

**Implementation Protocol between  
the Government of the People's Republic of China and  
the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
on the Establishment of the China Cultural Center in Ethiopia**

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties");

**Convinced** that the cultural Center can meaningfully contribute to strengthen the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two countries;

**Recalling** the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Establishment of a China Cultural Center in Ethiopia, signed on November 24, 2013 in Addis Ababa;

**Desirous** to have Implementation Protocol for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a China Cultural Center in Ethiopia signed on November 24, 2013 in Addis Ababa;

**Have agreed as follows:**

**Article 1**

**The Function of the China Cultural Center**

1. In compliance with the domestic laws and regulations of Ethiopia, the function of the China Cultural Center (hereinafter referred to as "the Center") shall be:
  - a) Organizing cultural activities, educational and training programs, information services and intellectual dialogues;
  - b) Publicizing information on the activities organized by the Center, and
  - c) Introducing to the public of Ethiopia the national history and modern development of China, as well as its culture, art, education, science and social life.
2. The Center shall not be engaged in any profit making business activity.

## **Article 2**

### **Bank Accounts and Legal Documents**

1. The Center may receive and hold funds or currency of any kind and operate bank accounts in accordance with the laws of Ethiopia.
2. The Center may freely transfer its funds or currencies from or to Ethiopia or within Ethiopia, and convert any currency it holds into any other currency in furtherance of its objectives, in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations of Ethiopia.

## **Article 3**

### **Buildings**

1. The design, construction, refurbishment and decoration of the buildings of the Center shall be made in accordance with the domestic laws and regulations of Ethiopia.
2. The construction contractor(s) for the Center will be determined by the Chinese side.
3. The contractor(s) shall give priority to Ethiopians in employing workers for the construction of the building of the Center.

## **Article 4**

### **Import Taxes/Custom Duties**

1. Subject to the domestic laws and regulations of Ethiopia, the Center shall be exempted from import taxes/custom duties for the following items:
  - a) Necessary equipment and supplies for the construction of the Center;
  - b) Required cultural equipments, furniture, and office equipments for the daily administrative works of the Center;
  - c) Reasonable quantities of materials including picture albums, posters, playbills, books, discs, records, teaching tools and various forms of audio-visual products required for the activities of the Center;
  - d) Films to be screened on the premises of the Center.
2. Any imported item under sub-article 1 shall not be used for sale or seeking profit in Ethiopia, in such case, it shall be subject to duties and taxes.
3. The tax exemption under sub-article 1 shall not include motor vehicles.

## **Article 5**

### **Income and property taxes**

Income and property taxes due from the Center and its personnel shall be

levied in accordance with the Agreement signed between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income on May 14, 2009.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Personnel**

1. The Chinese side shall inform the Ethiopian Government the appointment and removal of personnel in the China Cultural Center, and complete the related procedures according to the domestic laws and regulations of Ethiopia in time.
2. The Ethiopian side shall provide assistance to the personnel of the Center, their spouses and children under the age of 18 in handling their entry and residence formalities.
3. Personnel of the Center in Ethiopia may be Chinese or Ethiopian nationals.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Applicable laws**

The operations of the Center shall be governed by the domestic laws and regulations of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

#### **Article 8**

##### **Ethiopian Cultural Center**

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia may establish, when finds it necessary, its Cultural Center in the capital city of People's Republic of China. The functions, protection, legal status and privileges shall be similar to those set for the Cultural Center of China in this Protocol and other relevant Agreements signed between the Parties.

#### **Article 9**

##### **Amendments**

1. This Protocol may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties through an exchange of notes, via diplomatic channels.
2. The effective date of any such amendment(s) shall be the date of receipt of the last note.

3. The amendments made pursuant to sub article 1 and 2 of this Article shall form an integral part of this Protocol.

#### Article 10

##### Dispute Settlement

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation and/or implementation of this Protocol shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation and negotiation between the Parties via diplomatic channels.

#### Article 11

##### Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

1. The Protocol shall enter into force upon signature.
2. This Protocol is effective for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for further periods of five years unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate this Protocol in written form 6 months prior to the expiry of the given period.
3. If the Center abuses any of the privileges provided in this Protocol, the Government of Ethiopia may terminate this protocol and take appropriate measures.

DONE at Beijing.....on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May.....2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this Protocol in two original copies, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the  
People's Republic of China

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For the Government of the  
Federal Democratic Republic of  
Ethiopia

