## Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Wang Qun at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of G77 Vienna Chapter

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Ambassador Carlos Játiva, Chairman of the G-77 Vienna Chapter, Excellencies and Colleagues,

I am most privileged to be here today, as the representative of the closest partner of G77, at this important event to mark the 20th Anniversary of G77 Vienna Chapter.

Please allow me, at the outset, to present you with the following message of congratulation for today's event from H.E. Mr. Wang Yi, State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China:

"Ambassador Carlos Játiva, Chairman of the G77Vienna Chapter, Excellencies and Colleagues,

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and in my own name, our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the G-77 and all colleagues present.

As an organization of developing countries, the G-77 has boosted the collective strength of developing countries. It has been instrumental in safeguarding the shared interests of developing countries and in promoting the betterment of the global governance system, and it also stands as a staunch champion of multilateralism. The G77 Vienna Chapter, since its inception 20 years ago, has become an active platform for developing countries to engage in multilateral affairs in Vienna. It has come a long way and carried out effective work across a wide spectrum from industrial development, the peaceful use of nuclear energy, arms control and disarmament to countering narcotics, combating crimes and anti-corruption, playing an important role in safeguarding the common interests of developing countries and increasing their voice and influence in international affairs.

Our world is witnessing a stronger trend toward multi-polarity and economic globalization. The fast growth of developing countries is bringing with it a greater balance in the international power configuration and broader prospects for South-South cooperation. On the other hand, hegemony and power politics persist; protectionism and unilateralism are mounting; security challenges, both traditional and non-traditional, remain as complex

and interwoven as ever. Achieving peace and development worldwide remains a long-term and challenging mission.

As the G-77's closest partner, China very much cherishes the "G-77 and China" mechanism and will always stand with the G-77. No matter how the international situation evolves, China will work together with the G-77 to strengthen their solidarity and coordination, deepen South-South cooperation, uphold multilateralism, and safeguard the common interests of developing countries as a whole. Together, let us do our utmost and channel our efforts towards building a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind."

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies and Colleagues,

As China's new permanent representative to Vienna, I look forward to working closely with you, especially under the present circumstance, with the objective of further strengthening the cooperative mechanism of "G77 and China", especially in areas of nuclear technology cooperation, sustainable industrial development, anticorruption, peaceful uses of outer space and combating of transnational crimes, and implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

Let's work together to further safeguard multilateralism in promotion of global governance and rule-based international order.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.