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**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE “STORIES OF CPC”
THEMATIC BRIEFING ON XINJIANG**

(Draft)

I. On 22 February 2021, we, delegates representing political parties and organisations from around the world attended the “Stories of CPC” thematic briefing on Xinjiang co-hosted by the International Department of the CPC Central Committee and the CPC Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regional Committee. Focusing on the theme of “A Better Life for All”, we were engaged in extensive and in-depth dialogue and interactions on what political parties need to do to turn people's aspirations for a better life into reality.

II. We are of the view that, it is the common goal and responsibility of political parties of all countries to work towards a better life for the overwhelming majority of the people. Political parties of all countries should take the improvement of people’s wellbeing as their mission and strive to

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uplift the sense of fulfillment, happiness, and security thereof.

III. We have noted that COVID-19 has hit over 200 countries and regions, affected more than 7 billion people around the world and claimed over 2 million lives. We call on all countries to continue to put the lives, safety and health of the people above everything else by deploying medical expertise and critical supplies to places where they are needed the most, saving lives with all might and main, and further promoting global joint epidemic response so that the pandemic is brought under control at an earliest possible date and the vision of building a global community of health for all appears on the horizon.

IV. We have noted with much concern that COVID-19 has plunged over 200 million people globally into extreme poverty and inflicted serious impact on the economic and social development of most countries, casting a dark shadow on the prospects of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We call on all countries to continue to strengthen coordination on macroeconomic policies, remain steadfast in

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maintaining the stability of the global financial market as well as that of industrial and supply chains, and to take measures to reduce debts and boost the flow of trade, so that the world economy could soon recover and grow, which will help bring global poverty reduction back on the right track as speedily as possible.

V. We subscribe to the protection and development of human rights, of which the right to subsistence and the right to development are principal and fundamental. Poverty constitutes the chief obstacle to the realisation of human rights. The interests of the people should be placed in the paramount position and development should deliver greater benefit to the entire population in a more equitable manner.

VI. We believe that as there is no one-size-fits-all model to advance and protect human rights, the diversity in the path of human rights development should be respected and any attempt to politicise human rights, apply double standards thereof, or to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries on the pretext of human rights should be opposed. We call for the concerted

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efforts of all parties to promote the establishment of a global governance architecture on human rights that is more equitable, just and inclusive.

VII. This thematic briefing has enabled us to acquire a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of China's policies regarding minority ethnic groups and the development of areas with large ethnic minority populations, including the actual situation in Xinjiang, where social stability as well as equality and unity among various ethnic groups prevail, people's livelihood keeps improving and the economy develops constantly. We are appreciative of what the Chinese government has done to promote economic and social development of minority ethnic groups and that of areas with large ethnic minority populations, and to respect and protect the right of people of all ethnic groups to freedom of religious belief and to use their own spoken and written languages. We are against the odious behaviour of a handful of people from certain countries in misleading the international perception and smearing other countries with distorted and fabricated facts and disinformation of cooked-up rumours of so-called China's "ethnic cleansing" in

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Xinjiang.

VIII. As the centenary of the CPC approaches, we extend our best wishes to the CPC and the Chinese people. We applaud the CPC for its commitment to the original aspiration and founding mission of seeking happiness for the people and rejuvenation for the nation, for its leadership under which the Chinese people have created the miracle of rapid economic development together with the miracle of long-term social stability, and most recently, the major achievements in both COVID response and economic and social development. We commend the important help China has offered to the global fight against the virus, in particular the honouring of its commitment to make vaccines a global public good. We express our willingness to strengthen exchanges and mutual learning with the CPC on governance experience, and to promote the deepening of mutually beneficial cooperation among countries towards the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

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