

PREAMBLE

The Government of the People's Republic of China ("China") and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica ("Costa Rica") hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

COMMITTING to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Parties;

DESIRING to contribute to the expansion and development of world trade and reaffirming their willingness to strengthen and reinforce the multilateral trading system as reflected in the World Trade Organization (hereinafter "WTO") and other multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements and arrangements to which they are both parties;

BUILDING on their respective rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement and other multilateral, regional and bilateral instruments of cooperation;

SHARING the belief that this Free Trade Agreement shall produce benefits to each Party;

RESOLVING to promote reciprocal trade through the establishment of clear and mutually advantageous trade rules and the avoidance of trade barriers and distortions to their reciprocal trade;

RECOGNIZING the importance of transparency in international trade;

RECOGNIZING that this Agreement should be implemented with a view towards raising the standards of living, creating new job opportunities and promoting sustainable development; and

DESIRING to strengthen their economic partnership to bring economic and social benefits to their people;

HAVE AGREED as follows: