



Support to vulnerable countries strengthened by new collaboration between UN-OHRLLS and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

New York, 27 September 2015 – A memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will support the world's most vulnerable countries, was signed today by The United Nations Office for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM). The MOU, which will see greater cooperation between the two parties, will also assist with the implementation of the newly adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries and the SAMOA Pathway for the Small Island Developing States.

The signing of the MOU comes a day after OHRLLS organised a High-Level Roundtable on South-South Cooperation co-chaired by Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General and H.E Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China

Based on OHRLLS' broad mandate and China's economic and technical assistance to vulnerable groups of countries, the two parties agreed in the MOU that under the framework of South-South Cooperation, they will strengthen cooperation with Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in areas of agriculture, health, poverty reduction, trade promotion, and environmental protection. MOFCOM will share China's ideas and experiences of development, so as to help these groups of vulnerable countries to better implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The MoU, was signed in New York by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya UN-OHRLLS USG and High Representative and H.E. Mr. Gao Hucheng, Minister for Commerce of the Peoples Republic of China.

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