

**EARLY HARVEST ARRANGEMENT
OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

The Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Honduras (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

REAFFIRMING the friendship between both countries and the determination to advance towards concrete actions that generate opportunities for prosperity between the Parties,

NOTING the Parties launched bilateral FTA negotiations on July 4, 2023,

RECOGNIZING that the Early Harvest Arrangement will mean a key step of commercial relations between both Parties, with priority being given to those sectors of mutual interest,

CONVINCED that the Early Harvest Arrangement promotes the reduction and elimination of trade barriers through the conclusion of a Free Trade Agreement, which will facilitate a win-win scenario and mutual development and cooperation of the Parties,

RECOGNIZING that an Early Harvest Arrangement of a Free Trade Agreement between the Parties preserves the rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement,

and makes it easier for productive sectors from both Parties to benefit from the Arrangement,

HAVING DECIDED to sign an Early Harvest Arrangement within the framework of the negotiations of the Free Trade Agreement,

HAVE agreed as follows:

Article One

The Early Harvest Arrangement, which is an integral part of the FTA, covers the zero-tariff commitments. The Schedule of Tariff Commitments is attached as Annex I to this Arrangement.

Article Two

The Early Harvest Arrangement covers the Chapter of Rules of Origin and Implementation Procedures applicable to Early Harvest Arrangement and Free Trade Agreement. The Chapter of Rules of Origin and Implementation Procedures is attached as Annex II to this Arrangement and will become a chapter of the Free Trade Agreement after it is negotiated.

Article Three

The Annexes of the Schedule of Tariff Commitments and the Chapter of Rules of Origin and Implementation Procedures are considered as an integral part of the Early Harvest Arrangement.

Article Four

Meanwhile the Early Harvest Arrangement enters into force, with the aim to facilitate trade, the Parties establish the Early Harvest Arrangement Commission (EHA Commission).

The EHA Commission shall be composed by the Ministers in charge of Foreign Trade or the senior officials designated by the Ministers of each Party, and adopt decisions by mutual agreement on any issues that could affect the implementation of this Arrangement.

Article Five

The Early Harvest Arrangement shall enter into force on the day agreed by the Parties, after the Parties have notified each other through Diplomatic Channels that their respective legal requirements and procedures have been completed in respect of the Early Harvest Arrangement including the Annexes. The Parties will strive to implement the Early Harvest Arrangement as early as possible.

The Parties agree to strive to conclude the FTA negotiations between them as soon as possible.

Article Six

This Arrangement is signed on the seventh day of February in the year two thousand and twenty four, in the Chinese, Spanish and English languages, the texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence, the English text shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Arrangement.

For and on behalf
of the Government of
the People's Republic of China

For and on behalf
of the Government of
the Republic of Honduras
