

Expand opening-up of markets and join hands on climate change, president tells leaders at Argentina summit

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President Xi Jinping called on the Group of 20 countries on Dec 1 to stay committed to open, inclusive and rules-based international trade so as to allow the G20 — a major forum for global economic governance — to play a key role in creating a favorable environment for international trade.

Xi spoke at the plenary session on the second day of the G20 Leaders' Summit, which wrapped up in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Dec 1 with a declaration on building a consensus for fair and sustainable development.

He also called on the G20 nations to join hands to deal with climate change, noting that it presents a major challenge for humanity.

The event came at a time of growing international concern over issues resulting from rising unilateralism and protectionism, so trade was a central topic.

Xi said G20 members should uphold free trade and expand the opening-up of their markets to seek win-win cooperation by leveraging their respective strengths and complementarities. They should work to expand international trade to allow economic globalization to benefit more countries and peoples, he said.

A rules-based trading system must be upheld to ensure that international trade enjoys a stable and predictable institutional environment, Xi said.

Regarding climate change, Xi said G20 members should bear responsibility for building a community with a shared future for mankind and provide political impetus for



President Xi Jinping and his wife, Peng Liyuan, pose for a group photo on Nov 30 with leaders and their spouses during the 13th G20 Leaders' Summit, which concluded on Dec 1 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. LI XUEREN / XINHUA

Xi calls for free trade at G20

international cooperation in coping with climate issues.

He called on countries to honor their commitments in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as well as the Paris Agreement, strengthen their actions in response to climate change before 2020 and promote global low-carbon transformation.

Developed countries should adhere to their commitment to

transfer advanced technologies to developing countries to help them build capacity for dealing with climate change, Xi said.

China is ready to work with countries to translate into reality the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances, as written in the Paris Agreement, Xi said.

The G20 leaders recognized at

the event that some of the key risks, including financial vulnerabilities and geopolitical concerns, have partially materialized, according to the leaders' declaration. They renewed their commitment to work together to improve a rules-based international order capable of effectively responding to a rapidly changing world.

The leaders also recognized the contribution that the multilateral

trading system has made in promoting international trade cooperation, and they support the necessary reform of the World Trade Organization to improve its functioning.

Signatories to the Paris Agreement, who have also joined the Hamburg Action Plan, reaffirmed that the agreement is irreversible and they are committed to its full implementation, the declaration said.

China, Russia, India reach agreement

Three countries' common development, close cooperation to be an important force of stability

By CAO DESHENG

China, Russia and India agreed on Nov 30 to strengthen coordination, unite consensus and enhance cooperation to jointly promote world peace, stability and development.

President Xi Jinping, his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the agreement after an informal meeting in Buenos Aires on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders' Summit.

Addressing the meeting, Xi said

the three countries' common development and close cooperation will constitute an increasingly important force of stability and certainty against the backdrop of a world undergoing profound changes.

Noting that the three nations are major influential powers and important strategic partners with each other, he said they share broad common interests and similar development goals, and together shoulder a significant responsibility for the future of the region and the world.

In recent years, China, Russia and

India have developed trilateral dialogues and partnerships based on mutual understanding and trust, and have made great headway, Xi said.

In the face of new challenges, the three nations should further advance their trilateral partnership, uphold the new type of international relations featuring win-win cooperation, consolidate political trust and forge partnerships instead of alliances, Xi said.

He said they should jointly promote trade liberalization and facilita-

tion, enhance an open global economy, resolutely oppose unilateralism and protectionism, uphold a multilateral trade system, and safeguard the common interests of emerging markets and developing countries.

Xi also called on the countries to strengthen regional and international cooperation in counterterrorism, promote political resolution of hot issues and play a bigger role in safeguarding regional and international peace and security.

Putin said that under the current international situation, the trilateral

cooperation conforms to the interests of the three nations and is of positive significance to the world as well.

He said that to promote world peace and stability the three countries should remain committed to an international system that is fairer and more equitable.

Modi said uncertainty is growing in the international arena with the rise of unilateralism. The three countries should work together to deal with the challenges and safeguard multilateralism as well as the multilateral trading system.