

**Statement by Ambassador Dai Bing, DPR of China, at the
Commemoration of the United Nations Day for
South-South Cooperation**

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Excellencies,

It's a great pleasure to celebrate the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation. China associates itself with the statement made by Guyana on behalf of the G77 and China.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the UN and the 42nd anniversary of the adoption of BAPA. Developing countries have carried out South-South cooperation at bilateral, regional and interregional levels, which has become an important driving force in promoting poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development globally. We welcome the publication of the “Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development” volume 3.

While we enter the Decade of Action, the international community is facing global challenges including multidimensional poverty, climate change, humanitarian crises, the impact of the COVID-19, and in particular, unilateralism and protectionism. Today's meeting, with the theme “Pathways toward the SDGs through South-South solidarity beyond COVID-19”, will help demonstrate the determination and confidence of all parties to strengthen solidarity and cooperation. I would like to make a few comments.

First, we need to follow a people-centered approach and strengthen international cooperation against the pandemic. The international community should enhance experience sharing and technical exchanges in epidemic prevention and control; promote cooperation in poverty and hunger eradication, public health and infrastructure; and expand cooperation in digital economy, online health care and education and other new business areas. Such efforts will effectively help developing countries address the impact of the pandemic, improve their development capabilities and build back better.

Second, we need to uphold multilateralism and give full play to the central role of the UN. The international community should maintain the leading role of the UN in implementing the 2030 Agenda and fighting the pandemic. We should support the UN and its entities in their effort to perform their duties, make use of global, regional and national capacities, leverage their expertise and strengths, implement response plans or programmes, and promote South-South and triangular cooperation.

Third, we need to mobilize all parties and form a joint force for development. Developed countries should fulfill their ODA commitments, and strengthen North-South cooperation as the main channel. Developing countries can offer mutual assistance within their ability and play the complementary role of South-South cooperation. Private sector, research institutions and other stakeholders are welcome to actively engage in international development cooperation.

China firmly supports South-South cooperation, and is committed as always to helping other developing countries combat the pandemic and achieve sustainable development. We have provided assistance to over 150 countries and international organizations, and sent medical expert teams to 32 countries. In implementing the actions announced by President Xi Jinping, China will enhance support to other developing countries, participate in the implementation of the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative, and promote COVID-19 vaccine development and deployment, which will be made a global public good and first benefit African countries and other developing countries.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Chediek for his service to the UN. We highly appreciate his leadership of UNOSSC in promoting global South-South cooperation, strengthening the synergy and coordination of the UN system in support of South-South cooperation.

I thank you.