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Recent years have seen a severe depletion of global resources, including energy resources. How to establish a model of sustainable production and consumption to replace the current model which uses up large amount of energy and resources and damages ecological environment -- this question bears on the fundamental interest of all the people of the world and on global sustainable development.

In our view, at the national level, realization of sustainable production and consumption should be included in the overall planning and strategy for national economic and social development and should be used to guide national economic activities. Efforts should be stepped up to adjust economic and industrial structures with the focus on the development of green economy. At the international level, it is necessary to strengthen relevant international cooperation, especially to establish corresponding mechanisms for financial and technological transfer.

The Chinese government attaches great importance to the question of sustainable production and consumption. It has adopted legal, economic, technical and, when necessary, administrative means to energetically push for green development and the building of a society that is resource efficient and environment friendly. We have also carried out public awareness campaigns to advocate ways of production, models of consumption and living habits that are resource efficient. China is willing to strengthen cooperation with other countries in this field in our common effort to realize sustainable production and consumption.