

**JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
AND THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON SUPPORTING  
OPEN TRADE AND MULTILATERALISM**

The Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

TAKING INTO account current economic turbulence and a rising trend towards trade fragmentation as well as challenges to international trade caused by unilateral and protectionist measures that run counter to the spirit and rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO);

REAFFIRMING support for the rules-based, non-discriminatory, fair, open, inclusive, equitable, sustainable and transparent multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core;

RECOGNIZING the importance of advancing openness and cooperation to promote sustainable development;

STRIVING for further development of bilateral trade, economic and investment facilitation based on WTO rules and principles;

Have reached the following understanding:

1. The Parties reaffirm their dedication to preserving the multilateralism, emphasize the importance to uphold open and fair trade between them, and jointly resist unilateral coercive measures and trade protectionism.

2. The Parties oppose the use of trade as a tool of economic coercion and expansion of trade-restrictive measures, whether in the form of tariffs and non-tariff measures taken under the guise of national security, environmental protection or combating climate change.

3. The Parties will refrain from adopting or applying unilateral measures related to carbon pricing of imported goods that may restrict or distort trade flows.

4. The Parties support the resolution of trade issues in a manner consistent with WTO rules. The Parties reckon that economic and trade consultations with a third Party will not be directed against the other Party, nor imposed with a purpose to restrict the trade with the other Party. The Parties will maintain communication and enhance coordination regarding trade measures involving third Parties.

5. The Parties reiterate the need to safeguard the rules-based, non-discriminatory, fair, open, inclusive, equitable, sustainable and transparent multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core, and will strengthen exchange and cooperation within multilateral frameworks including BRICS Informal Consultative Framework on WTO issues, actively participate in the process of WTO reform with the aim to ensure its relevance, enable it to play a bigger role in global economic governance, and restore the credibility of the multilateral trading system.

6. The Parties will strengthen cooperation to promote inclusive trade development. The Parties will strive to enhance coordination and collaboration within platforms such as the Group of Twenty (G20), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote inclusive and non-discriminatory trade development, and will aim inter alia at promotion in the relevant documents of the above-agreed approaches. The Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation expresses support for China's hosting of the 2026 APEC meetings and looks forward to its success.

7. The Parties will ensure the effective implementation of all existing economic and trade agreements between their states and are willing to advance bilateral trade and investment cooperation, as well as encourage collaboration between chambers of commerce, industry associations, and enterprises of states of both Parties.

8. The Parties will carry out bilateral trade and investment promotion activities, actively participate in trade and investment fairs hosted by each other, and support strengthening exchanges and cooperation among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), thereby promoting growth in bilateral trade and investment.

The Parties will strengthen communication and coordination to follow the above understandings, share relevant information, and resolve any emerging issues through amicable consultations.