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**Speech by Ambassador Liu Guijin**

Cooperation, constitutes a major component of international cooperation on development and important supplement to North-South Partnership on Development. I hope that our discussions today will help enhance the role of the DCF and the UN in South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation, and that we will come up with specific suggestions for better development cooperation between developing countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The vast number of developing countries are actively exploring development paths suited to their own national conditions. With sound momentum for development, they have become an important force for world peace and common development. However, the unfavorable environment developing countries face in world development process remains basically unchanged, and their capacity to cope with the challenge and impact brought by globalization needs to be strengthened. It is important for developing countries to be active in South-South cooperation and achieve development through mutual assistance and assimilation, so as to create a sound external environment for the overall development of developing countries. I wish to put forward the following three suggestions in this respect.

First, safeguard common interests through solidarity and coordination. Developing countries should actively engage in consultation and coordination on major international issues and try to act in unison to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of them all. They should also take an active part in the formulation of international economic, financial and trade rules, have a greater say in international affairs and in decision-making, and seek better competition conditions and greater space for their development.

Second, deepen cooperation in all fields while keeping abreast of the times. As developing countries grow in strength, they conduct more and more South-South cooperation on trade, investment, science and technology, infrastructure, health and education. Developing countries should, in light of the circumstances and their own needs and in the principle of equality and mutual benefit, constantly expand the channels of, create new models for and add new contents to their cooperation.

Third, enhance coordination and make effective use of the multilateral mechanisms. We should work for substantive results in favor of developing countries to be achieved in the important meetings this year, such as the upcoming UN MDG High-Level Event and Follow-up



Friendship and cooperation between China and Africa in more than

on development has drawn world attention. I wish to share some of my observations on this. Under the framework of Special Program for Food Security (SPFS) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), China has, since 1996, entered into triangular agreements on South-South cooperation with FAO and the recipient countries, including Mauritania, Ghana, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Gabon. More than 700 Chinese agricultural experts were sent to African countries to provide technical guidance to improve agricultural production in African countries and train local technicians. In May 2006, China and FAO signed the Letter of Intent Between the Chinese Government and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. According to this agreement, China would send 3,000

important to remember "More haste, less speed".

Fourth, everyone doing his best. The key to success of the triangular cooperation is to let each party do what it is best at. When developed countries are involved in the triangular cooperation, their financial strength should be combined with developing countries' advantages in applicable technologies and cost.

Fifth, efficiency. The triangular cooperation should make full use of existing authoritative cooperative mechanisms, such as the United Nations development assistance mechanism, to avoid overlapping institutions and waste of resources caused by setting up too many new mechanisms.

In a world of ever deepening globalization, helping other developing countries is helping ourselves. China is ready to take an active part in South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation, and make its contribution to international cooperation on development.

Thank you!