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**11th EU-China Summit
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Joint Press Communiqué**

1. The eleventh EU-China Summit was held in Prague, on 20 May 2009. The European Union was represented by President Václav Klaus of the Czech Republic, the President of the European Commission, Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso, and the Secretary-General of the Council of the EU/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Mr. Javier Solana. Premier Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China attended the meeting on behalf of China.
2. After an overall review of the development of their relations, leaders of both sides expressed their satisfaction with the rapid expansion of the relationship between the EU and China since the first Summit in 1998 which is now much deeper and stronger, founded on a global, strategic, and mutually beneficial partnership. The EU welcomes China's development and supports China's continued path of peaceful development. China reaffirmed its support for the EU's integration process and welcomes the EU's constructive role in international affairs. As a new decade opens for the EU-China Summit, the two sides restated their firm commitment to pursuing the EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership and their willingness to work together for their mutual development, in forward-looking manner based on the principles of mutual respect, equality, mutual trust, reciprocity and win-win cooperation.

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3. Both sides stressed that in a complex and ever-changing international context, EU-China relations increasingly transcend the bilateral framework and take on an international dimension. The two sides reaffirmed their active commitment to peace, stability, security, prosperity and sustainable development in the world, as well as to peaceful resolution of disputes by means of dialogue, effective multilateralism and the United Nations.
 4. Discussions focused on EU-China relations, the global economic and financial crisis, climate change and energy security as well as an exchange of views on regional issues (Korean Peninsula, Myanmar, Iran, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Pakistan). Leaders expressed their determination to strengthen cooperation, further work together to address global challenges including the financial crisis and climate change, and remain actively committed to enhancing coordination and cooperation in international affairs.
 5. Leaders expressed their satisfaction with the Second High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue which was successfully held in Brussels on 7-8 May. The HED agenda will be followed up in the appropriate dialogues and working groups. The leaders restated their commitment to comprehensively implementing the communiqué at the London Summit, to resisting and rejecting protectionism of all forms and to reaching an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive conclusion to the Doha Development Round at an early date.
 6. During the summit, the two parties signed cooperative agreements including the Joint Statement on Europe-China Clean Energy Center, EU-China Science and Technology Partnership Scheme, and EU-China SMEs Cooperation Point of Consensus.
 7. Leaders agreed to meet again in Beijing in the second half of the year.
 8. The leaders also expressed their gratitude to the government and people of the Czech Republic for their hospitality and for the excellent organization of a successful Summit.
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