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Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly

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Mr Chairman,

As proponent of the agenda item, Observer status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly, China has the honour to introduce draft resolution A/C.6/74/L.5 on this item. To date, there are 19 sponsors for this draft resolution. They are: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

The format of this draft resolution is consistent with the GA resolution template for observer status requests. Its operative part is twofold: to decide “to invite the Boao Forum for Asia to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer”; and to request “the UN Secretary General to take the action necessary to implement the current resolution”.

Mr Chairman,

The Boao Forum for Asia is a nonprofit international organisation. The Forum was initiated by 29 countries, namely, China, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Australia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao PDR, Maldives, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam. Membership of the Forum is open to all members of the United Nations.

The Forum strives to promote economic exchanges, interaction and cooperation among Asian countries and between Asia and other parts of the world. It provides a high-level venue of dialogue for, inter alia, governments, businesses, experts and scholars on which to discuss economic, social, environmental and other related issues concerning Asia and the world at large.

Mr Chairman,

The Forum actively works with UN specialised agencies and major international economic organisations around the world. In 2019, the Forum signed a cooperation agreement with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the UN Secretariat and partnered with the World Health Organization to organise the Global Health Forum, to advance their shared goals.

Based in Asia, with an agenda that encompasses the whole world, the Forum provides intellectual support for the sustainable economic development in the Asian region and actively promotes the development of economic globalisation. The entire portfolio of activities of the Forum is in line with the purposes and principles of the United Nations in social and economic domains.

We are convinced that granting observer status to the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly will reinforce the mechanism of long-term cooperation between the Forum and the United Nations, and will help promote cooperation among Asian countries to achieve the SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and facilitate stable, inclusive and sustainable growth of the world economy.

China looks forward to wide support for this draft resolution and welcomes more Member States to cosponsor the same.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.