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Asia-Pacific Region Automotive Industry Sustainable Development Declaration

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Background

APEC 2013 Leaders' Declaration: "We recognize the need to strengthen macroeconomic policies and to work together to promote sustainable and inclusive growth in the Asia-Pacific region."

Representing a major component of modern economies, the auto industry constitutes an important foundation and a long-standing propelling force behind the Asia-Pacific Region's rapid and steady development. The sustainable development of the auto industry will have a significant impact on Asia-Pacific region's many sectors including industry, economy, transportation, energy, safety, R&D, employment as well as social activities. In the meantime, the development of the global auto industry faces growing pressure from environmental, energy and transportation constraints. With the APEC region's auto industry growth potential being so large, it becomes particularly important to enhance cooperation and coordination on the balance between auto industry development and the environment, energy as well as transportation.

The *Asia-Pacific Region Automotive Industry Sustainable Development Declaration* submitted by China was discussed and endorsed at the 20th AD meeting during 23-25 April in Beijing.

Proposals:

We shall set promoting the APEC auto industry's sustainable development as one of the AD's key long-term objective. Specific measures are proposed as below:

1. Further improve the best practices sharing mechanism among APEC members for the auto sector, by building a regular and focused discussion and intercommunication mechanism, to enhance the sharing of experiences in areas of addressing the challenges of environmental pollution, energy security, traffic congestion, promoting R&D and application of green vehicles and modern traffic system establishment among APEC economies.
2. Enhance the exchange of information related to: the harmonization of policies, regulations and technical standards related to the automotive sector; the simplification of market access procedures, improve the progressive character and uniformity of auto industry related policies and regulations across APEC economies, with the aim to promote the overall growth and development of an

automotive market, economy and industry within the Asia-Pacific Region.

3. Promote employment and social stability in the region, by continuing to encourage investment in the automobile and automotive parts sectors, with the aim to promote the region's employment level and the free movement of personnel within the region; additionally explore the cooperation on automotive-related professional education and training, and promote region's professional human resource development.
4. Improve the auto industry's technology cooperation, by continuing to foster and improve the auto industry's innovation ability and competitiveness; further reduce the auto industry's impact on the environment, promote vehicle safety performance, promote R&D into innovative vehicle technologies, future alternative energy sources and transportation infrastructure, as well as the application of other relevant research disciplines such as information technology, chemical industry, materials and processes, with the aim to upgrade the overall level of research and development in the Asia-Pacific Region.
5. Promote innovation in the area of finance related to automobile industry and work collectively to enhance the financial sector's support for the auto industry; further activate trade, investment and R&D in the region by APEC members promoting dialogue and communicate on the impact made on the auto industry by fiscal or taxation measures of with the aim to promote the establishment of sustainable automotive related taxation and fiscal systems among economies.
6. Jointly promote the efficient utilization of resources and improve the recovery and recycling ratios of end-of-life vehicles; further enhance the sharing of best practices between members on the subject of old vehicle scrapping and replacement schemes, with the aim of fostering the development of a circular economy and reducing the negative impact of the auto industry on the natural environment.