

Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation on Green and Low-Carbon Development
between
the Ministry of Climate and Environment of
the Kingdom of Norway
and
the National Development and Reform Commission of
the People's Republic of China

The Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Kingdom of Norway ("the Norwegian Party") and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of the People's Republic of China ("the Chinese Party", hereinafter referred to individually as the "Party" and collectively as "the Parties"),

CONSIDERING the in-depth development of friendly relations between the Kingdom of Norway and the People's Republic of China,

CONSIDERING the common willingness of the Parties to promote green and low-carbon transformation in the economic and social development,

HAVE REACHED the following agreement through the amicable negotiation:

Article 1 Objectives

Based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, the Parties will carry out green and low-carbon development cooperation according to different national circumstances, with the goal of promoting green and low-carbon economic and social development, and promote sustainable development.

Article 2 Key Areas

The Parties agree to carry out exchange and cooperation in the following areas:

(1) Addressing Climate Change

The Parties recall the goal of Article 2 of the Paris Agreement to hold global average temperature increases to less than 2°C and to pursue efforts towards limiting temperature increases to 1.5°C. The Parties reaffirm that the Paris Agreement will be implemented to reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.

The Parties promise to take ambitious climate actions based on their respective national circumstances. The Parties are willing to carry out policies dialogue and enhance cooperation.

(2) Green Development

The Parties are willing to carry out dialogue and communication on green development policies, measures, and practical experiences.

(3) Dealing with Plastic Pollution

The Parties recall the United Nations Environment Assembly Resolution 5/14, "Ending Plastic Pollution: Towards an International Legally Binding Instrument", reaffirming the threat of plastic waste pollution to the natural environment and humanity.

The Parties are willing to strengthen dialogue and exchange on plastic pollution control, share policies, measures, and technical solutions for plastic pollution control, including "replacing plastic with potential alternatives", and recycling waste plastic.

(4) Circular Economy and sustainable green value chains

The Parties are willing to engage in dialogue and exchange on the formulation and implementation of circular economy and sustainable green value chains and legislation,

strategies, plans, and policies and best practices in key areas.

(5) Environmental Protection

The Parties are willing to exchange on policies and best practices in the field of environmental protection, including waste and prevention of emissions of hazardous chemicals, and encourage enterprises, social organizations, research institutions of both countries to exchange and cooperate in the field of environmental protection.

Article 3 Forms of Cooperation

The cooperation between the Parties can include but is not limited to the following:

- (1) dialogue through bilateral meetings,
- (2) exchanges of expertise through meetings, mission visits, and other activities, and the participation of appropriate stakeholders,
- (3) other forms of cooperation agreed upon by the Parties through negotiation.

Article 4 Implementation Organizations

The Norwegian Party's organization responsible for the implementation of the MOU is the Department of Climate Change of the Ministry of Climate and Environment. The Chinese Party's organization responsible for the implementation of the MOU is the Department of Resource Conservation and Environmental Protection of the National Development and Reform Commission.

The Parties may invite other relevant ministries and institutions of both countries to participate in relevant activities.

The Parties may decide the theme, time and spot for mutual communication and dialogue through negotiation.

Article 5 Cost Bearings

Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties shall bear the expenses incurred by themselves during the implementation of the MOU.

Article 6 Legal Effect

The MOU does not create any legally binding obligations for participants, nor does it serve as a commitment or obligation for any participant in terms of fundings. The MOU does not affect the interpretation and execution of any other agreements between two countries.

Article 7 Legal Compliance

The cooperation under the MOU shall comply with the respective domestic laws and regulations of both countries. The Parties acknowledge their rights and obligations as signatories to other international agreements or arrangements that they have joined individually or jointly. Nothing in this MOU shall affect the obligations of the Parties deriving from any treaties, conventions, regional or international agreements related to the protection of environment.

Article 8 Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the interpretation and implementation of the MOU shall be amicably resolved through consultation.

Article 9 Effectiveness, Modification and Termination

The MOU will come into effect from the date of signing and shall be valid for five years. If one party has not notified the other party to terminate the MOU in writing at least three months prior to the expiration of the MOU, the MOU will be automatically extended

for a period of five years and shall be extended accordingly.

Any supplement or modification to the MOU shall be made with the mutual written consent of both Parties.

The termination or amendment of the MOU will not affect any ongoing cooperation projects between the two countries.

The MOU is signed in Beijing on September 10 2024, in duplicate, each Party holds one copy. Each written in the English and Chinese languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence on the interpretation of the MOU, both sides shall negotiate amicably on the basis of the English version.

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the Kingdom of Norway**

**For the National Development
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