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Social governance is a vital part of national governance. It reaches across the widest range of social spheres, extends to the broadest grassroots organizations, and touches the greatest number of people, bearing on the harmony and stability of the society and the happiness and well-being of all. The Communist Party of China and the Chinese government attach great importance to social governance and are committed to the social governance path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. We are modernizing our governance system and capacity, and over the years have kept writing new chapters in the twin miracles of rapid economic growth and long-term social stability. Let me share a few observations on building social governance that is more inclusive, more trustworthy, and more equal in opportunity.

First, we should build and improve a political system that fits our own national realities. Democracy is a shared value of all humanity and an ideal the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people have never wavered from. Democracy takes many and diverse forms. There is no fixed model, and no one-size-fits-all answer. The Communist Party of China and the Chinese government are committed to developing whole-process people's democracy in all dimensions: it has not only complete institutional procedures but also full participation in practice, which is broad, genuine, and effective. We also practice such basic political systems as the CPC-led multiparty cooperation and political consultation, regional ethnic autonomy and grassroots self-governance, which effectively enable people to take a broad part in governing the country and society, making important contributions to enriching humanity's political civilization.

Second, we should advance people's well-rounded development and society's all-round progress. As President Xi Jinping puts, in renewing social governance, we must anchor ourselves in the fundamental interests of the greatest number of people, and begin with the issues that touch them most closely, most directly, and most urgently. He stresses that in pursuing Chinese modernization and common prosperity, no ethnic group can be left behind. The Communist Party of China is committed to fully respecting

and protecting all kinds of human rights, so that not a single person is left behind. In recent years, we have built a moderately prosperous society in all respects, put absolute poverty behind us once and for all, and created the world's largest education, social security, and healthcare systems. Common prosperity is advancing steadily, giving everyone a genuine chance to shine in life.

Third, we should build a fairer and more rational system of global governance. Economic and social progress cannot happen without a peaceful, stable international environment. Today, as once-in-a-century changes gather pace, traditional and non-traditional security threats alike are weighing heavily on social harmony and stability. The deficits in peace, development, security, and governance keep widening. No country can face them alone. Multilateralism and international cooperation are the only right path. President Xi Jinping has proposed building a community with a shared future for humanity, along with four global initiatives, offering a fresh path toward a fairer, more equitable world.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Global Development Initiative and the first of the Global Governance Initiative. Over these five years, guided by a people-centered approach to development, China has worked with partners on more than 2,000 cooperation projects, trained over 200,000 professionals of many kinds, and brought real benefits to people in more than 120 countries. The seminars for parliamentarians from developing countries jointly held by China's National People's Congress and the IPU provide a vital platform for developing countries' legislatures to exchange ideas, pool wisdom, and boost cooperation together. Now the seminars have been successfully held for eight times, which are warmly embraced across the developing world. We welcome the participation from more countries.

China has proposed the Global Governance Initiative, advocating for sovereign equality, international rule of law, multilateralism, a people-centered approach, and action orientation, steering the international order toward greater fairness and equity. The Initiative answers the real needs of the international community and has won the support of nearly 160 countries and international organizations. Legislatures represent the people, voice their concerns, and embody the will of the state. They play an important role in political, economic, and social life, and they have both the ability and the responsibility to contribute meaningfully to fairer, more equitable global governance. The National People's Congress of China looks forward to deepening exchanges and cooperation with parliaments of other countries in sharing legislative experience, performing our duties,

and harnessing technology, so as to bring greater happiness to the people, greater harmony to society, and a better world for all.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate President Tulia Ackson on her successful term of IPU presidency and thank the National Assembly and Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for your warm hospitality and thoughtful arrangements.

Thank you.