

## **Annex I**

# **Schedule of Tariff Commitments of the People's Republic of China**

### **Section 1 General Notes**

1. The provisions of this Schedule are generally expressed in terms of the Customs Tariff of Import and Export of the People's Republic of China. The interpretation of the provisions of this Schedule, including the description and coverage of the headings and subheadings of this Schedule, shall be governed by the Customs Tariff of Import and Export of the People's Republic of China. To the extent that the provisions of this Schedule are identical to the corresponding provisions of the Customs Tariff of Import and Export of the People's Republic of China, the provisions of this Schedule shall have the same meaning as the corresponding provisions of the Customs Tariff of Import and Export of the People's Republic of China.

2. The base rates of customs duty set out in this Schedule reflect the Most-Favored-Nation tariff rates of the Chinese customs duty in effect on January 1, 2023.

3. The following categories shall apply to the reduction of the customs duties in accordance with Article 2 (Tariff Reduction) of the Arrangement by the People's Republic of China:

(a) Category "A0": customs duties on originating goods provided for in Category "A0" in this Schedule shall be eliminated entirely and such goods shall be free of customs duty on the date this Arrangement enters into force;

(b) Category "A2": customs duties on originating goods provided for in Category "A2" in this Schedule shall be removed in two equal annual stages beginning on the date this Arrangement enters into force, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective January 1 of year two;

(c) Category “A10”: customs duties on originating goods provided for in Category “A10” in this Schedule shall be removed in ten equal annual stages beginning on the date this Arrangement enters into force, and such goods shall be free of customs duty, effective January 1 of year ten;

(d) Category “C”: customs duties on goods originating in the Republic of the Congo shall be removed and bound at zero upon the entry into force of the Agreement on Economic Partnership for Shared Development Between the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of the Congo;

(e) Category “TRQ”: The in-quota duty rate on goods originating in the Republic of the Congo shall be removed and bound at zero upon the entry into force of this Arrangement, and the base rate of out-quota duty remains unchanged.

4. The base rate of customs duty and category for tariff reduction are indicated in Section 2 of this Schedule (Schedule of Tariff Commitments).

5. For the purposes of this Section and this Schedule, year one means the year this Arrangement enters into force; beginning in year two, each annual stage of tariff reduction shall take effect on January 1 of the relevant year.