Second Meeting of
U.S.-China Joint Committee on Environmental Cooperation
Joint Statement

The Second Meeting of the Joint Committee on Environmental Cooperation (JCEC) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the United States of America and the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) of the People's Republic of China, referred to as the "Parties" hereafter, was held in Beijing on Dec 14th 2007. EPA Administrator Mr. Stephen Johnson and SEPA Minister Mr. Zhou Shengxian co-chaired the meeting that was attended by more than sixty senior environmental officials from the United States and China.

The meeting focused on progress to date and priorities for future cooperation under the four annexes to the Memorandum of Understanding between EPA and SEPA on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Field of the Environment (MOU) on air pollution, water pollution, pollution from persistent organic pollutants and other toxic substances, and hazardous and solid wastes since the first JCEC meeting in 2005. The meeting also finalized a new annex on development, implementation and enforcement of environmental law.

The Parties briefed each other on progress under the MOU and discussed recent policy developments in the field of environmental protection and they agreed to strengthen collaboration with industry and other stakeholders.

The Parties expressed satisfaction with progress under the four annexes. Under the Annex on Air Pollution, the Parties had in-depth discussions on regional air quality management and cooperation in the power and transportation sectors. Under the Annex on Water Pollution, the Parties conducted effective cooperation under the source water protection project in the Yuqiao Reservoir of Tianjin. Under the Annex on Pollution from Persistent Organic Pollutants and Other Toxic Substances the U.S.-China Hospital Mercury Management Project was launched in 2006 and successfully concluded in August 2007. In addition, the Parties had six successful video conferences for sharing information and experiences on new chemical substances. Under the Annex on Hazardous and Solid Wastes, the U.S. side assisted SEPA during the drafting of the Emergency Response Guideline for Hazardous Waste Management Enterprises by providing U.S. case studies and experiences. The Guideline was officially released in 2007.

The Parties identified the following as priorities for cooperation in the next two years:

1. Annex on Air Pollution: The Parties intend to have exchanges and cooperation on clean transportation fuels and pollution control technologies and standards, and further their collaboration on regional air quality management, including multi-pollutant

approaches.

The Parties also agreed to continue their cooperation on the Joint Economic Study (JES) and its follow-up activities, especially on institutional and capacity building for SO2 emissions trading in the power sector of China, as identified in the Third U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue.

2. Annex on Water Pollution: The Parties agreed to convene joint workshop in China on source water protection technologies and management experiences, and to organize field visits in the U.S. The Parties agreed further to build upon the collaboration between EPA and the Tianjin Environmental Protection Bureau in the area of source water protection.

3. Annex on Pollution from Persistent Organic Pollutants and Other Toxic Substances: The Parties intend to follow-up on the U.S.-China Hospital Mercury Management Project through the expansion of the program to other hospitals, with an emphasis on Beijing, and agreed to continue their cooperation on new chemical substances.

4. Annex on Hazardous and Solid Wastes: The Parties agreed to extend their collaboration on hazardous waste management capacity building, waste treatment technologies evaluation, contaminated site remediation, and joint exploration of environmental cleanup fund mechanisms through workshops, training courses and field visits on areas covered by this annex.

5. Annex on Development, Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law: The Parties agreed that strengthening environmental enforcement is a priority. The parties will share experiences in order to enhance institutional relationships and accountability among different levels of government and ensure that officials have appropriate legal tools and incentives to prevent and control pollution, including stronger penalties for violating environmental requirements. The Parties look forward to building capacity and policies for emergency response to pollution accidents and strengthening the Regional Supervision Centers.

The Parties also expressed interest in exploring potential opportunities for cooperation on radioactive environmental monitoring and management.

The Parties highly praised the effectiveness of the MOU, its annexes, and the JCEC, as mechanisms for U.S.-China environmental cooperation and recognized the importance of strengthening cooperation and communication with other agencies and institutions, including the Asian Development Bank.

Administrator Johnson and Minister Zhou expressed their commitment to further strengthening U.S.-China environmental cooperation and contributing to global

sustainable development.

The U.S side expressed its appreciation to SEPA for hosting the meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to the participants. The Parties resolved to reconvene the third JCEC meeting in the U.S. in 2009.

Signed in Beijing on December 14th 2007.

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美中环境合作联合委员会第二次会议联合声明

12 月 14 日，美利坚合众国环境保护局和中华人民共和国国家环境保护总局（以下简称“双方”）环境合作联合委员会第二次会议在北京举行，会议由美国环保局局长史蒂芬·约翰逊和中国国家环保总局局长周生贤共同主持。来自美中两国的 60 位高级环境官员参加了本次会议。

本次会议集中讨论了 2005 年首次美中环境合作联合委员会（以下简称“联委会”）会议以来，美国环保局和中国国家环保总局环境领域科学技术合作谅解备忘录下设的大气污染、水污染、有毒物质污染、危险和固体废物四个附件所取得的进展和下一步的工作计划，并商定了“环境立法与执法监督”的新附件。

双方介绍了各自在谅解备忘录下取得的进展及在环保领域最新政策措施，并同意加强与产业和其它相关方的合作。

双方对四个附件下的工作进展表示满意。双方在大气污染合作附件下就区域空气质量管理、电力和交通等领域的合作进行了深入探讨。在水污染合作附件下，双方有效合作开展了天津于桥水库饮用水源地保护项目。在持久性有机污染物及其它有毒物质污染附件下，双方于 2006 年启动了“美中环境健康医院医疗汞项

目”，并于2007年8月顺利完成。此外，在新化学物质合作方面，双方成功召开了六次视频会议，交流了经验，并分享了信息。在危险和固体废物污染附件下，美方在中国国家环保总局组织起草《危险废物经营单位编制应急预案指南》的过程中给予了支持，提供了美国案例和经验等资料，该指南已于2007年正式发布。

双方决定，未来两年将优先做好以下几方面的工作：

1、大气污染附件：开展机动车清洁燃料和污染控制技术与标准的交流与合作；继续开展包括多种污染物协同控制在内的区域空气质量管理的交流与合作。

双方还同意继续就美中污染减排联合经济研究及其后续工作开展合作，特别是积极落实第三次美中战略经济对话所确定的中国电力行业实施二氧化硫排放交易政策的机制与能力建设方面的合作。

2、水污染附件：双方将在中国组织召开水源保护技术和管理经验的联合研讨会，并在美国组织实地考察活动。双方还表示将进一步增强美国环保局与天津市环保局在水源保护方面的合作。

3、持久性有机污染物及其它有毒物质污染附件：双方将推动美中环境健康医院医疗汞项目的后续行动，在北京向其它医院推广该项目。此外，双方将继续就新化学物质进行合作。

4、危险和固体废物污染附件：双方计划通过研讨会、培训班、考察等形式开展合作，加强该领域的合作，包括危险废物管理能力建设、废物处理技术评估、污染场地修复及联合探讨环境清理基金机制等工作。

5、环境法律的制定、实施和执行附件：双方一致认识到，增强环境执法应予优先考虑。双方将交流经验，增进各级政府机制间协作关系，加强各级政府的问责制建设，确立合适的法律工具及激励机制，包括加大环境违法行为处罚力度，以推进污染防治工作。双方期待着在环境应急能力建设、政策制定以及加强区域督察中心能力等领域开展合作。

双方还对探讨辐射环境监督与管理的潜在合作表示了共同兴趣。

双方高度评价了谅解备忘录及其相关附件，以及环境合作联委会在推动两国环保合作中的积极和重要作用，肯定了继续加强与包括亚洲开发银行在内的相关部门和机构进行合作与沟通的重要性。

约翰逊局长和周生贤局长表示将进一步加强美中环境合作，为全球的可持续发展做出积极的贡献。

美方感谢中国国家环保总局主办此次会议并向与会代表提供了热情款待。双方同意环境合作联合委员会第三次会议于2009

年在美国举行。

本联合声明于2007年12月14日在北京签署。

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