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MESSAGE TO READERS OF "PEOPLE'S DAILY" AND "CHINA DAILY"
ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
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Dear Chinese friends,

I send my warmest congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese people should be proud of the transformation of China into a dynamic global power. It is indeed history in the making, with continued economic and social progress on a remarkable scale. I am pleased that the United Nations system has been a partner on this path. Many countries, developing and industrialized alike, may find useful and inspiring lessons from China's vision, reform and opening up.

I also welcome the increasingly active and constructive role of China in world affairs, and am convinced that it is driven by a desire to build, together with other countries, a harmonious world of enduring peace and common prosperity.

The strong emphasis of China on multilateralism, on the role of the United Nations and the principles enshrined in its Charter, is a source of strong encouragement to us all. President Hu Jintao's active participation in the recent Climate Change Summit in New York, his "Unite as One and Work for a Bright Future" address to the General Assembly, as well as his proposals on non-proliferation and disarmament, are an inspiring demonstration of China's commitment to the Organization. Around the world, there is a growing awareness that an effective collective response to climate change and the global economic crisis, as well as our collective efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to promote human rights, will need China's active participation and leadership.

I wish the people of China many more successes and accomplishments, as well as happiness, strong health and well-being.

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