

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

## PREAMBLE

The Government of the People's Republic of China ("China") and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius ("Mauritius"), hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties":

**Inspired** by their longstanding friendship and growing bilateral economic relationship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972;

**Desiring** to strengthen their economic partnership and further liberalise bilateral trade and investment to bring economic and social benefits;

**Resolved** to establish transparent and predictable rules governing the trade and investment between the Parties;

**Building** on their rights and obligations under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (hereinafter referred to as "the WTO Agreement");

**Upholding** the rights of their governments to regulate in order to meet national policy objectives, and to preserve their flexibility to safeguard the public welfare;

**Recognising** that the strengthening of their economic partnership through a free trade agreement will produce mutual benefits for the Parties,

**Have agreed as follows:**