Attachment 2:

Operation Mechanism of the China-Czech Cooperation Center under the Framework of the Belt and Road Initiative

1. Purpose

The China-Czech Cooperation Center under the Belt and Road Initiative (hereinafter referred to as “the Center”) aims at providing support for operation and management of the Belt and Road Initiative, serve as a platform for the joint facilitation of Bilateral Cooperation Plan Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Czech Republic under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (hereinafter refer as Cooperation Plan) and coordination of realization of particular Czech-China cooperation projects. The Center is an important carrier for policy coordination, information exchange and project promotion.

2. Cooperation Principles and Objectives

The establishment of Cooperation Center shall adhere to the principle of “complementing each other’s advantages and realizing mutual benefits and win-win situation”. Adhere to the principle of “Government provides guidance; Respect the rules of operating businesses; Enterprises take the lead”, the Center shall promote the practical cooperation projects in a bid to provide support for “the Belt and Road” Initiative, to contribute to further enhancing bilateral investment, economic and trade relations.

3. Organizational structure of the Center

a) The steering institutions are the Department of Western Region
Development of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Foreign Economic Policies Department of Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT). They will be responsible for mainly in charge of policy exchanges, coordinating issues relevant to Cooperation Plan, and providing guidance and supervision to major issues of the Cooperation Center. The steering institutions shall meet as deemed necessary.

b) The Center will operate under the International Cooperation Center (ICC) of NDRC. As for the Czech part, there is no institution with relevant competences, therefore the Czech side authorizes the Czech China Chamber of Collaboration (in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in the PRC and the MIT agencies CzechTrade and CzechInvest) to coordinate and realize activities of the Center. The Chamber is however not authorized to make decisions and actions which are in exclusive competence of the MIT.

The Center will report to the above-mentioned Steering Institutions and will be providing and coordinating the support for cooperation, as well as taking care of everyday business of cooperation.

The ICC of the NDRC and Czech China Chamber of Collaboration (hereinafter referred as the parties) will serve as contact points for the cooperation of the Center. If necessary, it is possible to add more provisions if agreed so by both parties.

4. Major Task
a) Together accomplish tasks according to the Cooperation Plan, including regular reporting on the progress of implementing.
b) Create a mechanism for sharing of information. Each party will, in accordance with the law of their country, share relevant general information about their country, e.g. new information about investment, trade, social conditions and environmental protection
measures and major cooperation projects in their country.
c) Together contribute to the discussion on how to set up standards and procedures for creating new projects, create rolling project base and regularly share information about the progress of the projects.
d) Draft an annual plan and carry out regular evaluation of achievements of the cooperation, including drafting the annual reports.
e) Organize and hold events and activities in two countries alternatingly every year, promote various exchange activities between central government, enterprises, financial institutions, research institutes, and local governments of the two countries.

5. Operation Mechanism

a) Communication and consultation mechanism.

Annual Meeting
Annual Meeting of China-Czech Cooperation Center will be held alternatively in China and the Czech Republic. The meeting can also be held in way of video conference in case of special condition. The meeting will review progress of cooperation, make annual cooperation plan of next year.

Thematic Meeting
The China-Czech Cooperation Center and other project Organizations will hold irregular conference in ways of exchange visits, tele-video conferences, telephone-conference, as well as other ways to exchange project’s progress, existing problems and further work.

b) Project Coordination and promotion Mechanism.
The China-Czech Cooperation Center will review projects progress regularly, analysis existing problems and report to relevant departments of both countries to find solution and coordinate to promote implementation of the project.

c) Project Implementation Mechanism.
Establish a project pool and discuss what assessment criteria to use to
select projects in accordance with different area and type. The Project Rolling Mechanism will be established that divides projects into different maturity: projects under implementation, projects in the pipeline, and potential projects.

6. Action plan for the period 2017-2018
a) The Second meeting of the China-Czech Center will be held in 2018, the meeting can also be held in way of tele-video conference in case of special condition. The meeting will review progress of bilateral cooperation, make annual cooperation plan of next year. The China-Czech Cooperation Center and other project organizations will hold irregular conference in ways of visits, tele-video conferences, telephone-conference, as well as other ways to exchange project’s progress, existing problems and further work.

b) Review the project soliciting channel, establish a repository of potential projects and make assessment criteria to select projects in accordance with different area and type.

c) The Chinese and Czech sides will review the progress every three month and will exchange relevant information. Tele-video conference or telephone-conference will be held in necessary condition. The meeting will focus on review progress of cooperation and existing problem.

d) Make full use of existing cooperation platforms like China Investment Forum, to hold various of activities like forum or Seminars.