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In English

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Dear leaders, distinguished guests, entrepreneurs:

Good morning, everyone! First of all, on behalf of China Timber & Wood Products Distribution Association, I would like to extend my warmest welcome and heartfelt thanks to your attendance. After decades of rapid development, China is becoming the largest wood processing, trading and consuming country in the world. According to incomplete statistics, the output value of China's wood processing industry has exceeded 2.2 trillion yuan in 2018, the annual trade volume of commercial timber reached 200 million cubic meters, and the wood consumption is nearly 600 million cubic meters. From the perspective of import and export trade, the total trade volume of timber and wood products in China has increased from US\$17.732 billion to US\$88.056 billion in the decade from 2009 to 2018, an increase of nearly four times; timber imports increased from 42.065 million cubic meters to 112 million

of cubic meters, an increase of 1.7 times, China has played a positive role in promoting global timber production and timber trade. As a responsible and big country, China certainly knows that the global timber trade development must be based on legal and sustainable supply chain of forestry industry. Therefore, Chinese government has formulated a series of incentive policies and regulations to promote the sustainable development of timber industry, and participated in bilateral and changeable cooperation. Especially, the Chinese government has vigorously advocated the conservation and efficient use of timber resources for decades, and encouraged the cultivation of plantations to meet the growing demand. According to incomplete statistics, through substitute and efficient utilization, China saved 1.69 billion cubic meters of timber from 1980 to 2018, equivalent to a reduction of harvesting 31.34 million hectares of forests, contributing to the sustainable development of global timber and wood products.

In order to actively respond to the “Responsible Production and Consumption of Forest Products” initiative, CTWPDA, CINFT-NFGA, ITTO and ATIBIT jointly organized this conference. The aim is to establish a platform for exchanges and cooperation between global timber suppliers, processing enterprises and consumers, to explore new technologies and new methods, to establish mutually trusting business partnerships, and to promote the sustainable development of global forests.

Through this conference, I hope that all the participants could exchange ideas, learn from each other, adhere to the concept of sustainable development, and propose more sustainable development measures of sustainable forestry industry in active response to global climate change, poverty alleviation and job creation.

Finally, I wish this conference a complete success! I wish you all have good health and work well!