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Message from
The Rt Hon David Cameron MP,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

I am looking forward enormously to my first visit to China as Prime Minister. The bilateral Summit will give us the chance to survey the bilateral landscape, and identify opportunities to work together for our mutual benefit. I will be accompanied by a number of my senior Cabinet colleagues, who will be engaging in the days before the Summit in more detailed dialogue with their Chinese counterparts.

Our Coalition Agreement shows that China impacts directly on over half the policy areas prioritised there. The message is clear: as a Government, we cannot hope to achieve our international or domestic priorities without a clear and constructive dialogue with China. The Summit is also an opportunity to consider the breadth of our relationship, which spans strong and growing education links, burgeoning scientific and research collaboration, stimulating cultural exchanges, and a deepening dialogue on foreign and security policy. Of course, we may not agree on every issue, but the Summit allows us to speak frankly, and with respect, about our differences and how to narrow them.

When I travel to China, I will take with me the clear message that the UK and China are 'partners for growth'. We have both enjoyed immense benefits from globalisation and have a strong shared interest in fostering stable and sustainable growth in the global economy. Our commercial relationship is at the heart of our bilateral one. It is vital that the UK and China continue to push hard to resist protectionism and keep world markets open for trade and investment. This includes

ensuring that individual companies from both our countries enjoy strong support when it comes to doing business. I will be accompanied by a strong delegation of senior British business figures, to showcase the UK's world-class products and services.

On the eve of the G20 Summit in Seoul, the UK-China Summit is a chance to work together to seize the opportunity to reform and strengthen the institutions of international economic governance. It is in both our interests to maintain stability in global financial markets. I want to agree with our Chinese partners to push for a speedy and ambitious conclusion of the Doha Development Round, and to explore how the G20 can promote development in the poorest countries.

With these issues clearly in mind, it is my intention to use the Summit to agree concrete outcomes which will result in real improvements in the lives of UK and Chinese citizens. **F**

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