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Transport is closely related to energy conservation, environmental protection and sustainable development. In working for the rapid development of transport, it is necessary to keep the focus on energy conservation and environmental protection and to ensure that transport develops in sync with infrastructure construction. Efforts should be stepped up to build a low carbon transport system in order to promote the sustainable development of transport. We believe that we could focus our efforts in the following aspects:

First, develop green transport, reinforce the research and dissemination of transport technologies that are efficient and environment and climate friendly, and promote the development and utilization of vehicles that use new and clean energies.

Secondly, improve the level of IT and other technologies used in transport facilities and promote integrated infrastructural development.

Thirdly, step up efforts to formulate indicators for transport related energy conservation and emission reduction, and establish relevant rules, regulations and standards.

Fourthly, strengthen public awareness work to encourage the population to use public transportation which saves energy and is environment friendly.

In order to promote energy conservation and environmental protection in transport and to improve transport security, the Chinese government has taken the following initiatives:

First, promulgate rules, regulations, plans and policies. In accordance with China's Energy Conservation Law and the Medium and Long Term

Energy Conservation Plan, we have formulated relevant regulations and policies in the field of transport.

Secondly, design relevant standards. In order to reduce the energy consumption and emission of automobiles, my government has formulated many national standards and norms and implemented access and exit mechanisms with a view to effectively guiding and managing energy conservation and emission reduction in transport.

Thirdly, implement a strategy for the priority development of urban public transportation. My government has set the development of urban public transportation as a strategic priority of our national urban and transportation development and all major cities have promulgated policies for the priority development of public transportation.

China is willing to continue to engage in discussion and cooperation with others on the development of sustainable transport.