

Joint Press Communiqué
Between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Suriname

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1. At the invitation of H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname, paid a state visit to China from April 11 to 17, 2024. During the visit, President Xi Jinping held bilateral talks with President Chandrikapersad Santokhi. Premier of the State Council Li Qiang and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Wang Huning met with President Chandrikapersad Santokhi respectively. The leaders of the two countries had in-depth discussions on bilateral relations and other issues of shared interest and reached important consensus.

2. The two Heads of State agreed that the historic friendship between China and Suriname is a precious asset of the two peoples. China-Suriname relations have continued to deepen as evidenced by enhanced political mutual trust and fruitful cooperation in various areas over the past 48 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, especially over the past five years since the establishment of the strategic partnership of cooperation between the two countries. Suriname underscored the great development achievements China made in the new era and commended China's endeavor to advance national rejuvenation on all fronts through the Chinese path to modernization. China expressed support for Suriname's efforts to pursue sustainable development and improve people's living standards, and conveyed its wish for new and even greater achievements in Suriname's national advancement and development.

3. Both sides reaffirmed their respect for each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, support for their peoples' independent choice of a development path suited to their respective national conditions, and mutual understanding and support on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns. Suriname remains firmly committed to the one-China principle, against any form of "Taiwan independence" and stated that the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China and supports the efforts of the Chinese government to achieve national reunification.

4. The two sides agreed to maintain the momentum of exchanges at the leadership and other levels, expand exchanges and cooperation between government departments, legislatures, political parties and at the subnational levels, strengthen the exchanges and cooperation across various levels of social and youth organizations, enterprises and financial institutions, media outlets, and academic institutions, and enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples.

5. Suriname underlined the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by the Chinese side, and recognized that the Initiative meets the practical development needs of developing countries and provides important opportunities for the development of Suriname and other Latin American and Caribbean countries. On the basis of the cooperation plan on jointly promoting Belt and Road cooperation signed by the two governments in 2019, the two sides strive to enhance synergy of development strategies based on their respective comparative advantages and development needs, and actively promote cooperation in various fields of interest to achieve more practical outcomes.

6. The two sides agreed to continue to enhance development cooperation. The Chinese side expressed its readiness to provide support within its capacity for Suriname's efforts to develop its economy and improve people's livelihood, and continue to provide Suriname with necessary assistance through bilateral and multilateral channels for development financing. Suriname expressed its appreciation for China's long-term

assistance and recognized the important role of China's assistance in contributing to Suriname's development and institutional capacity building, which has been well-received by the people of Suriname. Both sides welcomed the agreed minutes of the debt restructuring arrangement at the technical level, with the aim to administratively conclude the process of debt restructuring at the earliest.

7. The two sides agreed to step up cooperation in such areas as digital economy, green development, blue economy, energy minerals, infrastructure, energy, agriculture, finance, science and technology, education, culture, sports and poverty alleviation to realize development and progress of both sides. The Chinese government supports Chinese companies in investing and doing business in Suriname, and welcomes more exports from Suriname to China. As an approved destination for Chinese group tours, Suriname welcomes more visits of Chinese tourists.

8. Both sides agreed that climate change brings grave challenges to the globe and reaffirmed their readiness to strengthen cooperation in climate change response and their commitment to continuing their advocacy for addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development of the international community. The two sides call for easier access for developing countries to climate finance to implement mitigation and adaptation policies.

9. The two sides agreed that the world is undergoing major development, transformation and adjustment, that peace and development remain the theme of our times, and that countries are increasingly interconnected and interdependent. The two sides agreed that all countries are equal, regardless of their size, strength or wealth. Countries need to engage in friendly exchanges on the basis of mutual respect, fairness and justice, and win-win cooperation. China and Suriname strive to make their relationship an example of friendship and cooperation between countries of different sizes and national conditions. The Suriname side highly commends the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by President Xi Jinping and supports the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative. The two

sides will enhance cooperation within the framework of the relevant initiatives and play a positive role in promoting the cause of peace and development of humankind.

10. Both sides agreed that China and Suriname, as developing countries, share extensive common interests and similar positions and propositions on international affairs. Both sides called on the international community to practice true multilateralism, safeguard the U.N.-centered international system, preserve the international order underpinned by international law, uphold the basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the U.N. Charter, support the United Nations in playing a central role in international affairs, and work for the development and improvement of the global governance system.

11. Both sides called for settling disputes through dialogue and resolving differences through consultation, and building an open world economy. Both sides emphasized the importance and necessity of keeping the global industrial and supply chains stable and smooth, and advocated for an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization.

12. Both sides agreed that the U.N. Security Council reform should increase the representation and voice of developing countries on a priority basis, and that an adequate solution should be found and the agreement reached through consultation and consensus building, and ensure that the reform serves the long-term interests of the U.N. and the common interests of all member states.

13. China commended Suriname's constructive role in international and regional affairs. Suriname will actively engage in the development of the China-CELAC Forum to promote the overall cooperation between China and Latin American and Caribbean countries. Both sides agreed to work together for the success of the China-Caribbean Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum.

14. After the talks, the two heads of state witnessed the signing of cooperation documents. The two sides will earnestly implement the consensus reached by leaders of the two countries and work for continued progress in relevant cooperation.

15. The two sides agreed that this visit is of great importance to promoting the long-term, steady and sound development of China-Suriname relations. President Xi Jinping congratulated President Chandrikapersad Santokhi on his successful state visit to the People's Republic of China. President Chandrikapersad Santokhi expressed his sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality of President Xi Jinping and the Chinese government and people.