



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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**Item 174: Observer Status for the Boao Forum for Asia in the General Assembly
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Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Philippines thanks China for introducing this resolution inviting the Boao Forum for Asia to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer.

As one of the 29 states that initiated the establishment of the Boao Forum in 2000, the Philippines is pleased to co-sponsor this resolution.

We believe that the work of the Forum cover matters of interest to the General Assembly, and hence meet the criteria set out in General Assembly decision 49/426 of 09 December 1994 regarding the granting of observer status.

As a platform for dialogue and to facilitate sustainable development and economic cooperation among Asian countries and between Asia and the rest of the world, the Boao Forum promotes cooperation with the United Nations towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum also commits to safeguard the international system with the United Nations at the core and to uphold a multilateral trading system that is rules-based, open, transparent, inclusive, just and equitable. Its activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

In this light, we ask that the Sixth Committee positively consider this resolution granting the Boao Forum Observer Status to the General Assembly.

Thank you.