

PREAMBLE

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

Building on the all-weather comprehensive strategic partnership and long-standing friendship, strong economic and political ties between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Belarus;

Guided by the *Joint Statement on Establishing an All-Weather Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Belarus* issued on 15 September 2022 and the *Joint Statement on Further Developing the All-weather Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Belarus in the New Era* issued on 1 March 2023 which includes provisions to encourage the conclusion of a trade in services and investment agreement between the parties;

Recognizing the importance of strengthening economic partnership and further optimizing bilateral trade in services and investment, and their contribution to the economic growth and sustainable development of the Parties, as well as achieving national policy objectives;

Desiring to stimulate business activities and to protect investors and investments of the Parties by establishing clear and mutually beneficial rules governing trade in services and investment between the Parties, and to reduce or eliminate barriers thereto;

Based on the principles and rules of the World Trade Organization on liberalizing and facilitating international trade and investment;

Have agreed, in pursuit of the above, to conclude the following Agreement on Trade in Services and Investment between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as "this Agreement"):