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Declaration of Enhanced Subnational Climate Action and Cooperation Between the State of California and the People's Republic of China

The global scientific community has come to consensus around the urgent threats of the climate and biodiversity crises. As we come dangerously close to exceeding a temperature increase of 1.5°C – the amount beyond which scientists estimate our planet would suffer irreversible impacts of climate change – the governments of California and China are building on their long history of climate collaboration and deepening our work together to address these existential risks.

We recognize the window to avoid the worst impacts of climate change is narrowing faster than expected and the years ahead are critical for fulfilling commitments towards aggressively reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and achieving California and China's carbon neutrality targets by 2045 and 2060, respectively. We emphasize the critical role of accelerated climate action and cooperation at the subnational level between the State of California and the People's Republic of China, as highlighted in the MOUs between the two jurisdictions.

This cooperation is rooted in a commitment to the overarching objectives of combating the climate crisis and advancing medium- and long-term low-carbon development, aligning with the vision of achieving carbon neutrality; promoting research, development, and innovation in clean energy

technologies and policies to enable a more rapid transition away from reliance on fossil fuels, and particularly the most carbon-intensive fossil fuels; and protecting the environment by championing the resilience of natural and built environments, protecting biodiversity, and reducing air pollution.

Specifically, our partnership and work together will accelerate the clean energy transition, including offshore wind, advanced energy storage technologies, and zero-emission vehicles; mitigate carbon emissions and sustain economic growth, including the role of carbon markets and climate finance; advance action that reduces non-CO2 emissions, including methane; and build resilience to our changing climate while protecting biodiversity.

Our meeting today is the next critical chapter of a long-term partnership on climate cooperation across the Pacific. As both China and California are demonstrating, economic growth is not only compatible with climate action, it is a fundamental part of it. All nations and states benefit when we invest in people-to-people exchange. Together, our governments will demonstrate that fighting climate change and protecting biodiversity can provide immediate societal, economic and environmental co-benefits, while promoting inclusive low-carbon growth and helping to preserve our shared planet.