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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Comrades and Friends,

Good morning!

The Seventeenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was concluded yesterday. During the congress, we held high our banner and carried forward our cause in a truth-seeking and pragmatic manner. The congress was a resounding success. As a congress of unity, victory and progress, it is of vital importance to the whole Party and the people of all ethnic groups in the country in achieving unity in thinking, determining the direction, and boosting their morale to work together for new victories in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and opening up new prospects for the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

We have just held the First Plenary Session of the Seventeenth Central Committee of the CPC and elected the new central leading organs. The Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee

comprises __ members.

Here, on behalf of the members of the newly elected central leading organs, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all other Party members for their trust in us. We are keenly aware of our difficult tasks and grave responsibilities. We will rely firmly on all other Party members and the people of all ethnic groups, and earnestly accomplish the tasks set at the Seventeenth Congress, and we will do our best to be worthy of the great trust the entire membership have placed in us and to live up to the expectations of the people of all ethnic groups.

– We will always hold high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, follow the guidance of Deng Xiaoping Theory and the important thought of Three Represents, thoroughly apply the Scientific Outlook on Development, and strive to open up a broader vista for developing socialism with Chinese characteristics.

– We will be firmly committed to development, which is the Party’s top priority in governing and rejuvenating the country, concentrate on construction and development, make all-round progress in developing the socialist market economy, socialist democracy, an advanced socialist culture and a harmonious socialist society, and strive for scientific development by putting people first and making it comprehensive, balanced and sustainable.

– We will press ahead with reform and opening up, and put in place systems and mechanisms that are full of vigor, highly efficient, more open and conducive to scientific development, so as to provide a powerful driving force and an institutional guarantee for developing socialism with Chinese characteristics.

– We will firmly uphold the purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly, persist in building the Party for public interests and exercising governance for the people, spare no effort to solve the most specific problems of the utmost

and immediate concern to the people, sincerely do practical work for their benefits, and strive to promote social equity and justice.

– We will conscientiously adhere to scientific, democratic and law-based governance, never fail to uphold integrity and work selflessly for public interests, continue to improve our art of leadership and governance capability, and strive to preserve and develop the Party’s vanguard nature to ensure that it is always in the forefront of the times.

– We will pursue an independent foreign policy of peace and unswervingly follow the path of peaceful development and a win-win strategy of opening up. We will develop friendship and cooperation with all other countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and push for the building of a harmonious world of lasting peace and common prosperity.

We are convinced that following the guiding principles of the Seventeenth Congress, Chinese Communists and the Chinese people will unite as one, forge ahead in a pioneering spirit, and continue to advance reform, opening up and socialist modernization. The Chinese people will definitely create a much happier life, and the Chinese nation will surely make greater contributions to the noble cause of peace and development of humanity.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to you, our friends from the news media, for working hard to cover the Seventeenth Congress.

Thank you.