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Speech during the meeting in the UK transition review of anti-dumping duties on
certain ceramic tableware and kitchenware products

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Good morning, respected officials from the UK Trade Remedies Authority (TRA):

I am the Vice President of the China Chamber of Commerce for Imp. /Exp. of Light Industrial Products& Art -Crafts (CCCLA). Thank you for holding this meeting, which is of crucial significance for the healthy development of the ceramic industry trade relationship between China and the UK. Our Chamber of Commerce attaches great importance to this exchange opportunity and looks forward to working with the UK to seek fair and reasonable solutions.

China's ceramic tableware and kitchenware products have gained widespread recognition and praise in the global market for their high quality, diverse designs, and reasonable prices. Chinese ceramic tableware and kitchenware products enterprises have always adhered to the principles of fair competition and legal operation in their exports to the UK. We strictly adhere to international trade rules and are committed to providing high-quality products and services to UK consumers. However, the implementation of anti-dumping measures may have adverse effects on the trade relations between China and the UK. On behalf of the China Chamber of Commerce for Imp. /Exp. of Light Industrial Products& Art -Crafts and its members, I express our deep concern over the UK transition review of anti-dumping duties on certain ceramic tableware and kitchenware products originating from China, and hereby put forward our position and suggestions.

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Firstly, we firmly believe that the UK's continued implementation of anti-dumping measures originating from the EU, as well as the lack of legal basis for this transition review itself, are illegal actions that violate the WTO Anti-dumping Agreement. We earnestly request the UK TRA to immediately terminate the current anti-dumping measures and this transition review, and promptly regulate and correct these illegal behaviors. On this point, our legal counsel will elaborate more.

Based on our understanding, the UK does not produce some of the products that are subject to transition review. We strongly believe that at least the product scope should be redefined in the review to exclude as much as possible all products that are not produced or underproduced in the UK; We also earnestly request UK TRA to consider market segmentation factors. There is an objective pricing difference between branded products and ordinary products, and high-end branded products produced in the UK should not be compared with mass market products produced in China to draw dumping conclusions.

In addition, for Chinese producers, from the perspective of geographical location and cost-effectiveness, they mainly serve the domestic market, with a secondary preference for exporting to neighboring countries. The UK is not a key market for Chinese producers.

Finally, we would like to draw the attention of the UK to the close interdependence and cooperation between the ceramic industries of China and the UK. Continuing to implement the EU's anti-dumping measures on Chinese ceramic tableware and kitchenware products will continue to have a negative impact on local ceramic producers and consumers in the UK, which goes against the UK's own economic interests. In the context of expected economic growth in the UK, implementing or maintaining trade protection measures at this time is not conducive to downstream users and the overall economy. For the UK consumers, ceramic tableware is the final product, and anti-dumping duties will directly affect the interests of consumers, especially low-income consumers. The Chinese ceramic industry is highly competitive, with high cost-

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effectiveness and diverse products. However, the number of UK ceramic enterprises is limited, and market competition is insufficient, resulting in high prices. If the UK ceramic producers lose their supply from China, their market competitiveness will be further protected, which will also harm the interests of end consumers.

In summary, we earnestly request the UK to objectively consider and adopt our suggestions. We hope that the UK TRA will follow international trade rules, ensure the legality and rationality of anti-dumping measures, objectively and fairly evaluate the impact of Chinese ceramic tableware and kitchenware products on the UK market, and avoid the one-sided belief that Chinese products have caused injury to the UK market, as well as the abuse of trade remedy measures for protectionist purposes. We call for dialogue and consultation to jointly address trade issues, eliminate unnecessary trade barriers, and promote sustainable development of trade between China and the UK.

Thank you!