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Statement on the Sichuan Committee Of Chinese People`s Consultative Conference official visit to South Africa

“I believe you will share with us your secrets of the People’s Republic of China, and the magic you are using in the fast economic development of your country. Our interest is to learn and share good practices. I hope you will share how you deal with issues with our Members of the Legislature, said Honourable Speaker Violet Siwela on **Tuesday, 30 October 2018**, as she welcomed the Sichuan delegation led by Mr Cui Baohua, the Vice Chairman of the Sichuan Committee Of Chinese People`s Consultative Conference on an official visit to South Africa”.

The visit took place within the context of strengthening strategic and historic political, economic, social and international cooperation partnership between South Africa and China.

During this visit, the delegation and Legislature Portfolio Committees representatives (chairpersons) under the stewardship of Honourable SPD Skhosana ka Mahlangu had an open discussion on the possibilities of entering into a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature and Sichuan Committee Of Chinese People`s Consultative Conference.

“When we were in Sichuan we observed quite a number of issues that we would begin to deal with in terms of cooperation, we thought we could learn some other things in the manner in which you to help us to improve the systems that we use, said the Chair of Chairs before handing over to his counterpart from China to shed more light on their good practices.

“China does not only want to develop the lives of the Chinese people, but they want to work hand in hand to develop brothers and sisters in Africa, and I think that is the secret principle that helps China to develop at a fast pace”, said Mr Cui Baohua, Vice Chairman of the Sichuan Committee Of Chinese People`s Consultative Conference.

He went on to indicate that it would be a wonderful experience if something can be done to enhance the bilateral relations in economic development, Agriculture, Communications, Medicine and communications, whilst also committing to encourage tourists from the Chinese province of Sichuan to visit South Africa more especially the Mpumalanga province. Both parties exchanged the memorandum of cooperation, and the leader of the Chinese delegation committed to take it back to his province indicating the willingness to take bilateral relations with Mpumalanga province further to help improve the lives of the people of Mpumalanga.

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