UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION INITIATIVE

Mission

- A sustained joint effort, through governmental cooperation and participation of the business and other sectors, to help meet China's energy needs, while striving to protect the local, regional, and global environment.

Goals

- Contribution to local, regional, and multilateral environmental objectives -- from improving public health to addressing climate change.

- Enhanced bilateral cooperation in the fields of energy and environment that may include science, technology, commerce, and other areas.

- Mobilization of significant levels of clean energy trade, investment, and appropriate technology transfer over the next five years.

Targeted Areas

- **Urban air quality**: governmental cooperation on energy related air pollution problems in such areas as urban air quality monitoring, implementation of emissions standards, housing related issues (building materials, home heating and cooking), and the reduction of lead and other air pollutants; enhanced business sector involvement in natural gas infrastructure development, coal gasification, manufacture and use of energy efficient vehicles, emissions monitoring equipment, and improved vehicle fuels.

- **Rural electrification and energy sources**: a substantial program, involving cooperation of governmental, business, and other sectors, to bring clean energy systems to China's rural areas, using grid-connected and off-grid renewables, mini and micro hydro, and natural gas-fired systems.

- **Clean energy sources and energy efficiency**: a substantial program, involving cooperation of governmental, business, and other sectors, to promote U.S.-China cooperation on: 1) clean energy sources in such areas as coal liquefaction, coal integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC), circulating fluidized bed (CFB), natural gas and coal-bed methane development, oil sector development, wind energy, and solar energy; 2) energy efficiency in such areas as electric motor systems, cogeneration, industrial process controls, lighting, district heating, transformers and buildings; and government commitment to facilitate and support these cooperation efforts.

- The initiative can also address cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy, consistent with the 1985 bilateral agreement on this subject.
Principles

- China will actively support international cooperation in relevant fields and welcome international investment and economic and technology cooperation of various forms in China on open, fair, and reciprocal terms to meet the country’s energy needs and protect the environment in a sustained way. China will continue to implement energy policy, regulatory, and pricing reforms, which improve the climate for trade and investment in energy and environmental projects.

- The U.S. economy can offer cost-competitive, environmentally superior energy technologies. In the context of this initiative, the U.S. government will look at ways that it might help leverage private sector participation in Chinese energy sector development. Steps the U.S. government could consider include appropriate legal authority for such U.S. programs as the Trade and Development Agency.

- Environmentally sound energy technologies should be studied and applied, taking into consideration life-cycle costing, externalities, and innovative financing mechanisms.

- The initiative could accelerate the deployment of clean energy projects and the appropriate transfer of related technologies by identifying project opportunities and leveraging private and other sources of capital. It could also set the stage for broader cooperation on global environmental issues.

Implementation

- The U.S. and Chinese governments should each take steps to support implementation of this initiative, which is confirmed by the summit of President William J. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin as an outgrowth of the U.S.-China Forum on Environment and Development.

- The implementation will be led by the Department of Energy -- in conjunction with the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Department of Commerce -- for the U.S., and the State Planning Commission -- in conjunction with the State Science and Technology Commission and the National Environmental Protection Agency -- for China, in consultation with all relevant agencies of the two governments participating in the U.S.-China Forum on Environment and Development.

- Within the framework of the initiative, representatives of the U.S. and Chinese governments should conduct concrete discussions on cooperative efforts, sign relevant agreements, and report annually to the leaders of their respective governments on progress in implementation.


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美利坚合众国和中华人民共和国
能源与环境合作倡议书

目的

- 通过开展政府间持续稳定的合作，并在企业界和其他各界的参与下，帮助满足中国在能源方面的需要，同时，努力保护本地、区域和全球的环境。

目标

- 为实现本地、区域和多边环境目标做出贡献。这些目标包括改善公共健康和应对气候变化。
- 在能源和环境领域加强双边合作，其中可包括科学、技术和商务及其他方面。
- 在今后五年内，将清洁能源领域内的贸易、投资和适用技术的转让推进到更高水平。

领域

- 城市空气质量：政府间在与能源相关的空气污染问题领域开展的合作包括：城市空气质量监测、排放标准的实施、住房有关的问题（建材、家庭取暖和烹饪）、减少铅等与空气污染有关物质。同时，促进企业界参与天然气基础设施开发、煤炭气化、生产和使用高能效车辆、排放监测设备、改进汽车燃料等。
- 农村电气化和能源：制订具体规划，通过政府、企业和其他各界间多种形式的合作，使用联网和非联网的可再生能源、小型和微型水电、天然气发电系统，把清洁能源系统推广到中国农村地区。
• 清洁能源和能源效率：制定具体规划，通过政府、企业和其他各界间多种形式的合作，促进美中在以下领域的合作：（1）清洁能源领域，如煤炭液化、煤炭气化联合循环、循环流化床、天然气和深层气开发、石油开发、风能和太阳能等；（2）能源效率领域，如电机系统、热电联产、工业过程控制、照明、区域供热、变压器和建筑等。政府将对这些合作提供便利和支持。

• 根据一九八五年双边协定，本倡议也将涉及和平利用核能的合作。

原则

• 为了可持续地满足能源需求并保护环境，中国将积极支持开展有关领域的国际合作，并在公开、公平、互惠互利的原则下，欢迎对中国的国际投资及开展各种形式的经济技术合作。中国将继续进行能源政策、管理体制和能源价格方面的改革，以便进一步改善能源与环境项目的贸易和投资环境。

• 美国经济能够提供在成本上有竞争力且高度有益于环境的能源技术。根据本倡议书，美国政府将寻求某些方式，帮助促使私营部门参与中国能源领域的发展。美国政府可以考虑的步骤包括对美国贸易开发署等计划进行适当的法律授权。

• 研究与应用有利于环境保护的能源技术，并考虑技术的周期成本和外部效应，以及创造性的融资机制。

• 通过确认项目机会并利用私人资本及其他资金，加快清洁能源项目的实施以及有关技术的适当转让，也为在全球环境问题方面进行更广泛的合作打下基础。
实施

美国和中国政府将各自采取措施，支持本倡议的实施。威廉·J·克林顿总统和江泽民主席的首脑会晤确认此倡议是中美环境与发展论坛的成果。

美国方面将由能源部牵头，会同科学和技术政策办公室及商务部，中国方面将由国家计划委员会牵头，会同国家科学技术委员会及国家环保局，并商两国政府参与美中能源与发展论坛的其他有关机构，实施本倡议。

在本倡议的框架内，美国和中国政府的代表可就本倡议所涉及的合作进行具体磋商，签订有关协议，并每年向各自政府的领导人汇报实施的进展情况。

本协议以英文和中文写成，于一九九七年十月二十九日在哥伦比亚特区华盛顿签署。

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