

Chapter 9

Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative

Article 9.1: General Provisions

1. The Parties appreciate the progress made in the cooperation framework under the Belt and Road Initiative, especially the outcomes in areas indicated in the Outline of Bilateral Cooperation Plan to Jointly Build the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st century Maritime Road between the People's Republic of China and the Kingdom of Cambodia and Rectangular Strategy Phase IV of the Royal Government of Cambodia.
2. The Parties shall strengthen the role of the Belt and Road Initiative as an important instrument and seek to further strengthen high-quality Belt and Road cooperation in promoting policy coordination, facility connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration and people-to-people bond, thereby enhancing practical cooperation for the well-being of our peoples and support the implementation of this Agreement.
3. The Parties understand the need for deepening comprehensive strategic partnership under the scope and coverage of this Agreement, guided by the principle of extensive consultation, joint efforts and shared benefits, the approach of open green and clean cooperation, and the pursuit of high standard, people-centered and sustainable development. The Parties agree to take further actions to implement the elements under the Outline of Bilateral Cooperation Plan to Jointly Build the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st century Maritime Road and Rectangular Strategy Phase IV.
4. The Parties agree to further strengthen cooperation in the key areas of infrastructure, investment, economic corridors, economic cooperation zones, agriculture, capacity building, industrial parks and cluster areas, culture and tourism, and finance and environment protection. Such cooperation would explore new sources of growth and seek to offer opportunities for economic and social development, and contribute to win-win cooperation and co-prosperity. The Parties will explore potential cooperation areas, for the purpose of boosting infrastructure connectivity, strengthening development policy synergy and promoting sustainable development.
5. The Parties will jointly promote the cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative and the Rectangular Strategy Phase IV through the existing bilateral cooperation mechanisms, such as the China-Cambodia Joint Council for Bilateral Cooperation, and multilateral mechanisms participated by the Parties, including East-Asia Summit, Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, Asia-Europe Meeting, and Greater Mekong Sub-region Cooperation, to explore potential cooperation areas.
6. The Parties agree to make full play of the geographical advantages of Cambodia to upgrade the connectivity level, encourage the enterprises of the two countries to conduct trade, investment, production capacity and environment protection cooperation with each other,

thereby contributing to improving trade and sustainable economic development of the two countries.

7. The Parties agree to promote the use of available resources under the Belt and Road Initiative, where appropriate, to maximize the benefits of this Agreement, and also encourage the participation from the private sector, academic institutions, and non-governmental organisations, aiming to promote relevant expertise and managerial skills, innovation, science and technology, competitiveness, trade and investment opportunities.

8. The Parties agree on the importance of implementing national development policies to maximize the benefits and opportunities created by this Agreement.

Article 9.2: Non-Applicable of Dispute Settlement

No Party shall have recourse to dispute settlement under the Chapter 14 (Dispute Settlement) for any issue arising from or relating to this Chapter.