Cooperation Programme in the Judicial Field between the Ministry of Justice of China and the Ministry of Justice of Finland, 2017-2020.	<p>Strengthen understanding of the concept of the rule of law.</p> <p>Expand the coverage of legal aid and work for reforms and improvement in the system for execution of punishment, especially the community correction system.</p> <p>Conduct cooperation at provincial (Fujian and Qinghai) and national levels.</p>	<p>Organise bilateral visits of the Ministers/Vice Ministers of Justice.</p> <p>Organise expert-level introduction seminars and progress seminars.</p> <p>Arrange review seminars for follow-up of implementation of recommendations.</p> <p>Evaluate the results of cooperation.</p> <p>Facilitate mutual visits by legal experts, lawyers and other relevant key persons under the framework of the events.</p>
The Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Finland	MoU between the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Finland on Judicial Exchange and Cooperation 2017-2020.	<p>Strengthen pragmatic cooperation on, among other themes, judicial reforms, judicial transparency, court informatisation, court administration, judges training, and research on mutual judicial assistance and environmental law.</p> <p>Increase research and exchange on bilateral judicial issues.</p>	Organise visits and seminars participated by justices of the Supreme Court in Finland and the Supreme People's Court in China.

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4.3 Health and Social Welfare			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
National Health Commission (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI)	<p>MoU on the cooperation in the field of health between Ministry of Health (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI), 1998.</p> <p>Implementation Plan for Cooperation in Health for the period from 2015 to 2018 between National Health and Family Planning Commission (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI), 2014.</p>	Enhance cooperation and promote exchanges in all sectors of health.	Update membership of the joint working group under the framework of the MoU. Update the implementation plan for cooperation in the field of health.
Ministry of Emergency Management (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI)	MoU on the cooperation in the field of work safety between Ministry of Emergency Management (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI).	Strengthen cooperation and promote exchanges in work safety.	<p>Review and update the MoU from 2006.</p> <p>Designate a focal point for coordination and implementation of the MoU.</p>
Ministry of Civil Affairs (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI)	MoU on the cooperation in the field of social welfare between Ministry of Civil Affairs (CN) and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (FI) (under negotiation).	Promote, facilitate and develop cooperation in the field of social welfare.	Finalise negotiations on the MoU.

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4.4 Education and Learning			
Partners	Structure for Cooperation	Aim	Action/Initiative
Ministry of Education (CN) and Ministry of Education and Culture (FI)	MoU of building a strategy dialogue system between MoE (CN) and MinEdu (FI) 2009.	Strengthen strategic partnerships between the Chinese and Finnish education institutions, research-funding bodies and other actors of the sector. Find ways of establishing and strengthening cooperation between Chinese provinces and Finnish actors.	Establish an annual substantive dialogue between the ministries of education of China and Finland.
Chinese Academy of Sciences (CN) and Universities Finland (FI)	Roadmap toward MoU.	Enhance the strategic partnership between the Finnish Universities and the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Strengthen research and research training collaboration between the two countries.	Sign an MoU after negotiation by all parties concerned.
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CN) and Universities Finland (FI)	Annual dialogues.	Enhance strategic partnerships between all actors. Strengthen research and research training collaboration between the two countries.	Develop a pilot project for establishing partnerships in areas of mutual interest.
Education Universities in China and Finland (Coordinated by Beijing Normal University and University of Helsinki)	MoU between MoE (CN) and MinEdu (FI) on strengthening comprehensive cooperation in Education (2015) and the MoU between Beijing Normal University and University of Helsinki (2015).	Promote joint research and development projects on learning innovations, educational technology, and use of artificial intelligence in education through cooperation of researchers, practitioners and companies. Develop joint/double degree programmes between the Chinese and Finnish universities, including universities of applied sciences (UAS). Develop teacher in-service training programs (K-12, vocational, higher education).	Develop and strengthen the Innovation Institutes.
China Center for International Education Exchange (CN) and Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (FI)	Strategic Cooperation Agreement between China Center for International Education Exchange and Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (2017).	Facilitate educational and professional cooperation in higher education.	Develop collaborative programs between Chinese and Finnish higher education institutions.
National Academy of Education Administration (CN) and Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (FI)	MoU between National Academy of Education Administration and Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences in 2017.	Develop bilateral cooperation in relevant areas.	Organise a UAS Rectors' Forum in China or Finland.

