

# Constructing New International Relations: Origin, Connotation and Path

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**Abstract:** The construction of a new type of international relationship is an important mission of the great-nation diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era. It is also a positive exploration of China's good development of international relations and the blueprint for world order. The new international relations are based on mutual respect, fairness and justice as the norm, cooperation and win-win as the means, and the community of human destiny as the ultimate goal. Building a new type of international relationship requires China to continuously expand its global partnership network, and actively participate in global governance, also substantially enhance its strategic capabilities, as well as continuously promote world peace and stability.

## 1. Building the origins of new international relations

The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China clearly pointed out that the "two constructions" that promote the building of a community of human destiny, and they are also a good development of China's international relations and world order in the new era. Along with the promotion of the building of a community of human destiny, the promotion of a new type of international relations that builds mutual respect, fairness, justice, cooperation and win-win has become a distinctive banner for the diplomacy of a big country with Chinese characteristics. China has continuously advocated the concept of new international relations. We need to find answers from the sources of those. The concept of a new type of international relations is based on the common crystallization of China's excellent traditional culture, the current trend of the world and the long-term practice of Chinese diplomacy.

### 1.1 New international relations are rooted in China's excellent traditional culture.

The construction of a new type of international relationship reflects the important concepts of Chinese traditional culture. China has promoted the construction of a new type of international relations and sought to embark on a new path of international relations that is different from that of western countries. Different from the culture and thinking of the Western countries, such as "the big fish eat up the small ones", Chinese traditional culture advocates "the benevolent lover". By applying the wisdom and essence of China's excellent traditional culture to the concept and practice of constructing new international relations, we have formed an international relationship with distinct cultural characteristics, profound cultural heritage, and firm cultural self-confidence.

### 1.2 Complying with the trend of the world today

The world today is in a period of rapid change. Politically, there is a major adjustment in the comparison of major international forces. Also globalization has been hindered, then counter-globalization has rebounded, as well as trade protectionism has risen, together with the gap between the rich and the poor in the world has not narrowed. Global poverty alleviation still has a long way to go. In terms of security, the possibility of war between big powers is greatly reduced, but armed conflicts in some areas have occurred from time to time. Culturally, multiculturalism coexists, collisions and integration between various cultures have increased, religious contradictions, and ethnic contradictions have become an important source of international conflict. In the face of the complex situation in today's world, strengthening international cooperation and improving

global governance are increasingly urgent. China has proposed an important concept of building a "new international relationship", which is conducive to alleviating the many difficulties faced by the world today and providing useful solutions for the improvement of global governance. The development trend of the current era will help the international community to overcome the difficulties and create a better future in the new era.

### **1.3 The crystallization of China's diplomatic exploration**

As a banner of China's diplomacy in the new era, the new type of international relations is also a product of China's diplomatic practice to continuously sum up experience and innovation. China's advocacy of building a new type of international relations is not a temporary rise, but a sublimation based on years of diplomatic practice and experience, and the five principles of peaceful coexistence and the path of peaceful development. Since the 18th National Congress, the new concept of China's diplomacy has been continuously updated, and new international relations have emerged. In September 2015, President Xi Jinping once again advocated the inheritance and promotion of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter at the series of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, and built a new type of international relations with cooperation and win-win as the core. The 2017 report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China has raised the importance of building a new type of international relations to the level of humanity's destiny, and it has exemplified China's continuous exploration of new international relations.

## **2. The main connotation of new international relations**

To understand the connotation of new international relations, it is necessary to clarify the foundations, principles, means, goals and other elements of new international relations. Building a new type of international relationship is an important exploration of China's new model of international relations. Its core connotation is that mutual respect is the foundation, fairness and justice are the norms, cooperation and win-win is the means, and the ultimate goal is to realize the community of human destiny.

### **2.1 Mutual respect is the foundation for the construction of new international relations.**

Mutual respect advocates that all countries, big or small, strong or weak, rich or poor, are equal, and different systems, religions, and civilizations are treated equally. China has always advocated that all countries choose their own development path and respect each other's core interests and major concerns. These are the practice manifestations of mutual respect.

### **2.2 Fairness and justice are the norms for the construction of new international relations.**

China has always advocated the democratization of international relations, and advocated the support of the strong and the weak, the common development of the rich and the poor. Although China is still a developing country, it has continuously shouldered international responsibilities. As a representative of developing countries, China has continued to fight for the rights and interests of developing countries, and promote the representation of developing countries in the international system and global governance, also the right to speak from procedural fairness to fairness, and truly achieve fairness and justice.

### **2.3 Cooperation and win-win is the means of building new international relations.**

The world today is facing more and more global and public issues. The ability of a country alone is far from enough. Only through international cooperation can it be solved. China advocates international cooperation in the concept of cooperation and win-win. In this way, we can achieve common development, share responsibility and common destiny.

## **2.4 Building a Community of Human Destiny is the ultimate goal of a new type of international relationship.**

Only by continuously constructing new international relations can we promote the gradual realization of the community of human destiny. New international relations pursue a better world, and China's blueprint for the world is a community of human destiny.

## **3. The main path to build a new type of international relationship**

The new international relationship is not only a diplomatic concept but also the guiding ideology of China's diplomatic practice. The new international relationship is not only "new" in terms of concept, but also "new" in terms of specific operational rules and international practice. It is really necessary to implement equal participation, democratic consultation, and fairness in rules.

### **3.1 Expand the global partnership network and strengthen the common force building of new international relations.**

Building a new type of international relationship cannot be achieved by the Chinese family, but needs to work with most countries in the world. Through the continuous construction of various partnerships, China can promote the construction of new international relations at multiple levels and ultimately realize the building of a community of human destiny through new international relations.

### **3.2 Actively participate in global governance and strengthen the integration of knowledge and action in new international relations.**

The growing global problem has made it increasingly urgent to strengthen global governance. The Central Foreign Affairs Work Conference emphasized the need to adhere to the concept of fairness and justice to lead the reform of the global governance system. To achieve mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation in global governance, we need to demonstrate procedural fairness in institutional design and pursue distributional fairness in governance implementation. In global governance, China should continuously strengthen cooperation with various regions and global organizations, especially to play the role of the United Nations as a participant, leader, consensus coordinator and supervisor in building new international relations.

### **3.3 Enhance China's strategic capabilities and give play to China's leading role in the construction of new international relations.**

The strength of China has enabled China to have more resources to promote the construction of new international relations. However, how to give full play to China's resource advantages requires better ideas and solutions. This requires that China's strategic capabilities must be improved and China's strength to be promoted internationally. Through the improvement of strategic capabilities, the concept of new international relations can be better disseminated internationally and reflected in the design of international systems.

### **3.4 Closely integrated with China's existing foreign policy, and consolidate the cohesiveness of the construction of new international relations.**

In recent years, China's foreign policy has been innovative in its philosophy and practice. The practice of new international relations needs to be closely integrated with China's major foreign policy initiatives in recent years. Only by incorporating the concept of new international relations into China's existing foreign policy can we win the trust and support of other countries and effectively promote the construction of new international relations.

### **3.5 Maintaining world peace and stability and creating an enabling environment for building new international relations.**

The opening up of new international relations depends on a peaceful and stable international environment. In terms of safety concept, China advocates a common, comprehensive, cooperative,

and sustainable concept of security. China has also continuously participated in the resolution of global hot issues such as the DPRK nuclear issue and the Syrian issue, and has played its role as a major power of China, constantly creating a security structure of fairness, justice, building and sharing.

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