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Excellency,

The Chinese Government and the United Nations are jointly organizing the Beijing High-Level Conference on Climate Change: Technology Development and Technology Transfer, to be held on 7-8 November 2008, in Beijing, China. As coorganizers of the Conference, we have the honour to invite your Government to support and actively participate in this Conference. An Aide-Mémoire providing background information on the Conference is enclosed for your information.

The Conference will bring together High-level representatives of Governments, senior business executives, members of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, members of academic institutions, as well as high-level representatives of international organizations to highlight the importance of and to explore the advantages of technology development and transfer in combating climate change for both developed and developing countries. The Conference will focus on the following four main areas: (i) the current status and development potential of climate related technologies; (ii) the current status and trends in technology transfer to developing countries; (iii) barriers to technology transfer, and (iv) policy options and possible new mechanisms to enhance international cooperation and technology transfer to developing countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Conference will open in the morning of 7 November 2008 with a High-level/Ministerial Segment to be held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The Conference will provide opportunities for ministerial statements and deliberate the main conference topics in three parallel thematic sessions. Additionally, the conference will provide a venue for highlighting and promoting partnership initiatives.

Promotion of climate friendly technologies and their accelerated transfer to developing countries has been identified as an essential element of the "Bali Roadmap". The outcome of the Conference will be a Chairman's summary for input to the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP-14) of the UNFCCC in December 2008 in Poznan, Poland.

All Permanent Missions to the United Nations New York The Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) as well as the Conference Secretariat at the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) will coordinate substantive and technical support for the High-level Conference. Please address further inquiries via e-mail to <a href="mailto:BeijingClimateTechnologyConference@un.org">BICTC@ccchina.gov.cn</a>

The Conference will be held at Beijing International Hotel. The information about the conference venue and accommodation can be found at www.bih.com.cn

Please confirm your Government's participation as soon as possible by completing the Attendance Form. Please return the form by fax or email to the following address no later than 1 September 2008:

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We look forward to your reply and to meeting with you in Beijing.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Enclosure