The Significance of the Construction of a Community of Shared Future for Mankind for the Sustainable Development of the World

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Abstract: Under the background of the unbalanced development of the world today, the idea of the community of shared future for mankind emerges as the times require. This idea is full of philosophical thinking and is a feasible guiding ideology for dealing with major international issues. Building a community with a shared future for mankind is conducive to the peaceful coexistence of all countries in the world. The practice of this idea can help countries around the world to better coordinate development and achieve common prosperity. As for the major issues related to the development of the world, we must deal with and solve them from the perspective of the idea. In a word, the construction of a community with a shared future is an important guarantee for the sustainable development of the world and has a very important practical significance.

1. Introduction

Nowadays, the world is in the high-speed development brought about by the science and technological revolution, but the development of each country is extremely unbalanced. Wars, epidemics and extreme poverty still exist widely in developing countries. Developed countries ignore the interests of people in developing countries. Because of the backward social governance, and science and technology, developing countries are powerless to solve people's livelihood problems. The whole world lacks macro strategic planning in the tendency of the day.

Based on the current background, President Xi Jinping proposed the great idea of the construction of a community of shared future for mankind, which is very important for the sustainable development of the world. This idea emphasizes dealing with global problems in a way of win-win cooperation based on the overall situation and long-term interests, and has a profound philosophy methodology. Building a community of shared future for mankind is a feasible concept for peaceful coexistence, coordinated development, and solution of major problems of the world. Therefore, the construction of a community with a shared future of mankind provides a guarantee for the sustainable development of the whole world and has far-reaching significance for the development of the whole human being.

2. The Construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind is Conducive to the Peaceful Coexistence of All Countries in the World

Human beings live on the earth together, but the earth's resources are very limited and unevenly distributed. Because of competing for resources, various countries and tribes have had many wars since ancient times. Therefore, the pursuit of peace in modern civilized society is continuous and eternal. Only long-term peaceful coexistence can human beings move towards a higher level of civilization.

2.1 Wars and Terrorism Still Exist in Today's World

Although peace and development are the themes of the world today, local wars and unrest have never ceased. From the Gulf War in 1991 to the Libyan war in 2011, countless people lost their lives and many refugees were forced to leave their homes, which brought huge social pressure to the region. War is an old problem, in order to avoid war; we must have a positive dialogue. All
countries should stand at the height of all mankind to resolve disputes. Cold war thinking, unilateralism, hegemonism, and national priority are not only negative to world peace and development, but also increase the possibility of friction and conflict.

In the 21st century, terrorism has seriously affected the world's peaceful development. In recent years, due to the strong cooperation of all countries, the problem of terrorism has been alleviated. However, many sporadic terrorist incidents continue to appear every year. The root causes of terrorism are complex, including religious, racial discrimination, and unbalanced development. Mistrust among states is the basis for the spread of terrorism, which can only be eliminated by stopping mutual doubts. All these problems have been accumulated for a long time. To solve these problems requires a high degree of wisdom and sincere dialogue.

2.2 The Construction of a Good International Order Needs the Idea of a Community of Shared Future for Mankind

The establishment of the international order is based on the diversity of the world and the sovereign equality of states. It is a long-term and arduous task. The international order is constantly updated and iterated with the development of the times. The old international order was full of hegemonism, power politics, and exploitation & oppression. In real international relations, bullying and the rich striking the poor often happen. Small countries have no right to speak and have no chance to argue on the world stage. The maladjustment of the old international order has seriously affected the development of developing countries, resulting in the widening gap between the rich and the poor and the continuous tension between the north and the south. The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence put forward by China are of universal practical significance, accepted by most countries in the world, and become the universal norms of international relations. However, hegemonic thinking still exists in some countries, ignoring the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, and interfering in other countries' domestic affairs leads to international tension.

Economic issues, environmental protection, and refugee issues all need the efforts of all countries in the world to build a good international order. The idea of a Community of Shared Future for Mankind provides a guiding ideology for the establishment of an international order. As long as we understand that mankind as a whole is a community of shared destiny, we will have better tolerance and understanding with each other, and will maximize our common interests when formulating the norms of the international order.

2.3 Only by Building a Community of Shared Future for Mankind Can Countries in the World Get Along Well with Each Other

Today's world is highly integrated, and countries are increasingly connected and interdependent. Therefore, it is an inevitable trend to build a community of shared future for mankind. As a responsible big country, China is not only concerned about its own development and future, but also actively engaged in international affairs, trying to make important contributions to world peace and development. China's idea of a community with a shared future for mankind has been recognized and supported by more and more countries. This idea has profound Chinese philosophy thinking and inherits the inclusive wisdom of “harmony but difference” of Chinese people. The idea of a community with a shared future for mankind embraces different systems, ideologies, historical civilizations, and levels of development, which is conducive to the construction of multilateral, friendly and coexisting international relations. Because of the advanced nature of the concept, the United Nations wrote it into the UN resolution in 2017. If the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind is supported by the widest support in the world, it will have a positive impact on people all over the world to get on well with each other.

The construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind is conducive to the coordinated development of all countries in the world

Due to the popularization of Internet technology, the spread of information is more and more rapid and extensive, which has narrowed the distance between people, resulting in the whole human being live in a closer global village. However, the imbalance of world development has been enlarged, and politicians of all countries have been thinking about how to improve the level and
capacity of global governance, so as to avoid unnecessary disputes and ensure the coordinated development of different nations and countries.

2.4 The Level of Social and Economic Development in the World is Extremely Uneven

The level of economic development of developing and developed countries is extremely unbalanced. An objective fact is that developed countries, which account for 20% of the world's population, account for more than 80% of the total wealth. Not only economic policy and international trade mode are dominated by western countries, economic foundation determines superstructure, but also political discourse power is firmly controlled by developed countries. The imbalance in the level of economic development has led to a series of problems, including environment, education, health care, and other fields, which has caused people's dissatisfaction with the current international order and relations in developing countries.

There is a lack of effective communication and understanding between the north and the south. When the western countries treat the underdeveloped and backward countries, they always condescend and impose their own ideas and systems on the local people, ignoring the local development level. This is also the root cause of a series of policy failures of the west towards Africa for a long time. The concept of a community of shared future for mankind proposed by China inherits China's foreign policy, that is, we should respect the sovereignty and development status of all countries. Advanced countries should shoulder their responsibilities to mankind, help backward countries make progress in all aspects, and gradually achieve sustainable common development.

2.5 Common Prosperity is the Wish of All the People in the World

Common prosperity is the wish of people all over the world. People of different countries have the same pursuit of rich life. For tens of millions of years, human beings have been striving to improve productivity in order to realize the prosperity of material life and the endless growth of mankind. It can be seen that 800 million people in the world still do not have enough food and clothing, 1.1 billion people do not have clean drinking water, and millions of people become refugees. Common prosperity is still a huge goal that is hard to achieve in the short term. People in developing countries are eager to have a rich life and a good civilized environment. In addition to their own efforts and enterprising, developing countries need the help of advanced countries. Developed countries should understand that all human beings have the right to their own happiness and satisfaction. It is the most effective way to achieve social progress and common prosperity that we must break the barriers of civilization and cultural boundaries to build a community of shared future for mankind.

2.6 Only by Building a Community with a Shared Future Can Countries in the World Develop Together

The coordinated development of the whole world needs a high level of world governance system. At present, coordinated development is only limited in a certain range of national alliances, relying on the common political system and cultural background. China's leaders have proposed the Belt and Road initiative, and strived to achieve policy convergence, facilities interconnection, trade free flowing, financial supporting, and create an innovative platform for international cooperation and provide new impetus for the coordinated development of all countries in the world. The Belt and Road is an inheritance and upgrading of the ancient Silk Road, which complies with the requirements of the times and the desire of all countries to develop rapidly. It provides a huge inclusive development platform with profound historical and cultural foundation. At present, The Belt and Road initiative has been supported by more than 100 countries and organizations. One belt, one road will become a road of peaceful development.

Today's world is in a great change that hasn't happened in the history. The trend of peaceful cooperation, opening and accommodation, and reform and innovation are rolling forward. The ties between countries have never been as close as they are today. But at the same time, the number, scale and depth of the global problems facing mankind are unprecedented, and the factors of
instability, uncertainty and insecurity emerge in endlessly. In the face of this situation, all countries must comply with the development trend of the times, work together to meet the challenges and carry out global cooperation, which will create a bright future for common development for mankind. President Xi Jinping proposed the One Belt One Road initiative, which is to implement the concept of community of human destiny. One Belt One Road is not only the active advocate of the concept of community of human destiny, but also the active practitioner. One Belt One Road is a great practice for China's road to create interest communities, destiny communities and responsibility communities in the Eurasian and South Pacific region. Therefore, One Belt One Road is the practical path to build the community of human destiny. The internal logic of destiny community is same as One Belt One Road. Only by building a community with a shared future can we achieve coordinated development.

3. The Construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind is Conducive to Solving Major International Problems

Because of the economic and cultural exchanges, all countries in the world will face a variety of problems. Some problems can be solved through bilateral consultation, some can be solved through third-party arbitration, and some can be solved under the framework of the United Nations. But not all problems can be solved effectively under the current system. Many major international problems have been disputed for a long time and cannot be solved systematically and comprehensively. If all countries practice the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind, they can effectively solve major international problems at a higher level.

3.1 Many Major International Problems Concern the Future of the World

In today's world, there are many major problems related to the development pattern of the whole world. These problems often exceed the governance scope and capacity of the contemporary international community, such as wars, North-South relations, ecological imbalance, terrorism, etc. The solution of these problems is very complex, which forces all countries in the world to cooperate with each other in a more active and pragmatic manner. A new governance framework that can bring a win-win situation to the world is infinitely expected. The idea of a community with a shared future for mankind puts forward new thought for solving major international problems and has been widely accepted and understood.

The future development trend of the world depends on the proper solution of major international problems. In the history of the world, many major international decisions have far-reaching influence on later generations. After World War II, the establishment of the United Nations played a huge role in solving international disputes. With the establishment of the international trade organization, international trade has become more and more smooth. Many other international organizations have been set up in succession to facilitate the settlement of international problems. But up to now, many deep-seated major international problems have been difficult to solve under the current framework, which is also the root cause of the rise of state disputes in recent years. The future development of the world is looking forward to more perfect, efficient, and extensive agreements and frameworks.

3.2 Lack of Unified Mechanism for Solving Major International Problems

The root cause of war and terrorism is helplessness in solving international problems. War is the last resort to solve problems. No country is willing to go to war until it is a last choice. In the past three decades, wars have been going on in some parts of the world. Behind the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria are all the problems of resources, religion and nationality that cannot be solved. We have to admit that the world today lacks a unified coordination and organizational mechanism in solving major international problems. So far, no country has the responsibility of leading the world.

A more effective international coordination mechanism is needed to solve major problems. Otherwise, the progress of society and civilization will be blocked one day. The next war will be
inevitable. In history, after the end of World War I, World War II broke out quickly, because the armistice agreement of World War I had too many unfair and hard to achieve terms. Recognizing the seriousness of the problem, contemporary leaders of all countries have the obligation to promote the progress and development of human governance system. As a responsible big country, China has always played a positive role in international affairs. The construction of a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by China is a product of the historical trend.

3.3 Only Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind Can Major International Problems Be Effectively Solved

The idea of a community of shared future for mankind is the guiding ideology for effectively solving major international problems. This thought is far-reaching, regarding the fate of all human beings as a whole, taking this as the starting point, and thinking about the issue of human development. If this idea is recognized by the people of all major countries, we will be more rational and harmonious when dealing with international problems. At present, the development difficulties of mankind are all due to the inability to effectively deal with major international problems. As time goes on, international problems accumulate more and more. Under the impact of new coronavirus outbreaks, various problems have broken out, and the existing world order is likely to be destroyed.

Building a community with a shared future for mankind is the basic strategy and general path of diplomacy for all countries. In dealing with international affairs and promoting the development of global peace, this concept must be followed and practiced. In today's world, with the increasingly prominent global issues such as environmental resources and terrorism, the global security issue has exceeded the ability of any country or group of countries to deal with alone, and no country can return to the isolated island of self-closure. All countries in the world have been in a community of common destiny, and each of them has its own advantages and disadvantages. They are closely related to each other. The theory of international relations and the strategic thinking of diplomacy should also be adjusted and changed accordingly. The whole human being should be regarded as a life system with the same origin and nature. All countries belong to the international community that is interdependent, get along with each other. Only by strengthening the common interests of mankind can we achieve the goal of developing together and meet the challenges. This is certainly not to deny the interest differences and contradictions that still exist among countries, but with the strengthening of common interests, these differences and contradictions can only be solved through peaceful consultation rather than conflict confrontation, and can only be solved by promoting win-win cooperation rather than unilateralism.

4. The Construction of the Community of Shared Future for Mankind is the Basic Guarantee for the Sustainable Development of the World

The current international situation is undergoing profound and complex changes, and the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind comes at the right time. The multilateral mechanism with the United Nations as its core has played an indispensable role in the post-war period, but over time, there have been some problems in this mechanism, especially unilateralism, which has caused a great negative impact. The global wealth has been accumulated rapidly, but there is a prominent problem, that is, the gap between the rich and the poor between countries and within most countries has not been reduced, but also expanded.

After the world economic crisis, a significant change has taken place in the global balance of politics and economy, which will have a series of impacts on the governance of the whole world in the future. Contemporary capitalism is in a crisis of disorientation. For example, most Latin American countries did not get any benefits under the concept of Neo liberalism and did not get out of their economic predicament. President Xi Jinping has always stressed that people from all over the world should uphold the concept of “one family under heaven” and understand each other and jointly build the community of human destiny. The idea of building a community of shared future for mankind is that China has seized the opportunity of history and put forward an alternative plan.
for the world at the critical moment of world development and transformation, which is of great and far-reaching historical significance.

We have only one earth, and we are all connected. For the sake of our generation and future generations, we must achieve sustainable development in three aspects: economy, society and environment. This is the international basis for countries to reach consensus beyond all differences, which also proves the rationality and feasibility of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by China. The construction of a community with a shared future is the basic guarantee for the sustainable development of the world.

5. Conclusion

The world is in the high-speed development brought by the scientific and technological revolution, but the development of each country is extremely unbalanced, which leads to a series of major international problems. The great idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind is very important for the sustainable development of the world. The idea has won the widest support in the world, which will surely have a positive impact on people all over the world to get on well with each other. Only by building a community with a shared future can we achieve coordinated development. The idea is the guiding ideology for effectively solving major international problems. The construction of a community with a shared future for mankind is the basic guarantee and has great significance for the sustainable development of the world.

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