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State visit by Chinese President XI Jinping to Switzerland: List of MoUs, declarations and agreements

DETEC

MoU on Cooperation in the field of Energy between the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications and the National Energy Administration of the People's Republic of China

Energy cooperation, particularly in the fields of renewable energies, storage, integration of electricity, heat, gas and hydrogen networks, grid and dam safety, nuclear research. Creation of a working group, which will meet annually.

Signatory CH: Benoît Revaz, Director of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)

Signatory CN: XU Shaoshi, Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)

FDHA

Bilateral Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Federal Council

The agreement covers cultural cooperation between Switzerland and China, proposes special forms and priority areas of cooperation, and forms the basis for complementary agreements on certain areas of importance to Switzerland.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Alain Berset

Signatory CN: Foreign Minister WANG Yi

FDFA

MoU between the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on establishing a Strategic Dialogue Mechanism and Promoting the Establishment of a Sino-Swiss High-level Innovative Platform

The text envisages the establishment of an annual strategic dialogue between foreign ministers and contains a commitment to promote the creation of a Sino-Swiss high-level innovative platform.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter

Signatory CN: Foreign Minister WANG Yi

MoU between the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and and the the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs on strengthening exchanges on International Development Cooperation

Over the past few years, SDC has maintained an exchange with the Department of Foreign Assistance of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce on issues of international development cooperation. The MoU suggests various forms of exchange between Switzerland and China on policies, methods and quality standards in international development cooperation, and on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter

Signatory CN: Trade Minister GAO Hucheng

FDJP

MoU between the Federal Institute of Intellectual Property and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

The MoU prolongs the existing close cooperation between the IP agencies. Their representatives meet once a year to discuss issues related to intellectual property, in particular patents and designs. Swiss companies can raise issues with representatives of the Chinese Authorities in the framework of industry roundtables.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter

Signatory CN: Foreign Minister WANG Yi

FDF

Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the People's Republic of China on mutual recognition of the Customs Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme in Switzerland and the Customs Enterprise Credit Management Programme in China

The agreement should reduce technical barriers to trade and facilitate trade with China for the holders of AEO status. The customs authorities regard companies with AEO status as exceptionally reliable and trustworthy. They enjoy special privileges in respect of security-related customs controls and benefit from simplifications with regard to customs clearance.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter

Signatory CN: Foreign Minister WANG Yi

EAER

MoU between the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research on the Enhancement of the China-Switzerland Free Trade Agreement

Switzerland and China have agreed to explore opportunities for extending the Free Trade Agreement, which came into force in 2014. To this end, it is planned to initiate a joint study process in the near future.

Signatory CH: Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann
Signatory CN: Trade Minister GAO Hucheng

Cantons

Twinning Agreement between the Canton of Vaud and the Province of Jiangsu

Following the signing of an MOU in 2010, the Canton of Vaud and the Province of Jiangsu wish to reaffirm their ties. This agreement aims to further strengthen Sino-Swiss friendship and cooperation between the Province and the Canton in all areas.

Signatory CH: Cantonal Councillor Philippe Leuba
Signatory CN: Ambassador GENG Wenbing

Universities

Agreement between Tsinghua University, Beijing, China and the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland to jointly implement novel educational programmes for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in collaboration with the UN and International Organisations in Geneva, including the first joint International Masters programme for the UN SDGs between China and Switzerland.

Establishment of the first joint master degree focused on the sustainable development goals. It will take place both in Geneva, in collaboration with international organizations, and in Shenzhen, where the students will work on sustainable innovation projects.

Signatory CH: Yves Flückiger, Rector of the University of Geneva
Signatory CN: Ambassador GENG Wenbing

Swiss Olympic

MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Sports and Olympic Games between the Chinese Olympic Committee and the Swiss Olympic Association

The signatories agree to strengthen cooperation regarding the organisation of the Winter Olympic Games in Lausanne 2020 (Youth) and Beijing 2022 – in terms of infrastructure matters, training and sport promotion.

Signatory CH: Jürg Stahl, President Swiss Olympic Association
Signatory CN: GOU Zhongwen, President Chinese Olympic Committee

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