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On Agenda Item 177

**Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
in the General Assembly**

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Mr. Chairman,

As sponsor of the agenda item “Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly”, China is deeply honoured to introduce the draft resolution on this topic circulated as document A/C.6/73/L.7. As of 9th October, the date of the distribution of this draft resolution, this draft resolution has 35 cosponsors, namely, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Tonga and the United Kingdom. After the distribution of this draft resolution, nine more countries also decided to co-sponsor it, namely, Argentina, Cambodia, Israel, Nepal, the Netherlands, Romania, Sudan, Turkey and Viet Nam. At present, this draft resolution has forty four cosponsors.

This draft resolution was prepared in the standard format of GA resolutions on the application for observer status. Its operative part reads, “The General Assembly (1) decides to invite the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer” and (2) requests the UN Secretary General to take the necessary action to implement the resolution”, with a view to promoting cooperation between the United Nations and the AIIB.

Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with General Assembly decision 49/426 of 1994, the granting of observer status in the General Assembly should be confined “to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly”. Upon examination of the basic information of the AIIB, it is found to be fully eligible as an observer of the UN General Assembly.

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Sustainable Development.

We are convinced that granting the observer status to the AIIB will help enhance the engagement and cooperation between the UN and the Bank and contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

China looks forward to broad support from Member States for this draft resolution. More cosponsors are also welcome.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.