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**Agreement on economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation. Signed at Dublin on 8 May 1986**

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AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNO-  
LOGICAL COOPERATION

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PREAMBLE

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China,

desiring to strengthen further the friendly relations between their two peoples and to promote the development of economic, industrial, scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

taking cognisance of the Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China;<sup>2</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures to create favourable conditions for strengthening economic, industrial scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries and for bringing about a rapid increase in practical forms of such cooperation; they shall strive to promote a harmonious development of their economic relations in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country and taking into account their international obligations.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties shall encourage firms, enterprises and other relevant organisations of both countries to take initiatives and measures which may help to develop diversified and mutually advantageous cooperation in the economic, industrial, agricultural, scientific and technological fields. They shall facilitate business contacts between firms, enterprises and other relevant organisations of their two countries, and the conclusion and implementation of agreements between them on mutually beneficial projects.

*Article 3.* The Contracting Parties have agreed to broaden their economic cooperation and their relations in the following fields: Agriculture; Animal Husbandry; Fisheries; Food and Drink Processing; Electronics and Computer Software; Consumer Goods; Telecommunications; Metallurgical Industry; Electricity Generation; Coal Industry; Oil and Natural Gas Industries; Petro-Chemical Industries; Chemical Industry; Medical Equipment and Pharmaceuticals; Construction and Project Management; Airline and Airport Services; Aerospace Industry; Shipping; Education; Tourism; Training; Environmental Protection Research and Service Industries; and in any such other fields as may be agreed by the Contracting Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 8 May 1986 by signature, in accordance with article 12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1443, p. 97.

*Article 4.* Subject to the laws and regulations in force in each country the co-operation within the framework of this Agreement shall, in particular, include such forms as:

- construction of new industrial complexes and modernisation and expansion of existing plants;
- cooperation in the field of production of certain types of machinery and equipment and other manufactured products;
- practical cooperation projects in the machinery and equipment sectors and in other sectors of mutual interest;
- purchase and sale of licences, patents and property rights to industrial technology and industrial and agricultural processes;
- exchange of scientific and technical documentation and information, organisation of consultations, seminars and conferences and joint research and development;
- joint ventures, co-production, transfer of know-how, technological upgrading and training.

*Article 5.* The conditions governing particular projects of economic, industrial, scientific, technological and agricultural cooperation shall be agreed upon between the respective departments, firms, enterprises and other relevant organisations of the two countries within the laws and regulations in force in each country. The contracts shall be concluded on normal commercial conditions.

*Article 6.* Payments for goods, services and other transactions, effected in accordance with this Agreement, shall be made in Renminbi yuan, Irish pounds or any other freely convertible currency accepted by the two parties concerned in the transaction and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

*Article 7.* The Contracting Parties shall encourage the participation by firms, enterprises and other relevant organisations of both countries in fairs and exhibitions, held in either country, and shall also facilitate the setting up of such fairs and exhibitions with a view to promoting the objectives of this Agreement.

*Article 8.* The Contracting Parties shall use their best endeavours to promote scientific and technological cooperation, including facilitating the transfer of modern technology and technical know-how between relevant departments, firms, enterprises, scientific research institutions and other organisations in their respective countries.

*Article 9.* The Contracting Parties should facilitate visits by economic delegations, study groups and experts with a view to promoting the objectives of this Agreement.

*Article 10.* With a view to achieving the objectives of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall set up a Joint Commission consisting of representatives of the two Governments. The Commission's functions shall be as follows:

- 1) to coordinate the activities relating to economic, industrial, scientific and technological cooperation between the two States;
- 2) to monitor and supervise the implementation of this Agreement and examine appropriate measures for ensuring its implementation;

- 3) to consider and put forward proposals designed to contribute to the development of economic, industrial, scientific and technological cooperation;
- 4) to consider solutions to such difficulties as may arise in the implementation of the Agreement.

The Joint Commission shall normally meet at least once every two years but it may meet at such other intervals as are mutually agreed by the Contracting Parties. Meetings of the Joint Commission shall be held alternately in Beijing and Dublin.

*Article 11.* The Contracting Parties reserve the right to engage in consultations concerning their respective international obligations without prejudice to the fundamental objectives of this Agreement.

*Article 12.* This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter the Agreement shall be tacitly renewed from year to year if neither of the Contracting Parties gives written notice to the other of its desire to terminate the Agreement six months before the date of expiry and shall continue in force until one or other of the Contracting Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate it. In that case the Agreement shall cease six months after the date of notification.

This Agreement may be amended and supplemented as agreed between the Contracting Parties.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of contracts and arrangements concluded within the period of validity of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement and hereto affixed their seals.

DONE in Dublin this 8th day of May 1986 in two original copies, each in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of Ireland

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

For the Government  
of the People's Republic  
of China

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Michael Noonan — Signé par Michael Noonan.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Zheng Tuo Bin — Signé par Zheng Tuo Bin.