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**AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"):

Recognizing that climate change and its adverse effects are matters of common concern for humankind which require close bilateral and multilateral cooperation,

Reaffirming the importance of joint efforts to implement effectively the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the basis of equity and in accordance with common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities,

Recalling that both Parties agreed on enhancing bilateral dialogue and cooperation in the field of climate change at the Korea-China Summit Meeting held in Seoul in July 2014,

Convinced that such bilateral dialogue and cooperation will be beneficial to both Parties, and

Desiring to strengthen multi-dimensional cooperation and consultation in various areas to address climate change, including mitigation and adaptation, and to actively explore and implement cooperative projects that are effective and practical,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen bilateral dialogue and cooperation regarding national policies and measures and international negotiations on climate change, promote joint cooperative projects to combat climate change, and contribute to the transformation towards a low carbon and climate change resilient economy.
2. To this end, the Parties shall actively encourage the establishment of comprehensive cooperative partnerships between their government ministries, as well as their local governments, relevant institutes, research centers, business and industries, and civil societies.

**Article 2
Cooperative Activities**

Cooperative activities under this Agreement shall include the following:

- a. exchange of data, information, technologies, know-how and materials related to climate change and response policies and measures;
- b. exchange of views and the promotion of mutual understanding and cooperation on national regulations and policies and international instruments to address climate change and achieve a low carbon economy;
- c. organization of seminars, symposia, workshops and meetings on climate change and response policies and measures;
- d. exchange of climate change experts, researchers, scholars and governmental officials;
- e. implementation of joint research and cooperative projects in the areas set out in Article 3 of this Agreement; and
- f. other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 3

Areas of Cooperation

In order to fulfill the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate in the following areas pertaining to climate change:

- a. international negotiations and cooperation including the full, effective and sustained implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in accordance with its principles and provisions;
- b. policies and measures for addressing climate change and promoting low carbon development and green growth, including:
 - (i) greenhouse gas mitigation policies,
 - (ii) national strategies and local governments' policies on adaptation to climate change,
 - (iii) market mechanisms and emissions trading schemes,
 - (iv) energy policies, including energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energies and nuclear energy,
 - (v) policies on circular economy, and
 - (vi) climate change responses in the transportation, buildings, waste management, agriculture and forestry sectors;
- c. science and technology, including:
 - (i) modeling and systematic management of greenhouse gases,
 - (ii) climate change science pertaining to trends, impacts and projections of climate change, and
 - (iii) low-carbon technologies;
- d. capacity building; and
- e. other areas as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 4

Joint Committee

1. To facilitate and coordinate the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall establish a Joint Committee on Climate Change Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") consisting of representatives designated by each Party.
2. In principle, the Committee shall meet annually, alternately in Korea and China, at a place and date to be mutually agreed upon. The frequency of the Committee's meetings may be adjusted by mutual agreement.

3. The Committee shall perform the following functions:
 - a. promote the policy exchange and pragmatic cooperation under this Agreement;
 - b. monitor and review the progress of the implementation of this Agreement, including relevant cooperative projects;
 - c. make recommendations on specific measures to enhance the cooperation under this Agreement; and
 - d. discuss and agree upon, where appropriate, any other matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement.
4. In the case the Committee is not in session, consultations will, where necessary, be conducted through the appropriate channels.

Article 5

Supplementary Arrangements

1. With a view to facilitating the bilateral cooperation under this Agreement, the Parties shall encourage, where appropriate, the conclusion of supplementary arrangements between government agencies, research institutes, universities and enterprises. Such arrangements shall set out the terms and conditions of particular cooperative programs and projects, the procedures to be followed, and other appropriate matters.
2. The treatment of intellectual property rights arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be provided for in such arrangements.

Article 6

Expenses and Assistance

1. The Parties shall bear the expenses to be incurred in conjunction with the implementation of the cooperative programs and projects between government agencies or institutes under this Agreement on the basis of equality, subject to the availability of resources and in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations of each Party.
2. Each Party shall provide the other Party with the appropriate assistance necessary for the implementation of the cooperative activities under this Agreement.

Article 7

Relation to other Agreements

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the obligations of the Parties deriving from any treaty, convention, or regional or international agreement relating to climate change.
2. Cooperative activities under this Agreement including the conclusion of such supplementary arrangements as referred to in Article 5 shall be undertaken in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations of each Party.

Article 8

Dispute Settlement

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations between the Parties.

Article 9
Entry into Force, Amendment, and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of signature and remain in force for a period of five (5) years.
2. This Agreement may be amended with the written consent of both Parties at any time.
3. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of five (5) years, unless either Party notifies the other Party six (6) months in advance in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
4. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the completion of any project or program being undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Beijing, this 29th day of January, 2015, in the Korean, Chinese and English languages, all three texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA