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# Get a Keen Grasp of the Inherent Relations between the Vision of a Human Community with a Shared Future and the Three Global Initiatives

**Summary:** The focus of this research is on the Global Civilization Initiative, the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative of General Secretary Xi Jinping as China's unique and strategic response to the global society challenges and the vision of future progress. Economic growth is the foundation of security and civilization, while further work will show the importance of the vision of Chinese communists who, in the era of deep changes and crises, see a solution in the fact that the progress of other countries leads to the establishment of the world of wellbeing and safety. The three initiatives are inherently connected and mutually strengthening, which points to the road of progress of human society from three different perspectives – growth, security and civilization. China will work hard on their implementation in order to help the international community to achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and inject strong impetus into global economic growth because it is the pathway towards world peace and cooperation.

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In March 2023, General Secretary Xi Jinping proposed to the world the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) at the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High Level Meeting. It was then that the last piece was added to the organic unity consisting of the vision of a human community with a shared future, the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and the Global Security Initiative (GSI). The unity, following the trend of human progress and in response to the once-in-a-century changes of the world, points to the right direction where the world

at the crossroads should go. It is a new development of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy and speaks volumes about the sense of history, the sense of mission and responsibility and the global vision of the Chinese Communists with Comrade Xi Jinping as their chief representative. To break new ground in advancing the major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics, we must get a sound grasp of the scientific nature and the considerable significance of this unity and the inherent relationship between the vision and the three global initiatives.

**From the historical perspective, the three global initiatives, accurately reflecting three major themes of human progress, constitute three pillars supporting the overarching vision of a human community with a shared future.**

Throughout the long river of history, different civilizations, flowing and converging from time to time, have surged forward like the waves. Along with the continuous progressing of human society and the deepening of globalization, countries have become increasingly connected and inter-dependent, gradually forming a community with a shared future. Meanwhile, people of all countries come to realize that material abundance, peace and stability and cultural prosperity are what all societies aspire to. To achieve them, we need growth, security and civilization, which complement and reinforce each other. As an ancient Chinese saying goes, “Only when the granary is full will people learn etiquette; only when people are well-fed and clothed will they know honor and shame.” Growth is the basis for security and civilization. Only when all countries prosper can peace last and civilization thrive. Another ancient Chinese saying goes that “Stability brings a country prosperity while instability leads a country to poverty.” Security is the prerequisite of growth and civilization, without which the latter cannot be achieved. Ancient Chinese also believe that the civilized tend to enjoy safety while the uncivilized are more prone to troubles and danger. Civilization is what grows on the basis of growth and security. It is the accumulation of a people’s cultural pursuit and carries the imprint of a nation’s history. It has a gradual and imperceptible influence on people’s way of thinking and doing things, providing spiritual strength to the cause of development and security.

The three global initiatives, inherently connected and reinforcing each other, point out the way forward for the progress of human society from three different perspectives, namely growth, security and civilization. They are the main buttresses supporting the vision to build a human community with a shared future. The GDI, from the perspective of growth, answers the question of what development philosophy people need and how to achieve global development. It aims at creating the material foundation for this human community with a shared future. The GSI, from the perspective of security, focuses on the issue of what security concept humanity needs and how to achieve universal security. It aims at building the security guarantee for the community. The GCI, from the perspective of the upper structure, answers the question of how to view different civilizations and how to enable exchanges and mutual-learning among them. It aims at building the cultural foundation for the human community.

**From the perspective of practice, focusing on the prominent issues amid the profound changes, unseen in a century, the three global initiatives provide viable paths for the world to build a human community with a shared future.**

Today, our world, our times, and the historical course are changing in ways like never before. The global economic recovery is weak and faltering, various security challenges keep emerging, misunderstanding, estrangement and conflicts among civilizations still exist, and deficits in global peace, development, security and governance are going from bad to worse. As the world has entered a new round of turbulence and transformation, humanity has once again reached a crossroads in history. Its future depends on the choice of all peoples around

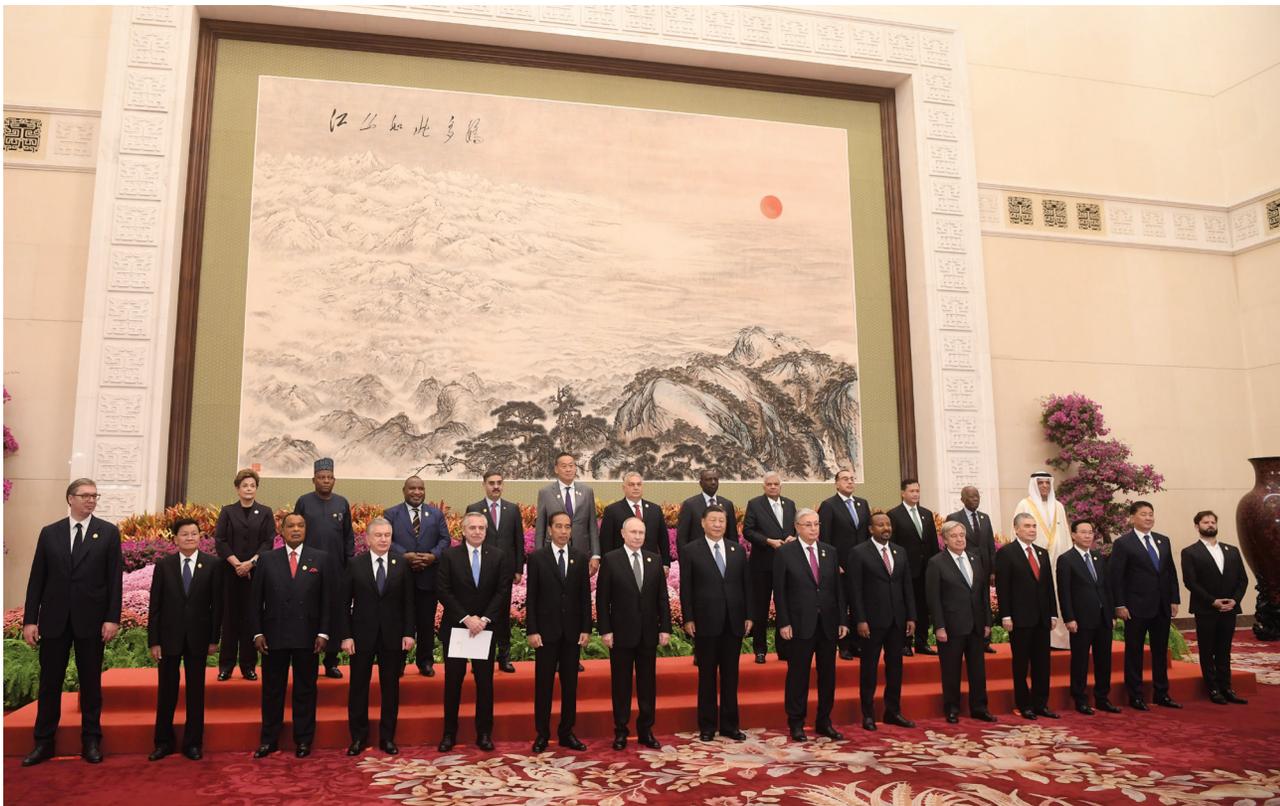
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the world. At this historical juncture, General Secretary Xi Jinping, with his great foresight, sets the direction for the world by proposing the vision of building a human community with a shared future as the overarching goal, and the three global initiatives as the action plans to address the outstanding issues facing humanity, and call on all countries to join the just cause.

The three global initiatives, centering on the overarching goal of building a human community

with a shared future, are three well-conceived prescriptions that aim to take on the fundamental ills of the world and address their crux, a fine example of the problem-oriented approach. Targeting issues like humanity's survival, development and modernization, the GDI has effectively responded to the strong aspiration and urgent need of the international community, developing countries in particular, for faster economic growth. It also focuses on tackling the unbalanced and inadequate development within



President of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, with President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping and other world leaders at the opening ceremony of the Third Forum for International Cooperation "Belt and Road", Beijing, October 2023

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and among nations, thus setting the direction for the cause of global development and global cooperation on development. Going forward, China will work hard to implement the GDI, so as to help the international community to achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at a faster pace and inject strong impetus into global economic growth. On issues related to conflicts, wars, stability and peace, the GSI sheds light on the practical pathway to global security governance. It serves not only as a sound guidance for humanity to deal with global security challenges, but also a viable solution to regional hot-spots and geopolitical conflicts. China's success in brokering the reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Iran, and its commitment to promoting the political settlement of the Ukraine crisis through peace talks are all cases in point of how we resolve security dilemmas by following through the GSI. Targeting issues like misunderstanding, estrangement, lack of mutual trust and inclusiveness among civilizations, the GCI aims to achieve the dialectical unity of diversity and commonality of civilizations, by seeking the common ground among them while fully respecting their diversity. On the one hand, the GCI highlights the importance of inheritance as each civilization has its own rich past. Meanwhile, it also emphasizes the need to fully harness the relevance of its past to the present times as history is always a mirror to understand the present and future. It then advocates building a global network for inter-civilization dialogue and robust international people-to-people exchanges and cooperation to promote mutual understanding and friendship among people of all countries and pool greater consensus for inter-civilization exchanges and mutual learning.

**From the perspective of philosophy, the vision of building a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives demonstrate salient theoretical characters and the unity of the worldview and the methodology.**

The vision of building a human community with a shared future provides scientific answers to the epochal questions of what kind of world we should build and how to build it. The vision, together with the new outlook on growth, security and civilization encompassed in the three global initiatives, represent the worldview of China and the Chinese Communists in the new era. They also provide the methodology for putting that worldview into practice, as they contain not only profound political wisdom but also many practical pathways and measures. Thus, they represent the unity of both the worldview and the methodology.

The vision of building a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives are scientific. They encapsulate the stances, viewpoints, and methods of Marxism, reflecting the hallmarks of Marxism, and demonstrating salient theoretical characters. Underpinned by dialectical and historical materialism, the vision and the three global initiatives reveal the laws governing the development of human society and its future direction. They also provide scientific methods and pathway to advance human society, demonstrating the great power of truth.

The vision of building a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives are people-centered. Focusing on the aspiration for a better life of peoples around the world, the vision and the three global initiatives highlight the overall interests of humanity and strive to improve the common wellbeing of all peoples. Moreover, they care for each individual.

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Actively responding to the yearning of peoples of various countries for peace, development and cooperation, the vision and the three global initiatives are committed to creating conditions to realize and guarantee each individual's well-rounded development.

The vision of building a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives are practical. They embody the CPC's strong sense of responsibility to promote world harmony through concrete actions. More facts will prove their correctness and imperativeness. Their meaning and theoretical system will be further enriched with the changes of situation.

**From the perspective of civilization, the vision of a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives, rooted in the Chinese civilization, steer theoretical innovation on international relations in the new era.**

As General Secretary Xi Jinping noted, "To meet our common challenges and create a better future for all, we look to culture and civilization to play their role, which is as important as the role played by economy, science, and technology." The Chinese civilization advocates affinity between all people and all creatures, and peace among all nations as it believes that humanity rises and falls together, which underlies the way we Chinese view and understand societies and peoples of different regions and languages. For us, an ideal society pursues the common good as a just cause and advances common interests of all. The sound economic ethics put people's enrichment and wellbeing first and uphold justice while pursuing interest. The right security concept favors virtue over war and believes that essence of using force is to stop violence. The correct way to engage with other civilizations is to seek harmony

without uniformity and appreciate other cultures and promote shared prosperity. The most important principle to uphold when interacting with others is credibility, amity and good-neighborliness. What the vision of a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives pursue – namely peaceful co-existence, win-win cooperation, inclusiveness, and shared growth – has been all along in the genes of the Chinese civilization. They speak volumes about the defining features of the Chinese civilization, namely its continuity, creativity, consistency, inclusiveness, and peaceful nature. They are a fine example of how our Party adapts the basic tenets of Marxism to China's specific realities and its fine traditional culture. They also represent a major breakthrough by the Party in its exploration for the future of humanity.

Traditional Western theories of international relations tend to observe the world from the perspectives of strength and geo-politics. Theories like "the hegemonic stability" and "the clash of civilizations" are imbued with exclusionary ideas. In contrast, the core tenets of the vision of a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives are rooted in the Chinese civilization. At the same time, they are highly consistent with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter including developing friendly relations among nations based on sovereign equality and respect for equal rights of peoples, maintaining international security by collective and peaceful means, and achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, or cultural character. These creative and ingenious views on international relations demonstrate oriental wisdom and provide a new perspective and paradigm for humanity to



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think about ways of engagement among nations and ways to tackle global challenges. Such a mindset, totally different from that of the traditional Western theories in nature, determines that China will never tread the old path of seeking hegemony even when it grows in strength, engage in hegemonism or power politics, pursue its own security at the cost of the security of others, stoke division or confrontation, or create small circles to alienate those with different views. Instead, China will remain committed to promoting world peace, driving global development and safeguarding the international order.

The vision of a human community with a shared future and the three global initiatives uphold and apply Marxist stances, viewpoints and methods, and constitute a well-developed system of thought with compelling logic. They reflect a keen grasp of the law of history and the Chinese civilization, and

the deep reflection on the questions presented by the times. The three global initiatives, which are interconnected, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, provide a strong underpinning for the vision of a global community with a shared future and offer China's solution to build a better world. On the new journey ahead, guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, in undertaking the CPC's external work we will continue to implement Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, hold high the banner of the human community with a shared future, and pool positive energy worldwide to deliver the three global initiatives. We will honor the Party's solemn commitment to seeking progress for humanity and harmony for the world, and make an even greater contribution to the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and the advancement of the cause of human progress.