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A Community of Shared Future for Mankind — Shaping a More Just and Equitable World Order

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Distinguished Guests, Friends,
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning to everyone!

It is truly an honour to be here today, among friends, scholars, and thinkers who care deeply about the kind of world we are building together.

We now live in a time of unprecedented uncertainty as the world is changing faster than ever, both economically, and technologically. While we are more connected than any generation before us, yet in many ways, we are more divided. And though globalization has benefited all and brought us prosperity, yet inequality continues to grow.

Technology advancement has given us power, but it has also created new risks and challenges, from cyber threats to information wars. And while science has given us vaccines, geopolitics too often builds barriers instead of bridges.

Therefore, the question before us is not who leads the world, but how the world should be led for the benefit of all.

It is at this crossroads that China has offered its answer, the idea of a Community of Shared Future for Mankind. It is China's answer to the call of the time of a world beset by a myriad of challenges and risks, ranging from terrorism, slow growth, climatic change, protectionism to anti-globalization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

President Xi Jinping first put forth the notion of mankind as “a community of common destiny” in his 2013 speech at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. “Mankind, by living in the same global village within the same time and space where history and reality meet, have increasingly emerged as a community of common destiny in which every one has in himself a little bit of others”, he said.

“A Community with Shared Future“ has since been promulgated by China as its concept of global governance, embodying its worldview in the new era and its vision for a fair, equitable and just global order built upon the spirit of openness, inclusiveness, mutual respect and love for mother earth. This idea is simple, yet profound. It emphasizes that destinies of all nations are linked. No country can survive as an island in this world. Prosperity and peace can only be sustainable when shared by all.

A community of shared future calls for replacing confrontation with dialogue, domination with partnership, and zero-sum competition with win-win cooperation.

In short, China envisions a global governance system that should be more just, more inclusive, and more representative of the developing world with shared responsibility.

Justice, because every nation, large or small, should have an equal voice in international affairs. Global governance should not be a privilege of the powerful.

Inclusiveness, because our diversity is not a problem to be solved, but a strength to be cherished. There is no single model of modernization, no monopoly on truth or progress.

And shared responsibility, because global challenges, from climate change to pandemics, do not stop at borders.

We rise or fall together, and our destinies are shared, whether we like it or not.

Now, some critics may say, “Beautiful words. But what does this look like in practice?”

Let me give a few examples. The Belt and Road Initiative, launched more than ten years ago is not just about infrastructure, it is also about connectivity, linking economies, creating opportunities, and building trust through cooperation.

The three Global Initiatives put forth by China: The Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative are the blueprint to realise the concept of A Community with a Shared Future.

The Global Development Initiative puts people first — aligning global priorities with the UN’s 2030 Agenda, promoting green growth and innovation.

The Global Security Initiative calls for security that is common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable, reminding us that real security cannot come from exclusion or containment, but from dialogue and trust.

And the Global Civilization Initiative celebrates the beauty of our cultural diversity. No culture is more superior than others, we should promote mutual learning instead of cultural superiority.

China’s Global Development, Security, and Civilization Initiatives collectively constitute the blueprint it proposes for realizing the concept of “A Community with a Shared Future for Mankind.”

Together, these initiatives give substance to the Community of Shared Future — turning ideals into action, and action into shared benefit.

Let us face the truth, the world today is not governed fairly. The voices of the developing world are often underrepresented. The rules that shape the global order written decades ago, by a few, for a few, basically by the West are predominantly serving the interests of the West.

A Community of Shared Future is China’s vision for a more just, equitable and representative world order. It calls for a democratization of global governance, where every country has the right to speak and to be heard.

Nevertheless, this is not about replacing one power with another. It is about replacing domination with dialogue, and hierarchy with equality.

It is not a call for a “Chinese order”, but a call for a shared order, based on mutual respect and common progress.

However, this idea, though modern in language, is ancient in spirit. There is a Chinese saying “天下一家”, meaning “All under heaven are one family”, emphasizing human beings, despite our differences, belong to one moral community.

When China speaks of a “shared future,” it does not mean uniformity. It means harmony without sameness — a world where different civilizations coexist, learn

from one another, and prosper together. A garden will be beautiful only if the flowers are of different colors.

A community with shared future is also a response to the anxiety of our times. When the world is polarized, when mistrust runs deep, we need a vision that reminds us of our common humanity.

Of course, no vision is without its critics. Some question China's motives; others see the concept as abstract or idealistic.

But ideas are only proven through practice.

And the truth is, we already live in a world of shared destiny. The pandemic showed us that no one is safe until everyone is safe. Climate change shows that no economy can grow on a dying planet. And regional conflicts remind us that security cannot be built on the insecurity of others.

Therefore, the choice is not between a shared future or separate futures. The choice is between shared prosperity, or shared peril.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Community of Shared Future for Mankind is not a Chinese monologue, it is an open conversation. It invites participation, not obedience. It seeks common ground, not confrontation.

As China works with ASEAN, with Africa, with Latin America, and with the wider world, it does so not to lead, but to connect, to build partnerships of respect and reciprocity.

Because in the end, this vision belongs to all who believe that a fairer, more balanced world is possible.

We now stand at a turning point in history. The old certainties are fading; the new order has yet to take shape. So, what kind of world will we leave to our children? A world divided by suspicion and fear? Or a world united by cooperation and hope?

A Community of Shared Future for Mankind offers an answer, though not a perfect one, but a hopeful one. It calls on us to think beyond borders and beyond short-term interests. To replace rivalry with the logic of partnership. To see not "us versus them," but we, together.

It is humanity's shared aspiration, for peace instead of war, for dialogue instead of conflict, for fairness instead of domination.

We can walk this path together, step by step, through trust, through cooperation, and through our shared commitment to a common destiny.

Thank you.