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Push Forward to Chinese Characteristic Humanitarian Assistance and Beijing Initiatives by Mr. ZHANG Lijun of Red Cross Society of China Beijing Branch, on behalf of Beijing NGO Association for International Exchanges

For three decades, Beijing Red Cross (**BJRC**) has implemented the "Declaration on the Right to Development" and made important contributions.

Beijing Action

In July 2016, **BJRC** conducted rescue to 2 seriously injured soldiers of the UN peacekeeping troops in South Sudan, the first of its kind for social forces to participate in international peacekeeping operations in China. **BJRC** raised a total of 616 million RMB Yuan of funds and materials after major disasters for the reconstruction of basic social services programs. For the "Swallow" typhoon disaster relief in the Philippines, **BJRC** provided medical support to a total of 1891 victims and donated \$ 4 million RMB Yuan worth medicines and medical instruments and equipment.

BJRC initiatives:

- With combined international efforts, to develop Innovative ideas to promote the role and the advantages of youth to the full play in improvement of rescue capabilities and effectiveness;
- To build up the active participation and innovative practice of the humanitarian organizations in international crisis management.
- To focus more on integration of humanitarian resources, and build on collaborative and interactive international humanitarian system.
- To expand the dissemination of solidarity among youth humanitarian efforts to promote tolerance and openness.

We hope that the joint efforts of developed and developing countries around the world will enhance the humanitarian cause, inject new vigor into international Red Cross movement, so as to achieve greater improvement in the world human rights situation at higher standards.
