



**THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
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FOREWORD

For the purpose of preparing for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 20-22, 2012, the Chinese government established a Preparatory Committee in April 2011. This Committee consists of 29 organizations including five core ones—the National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environmental Protection. In July 2011, the Preparatory Committee set up a team to compile “ the People’s Republic of China National Report on Sustainable Development ” (hereinafter referred to as “ the National Report ”), symbolizing the full launch of the preparation of the National Report.

Given that the Chinese government compiled similar reports on two earlier occasions—the 19th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 1997 and the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, this National Report focuses on the efforts and progress China has made since 2001 in implementing the strategy of sustainable development, analyzing existing gaps and challenges, putting forward future strategic initiatives, and clarifying China’s positions on the issues in the forthcoming 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

In terms of its content, “ the National Report ” consists of eight chapters. The first chapter provides an overview of the progress, challenges and strategic plans in the implementation of sustainable development strategies. The second to the fifth

chapters elaborate on the efforts and progress China has made in promoting integration of three pillars of sustainable development: economic growth, social development and environmental protection, covering economic restructuring, transformation of the mode of development, human development, social progress, sustainable use of resources, as well as ecological and environmental protection and related actions for addressing climate change. Chapters six and seven introduce the progress made by China in capacity building for sustainable development, international cooperation, and compliance with international conventions on the environment and development. The eighth chapter offers the Chinese government's basic positions on the objectives and themes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development as well as its basic views on a number of key issues.

During the preparation of “ the National Report ” , hundreds of people from 40 organizations and research institutions participated, with several rounds of comments and recommendations solicited from government departments, NGOs and the general public. This National Report on a broad public basis fully reflects China's progress in sustainable development over the past decade. This Report has been approved by the Government of the People's Republic of China. It is hoped that this report will provide useful support and contribute to the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

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