

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CITIES OF
THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN-RURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Cities of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), in order to strengthen, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, the cooperation in the field of urban development, through friendly negotiation, reached a common understanding on the following:

Article 1 – Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to expand cooperation between the two countries in the field of urban development and to establish friendly and cooperative long-term relations based on equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2 – Areas of Cooperation

The Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

1. Housing with emphasis on social interest;

2. Adaptation and prevention to natural disasters;
3. Urban rehabilitation and community facilities planning;
4. Urban infrastructure;
5. Sustainable urban development, urban environment, and cities adaptation to climate change;
6. Digital transformation towards smart cities;
7. Urban mobility and sustainable public transport;
8. Basic sanitation, including sewage and waste treatment;
9. Sponge city development;
10. Other areas deemed, by mutual agreement, necessary and appropriate by the Parties.

Article 3 – Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will carry out the cooperation in the following forms:

1. Establish platforms for knowledge exchange in the areas mentioned in Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding to enable information and resources sharing;
2. Jointly hold seminars on topics of mutual interest and cooperation for capacity building, among other actions;
3. Organize mutual visits by official and business delegations to foster dialogues and cooperation;
4. Promote BRICS cooperation in the field of urban development, with the platform of BRICS Urbanization Forum;
5. Promote relevant exchanges and cooperation actions among public agencies, institutions, associations, and research institutes;
6. Encourage commercial, productive and technological exchange between

companies from both countries with the aim of strengthening the public policies of the Parties;

7. Other forms of cooperation mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 4 – Working Group

With the purpose of developing and deepening the cooperation, a Working Group will be created by the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding to be responsible for:

1. Identify priority actions for cooperation;
2. Discuss and formulate working plans for specific cooperative activities;
3. Coordinate, promote and monitor the implementation of working plans;
4. Subgroups with specific work themes may be created according to the interests of the Parties;
5. Other actions agreed by the Parties.

The Working Group will comprise representatives designated by the Parties.

Article 5 – Financial Arrangement

The Parties shall bear the expenses incurred by their respective delegations in the other country, including international travel, food, accommodation, insurance, among others. The funding arrangements for specific cooperation projects shall be agreed by the Parties according to the nature of each project or action. This Memorandum of Understanding does not contain any financial responsibility or any commitment of financial resources transfer between the Parties.

Article 6 – Settlement of Disputes

The Parties will resolve any disputes regarding the interpretation or application

of this Memorandum of Understanding amicably through mutual consultations and/or diplomatic channels.

Article 7 – Entry into Force and Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party giving the other Party a six months' written notice in advance of its intention to terminate.

Signed in Brasilia and Beijing, on the date of November 18 , 2024 in two original copies, in Portuguese, Chinese and English languages, all three texts equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Cities of
the Federative Republic of Brazil

For the Ministry of Housing and
Urban-Rural Development
of the People's Republic of China

