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**BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION
and
CHINA**

**Agreement on the development of economic, industrial,
scientific and technological co-operation. Signed at
Beijing on 23 November 1979**

Authentic texts: French, Dutch and Chinese.

Registered by the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union on 20 February 1980.

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**Accord sur le développement de la coopération écono-
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, acting under existing agreements both on its own behalf and on behalf of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on the one hand, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, on the other hand, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Desiring to strengthen the ties of friendship and to foster economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between the Contracting Parties,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and develop their economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation on a basis of equality and mutual advantage.

Article 2. The Contracting Parties shall determine by mutual agreement the various areas in which extension of this co-operation is desirable, taking especially into account mutual priorities and needs, and the opportunities offered in scientific, technical and industrial research. They shall establish the procedures for implementation in the two Protocols annexed to this Agreement.

Article 3. The Contracting Parties shall promote, on the basis of reciprocity and in the manner to be agreed upon:

- A. The exchange of information and scientific and technical documentation;
- B. The organization of visits and study trips of scientific and technical delegations and the exchange of scientists, researchers, specialists, and technicians and trainees between the Contracting Parties;
- C. The organization of bilateral scientific, technological and industrial symposia;
- D. Joint research on projects of interest to the Contracting Parties;
- E. All other forms of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation which the Contracting Parties may agree to adopt.

Article 4. The Joint Commission, established in 1973, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Agreement and its annexed Protocols.

The Joint Commission shall be composed of representatives of the relevant departments of the Contracting Parties. Representatives of interested professional associations or institutions of the Contracting Parties may participate in the capacity of experts in the proceedings of the Joint Commission.

The Joint Commission shall discuss all specific proposals for economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation and promote their implementation. It shall also consider ways of intensifying and extending such co-operation. The Joint

¹ Came into force on 23 November 1979 by signature, in accordance with article 5.

Commission may, by agreement between the Parties, establish sectoral working groups.

The Joint Commission shall meet at the request of one of the Contracting Parties, alternately at Peking and Brussels, as required, and at least once every two years; restricted meetings may be organized when particular co-operation problems are to be discussed.

Article 5. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It shall be valid for a period of five years. It shall be automatically extended for successive periods of two years, unless one of the Contracting Parties announces in writing six months before the date of expiry its intention to denounce the Agreement.

In the event of denunciation, the Contracting Parties shall take the necessary action to ensure the continuation and completion of projects agreed upon and contracts signed under this Agreement.

DONE at Peking on 23 November 1979, in two original copies, each in the French, Dutch and Chinese languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

For the Belgo-Luxembourg
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