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Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the **72nd Anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China**, on behalf of the **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**, it is my great honour to extend our **warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes** to the **Government and people of China**. This is an important and significant day, and OPEC, **proud of the strength of its relationship with the National Energy Administration (NEA) of China** is delighted to celebrate the **enduring bonds of friendship between our Organization and your great country**.

This year marks two auspicious anniversaries in the history of China. In July, the **Communist Party of China celebrated its 100th Anniversary**. It was my great pleasure and honour to share goodwill remarks on behalf of **OPEC** for this **momentous milestone**. This October will also mark the restoration of the **People's Republic of China's** seat in the **United Nations**. We extend our warmest congratulations on these two anniversaries.

The relationship between China and OPEC is one forged in mutual values, faith in the principles underpinning international relations, a commitment to dialogue, cooperation, respect among nations and working together to reach win-win outcomes. The **OPEC-China International Energy Dialogue** is now in its sixteenth year. **The Fourth High-Level Meeting of the OPEC-China Energy Dialogue** took place on **7 December 2020**. We are currently discussing with you and your team preparations for the **Fifth High Level Meeting of the OPEC-China Energy Dialogue**, which will hopefully take place later this year.

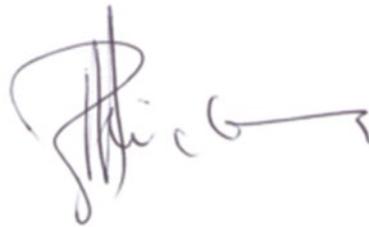
Excellency, I have carefully studied **His Excellency, President Xi Jinping's remarks at the General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, on 21 September 2021**. As ever with **President Xi's speeches**, I found his words wise, motivating and invigorating. I believe they offer a framework for how we should conceptualize the OPEC-China Energy Dialogue. As President Xi stated, **"We need to pursue dialogue and inclusiveness..... We need to build a new type of international relations based on mutual respect, equity, justice and win-win cooperation, and do the best we can to expand the convergence of our interests and achieve the biggest synergy possible."** OPEC shares this inclusive vision of international dialogue and is committed to pursuing it in our common interests.

Allow me to conclude, by highlighting the utmost importance OPEC attaches to its relationship with China. We are grateful to the **NEA**, all of the authorities in China who have done so much to usher in the **current golden era in OPEC-China relations**.

Once again, congratulations on your **National Day**.

Long live the People's Republic of China!

Long live the great, glorious and heroic Chinese people!



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