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Joint Communiqué

First dialogue meeting on Fair Competition Review and State aid control between the National Development and Reform Commission and the European Commission

Mr. He Lifeng, Chairman, and Mr Hu Zucai, Vice-Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Ms. Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition Policy of the European Commission, launched the first meeting of dialogue on State aid control and Fair Competition Review in Beijing.

The dialogue was launched on 2 June 2017 when Commissioner Vestager and He Lifeng signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) which establishes a permanent forum for consultation, cooperation and transparency on Fair Competition Review and State aid control.

At their 16 November 2017 meeting in Beijing, the European Commission and the NDRC reaffirmed that the primary objective of the dialogue is to strengthen cooperation and coordination in this area, based on their shared understanding that State aid control and Fair Competition Review are important factors to ensure consumer welfare and to provide a level playing field and legal certainty for the business community in the market.

The European Commission and the NDRC highlighted that European Union-China co-operation concerning State aid control regime and Fair Competition Review is more important than ever to prevent public policies from distorting and restricting competition while maintaining fair market competition and promoting a unified market. The dialogue will further the European Union's and China's mutual interests and joint work to promote fair global competition and the promotion of a global level playing.

The European Commission and the NDRC confirmed that they will engage in cooperation at technical level in a sustained and regular manner to give concrete follow-up to the dialogue.