



The Core Content and Practical Approach of China's Global Security Initiative

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Abstract: This research paper provides an overview of China's Global Security Initiative, its essential components, and its practical implementation. Firstly, the paper highlights the significance of the Global Security Initiative in the broader context of China's global security policy. It then outlines the core elements of the Global Security Initiative, which include promoting security cooperation, establishing a global security framework, and enhancing comprehensive security measures. Secondly, the author explores the practical approach of the Global Security Initiative, which emphasizes cooperation between states, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector. The author also describes the implementation of the Global Security Initiative, such as the establishment of the Global Security Initiative Working Group and its role in regional security cooperation. Furthermore, the author discusses how the Global Security Initiative fits into the Belt and Road Initiative. Lastly, the paper addresses the challenges posed by the Global Security Initiative, including the need for greater transparency and the establishment of an effective governance system. By offering insights into the Global Security Initiative and its implications for global security, the author provides valuable information on this topic. Overall, this paper provides a comprehensive overview of the Global Security Initiative, its core components, practical approach, implementation, and challenges, making it an informative read for anyone interested in China's global security policy.

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Introduction

Security is a critical aspect of global peace, development, and the well-being of all peoples. The Global Security Initiative is based on the evolution of the international pattern and changes in the global security situation. Its primary objective is to promote global peace, security, development, and prosperity by identifying and responding to real threats to global security and peace. The initiative adheres to a common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security concept, as well as to the way of dialogue, consultation, and dispute resolution, and a comprehensive global security approach. In the practice of security governance, it is essential to respect all countries' sovereignty and territorial integrity while adhering to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter. It is equally crucial to pay attention to all countries' legitimate security concerns to eliminate the root causes of international conflicts, improve global security governance, and achieve long-term peace and development.

1. Launch of the Global Security Initiative

In the face of a century of changes and the epidemic of the century, coupled with profound adjustments in the international strategic landscape, the international security situation is complex and volatile, and various security risks and challenges are frequent, making the global security governance deficit prominent. In November 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered an important speech at the 20th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), proposing a major initiative to "maintain security and stability and build a security community", which not only enriched the connotation of SCO security cooperation but also provided guidelines for practical and efficient security cooperation among member states.^[1] However, with the rise of hegemonism and the threat of power politics, some countries are pursuing their own absolute security as a guiding principle and are keen to create exclusive "small circles" and "small groups", which have a serious impact on the international security order and threaten world peace and stability.^[2]

In April 2022, Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 2022 annual meeting of the Boao Forum for Asia, entitled "Join Hands to Meet Challenges, Cooperate to Create the Future", pointing out that "security is a prerequisite for development, and humanity is an indivisible security community," cold war thinking, hegemony and power politics, as well as group confrontation will only lead to more the outdated Cold War mentality, hegemonism and power politics, as well as confrontation among groups will only undermine world peace and security, and put forward the Global Security Initiative to maintain world peace and tranquility. The Global

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Security Initiative responds to the universal aspiration of the world's people to overcome the difficulties of the times and create a better world after the epidemic, and provides new ideas and solutions to eliminate the root causes of international conflicts, improve global security governance, and achieve long-term world peace and security.^[3]

2. Connotation of the Global Security Initiative

China's Global Security Initiative is based on solving the real problems of human security and development, and also aims to seek a long-term solution for world peace and development. On February 21, 2023, China officially released the Concept Paper on the Global Security Initiative, which is an important initiative of China to promote the Global Security Initiative and demonstrates China's commitment and determination to maintain global security and stability. The "six insistences" of the Global Security Initiative are rich in connotation and interconnected, forming a dialectical and unified organic whole: "Adherence to the common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable concept of security is the conceptual guide; adherence to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries is the basic premise; adherence to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter is the fundamental guideline; adherence to attach importance to the reasonable security concerns of all countries is an important principle; adherence to resolve differences and disputes between countries by peaceful means through dialogue and consultation is the way to go, and adherence to maintain security in traditional and non-traditional areas in an integrated manner is the right thing to do."^[4] The Global Security Initiative adheres to the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, in which common security means respecting and maintaining the security of every country, comprehensive security means comprehensively integrating traditional and non-traditional security fields, cooperative security means promoting cooperation among countries to maintain global security and stability, and sustainable security means paying equal emphasis on development and security to achieve lasting security. In other words, it advocates cooperation for security and development for security as a whole, and encourages multiple governance actors to form a joint effort to make the global security governance system more fair, just, reasonable and effective.

The Global Security Initiative insists on respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, that is, all countries in the international system are equal members of the international community, regardless of their size, strength, weakness, or wealth; the sovereignty and dignity of each country must be respected; the political system and development path chosen by each country in accordance with its national conditions must be safeguarded; and the legitimate concerns and interests of each country must be taken seriously. The Global Security Initiative firmly supports countries in safeguarding their sovereignty, security and development interests, and is committed to promoting equal rights, rules, and opportunities for all countries.

The Global Security Initiative adheres to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, which stipulates that the United Nations and its Member States shall refrain from acts that endanger international peace, security and justice, and that each Member State shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any Member State or country, and that it crystallizes the institutional design of humanity to achieve collective security and permanent peace. The Global Security Initiative calls on all nations to join in the practice of true multilateralism and to uphold the important position and central role of the United Nations in global security governance.

The Global Security Initiative insists on paying attention to the legitimate security concerns of all countries, and humanity makes an indivisible security community. All countries have equal security interests, and any effort to build their own security on the basis of the insecurity of other countries is not in line with the trend of the times. While pursuing their own security interests, any country should pay attention to the legitimate security concerns and demands of other countries. The Global Security Initiative upholds the principle of indivisibility of security and advocates the construction of a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture so as to achieve universal security and common security.

The Global Security Initiative insists on resolving differences and disputes among countries in a peaceful way through dialogue and consultation, which is an effective means to resolve differences and disputes among countries. In global security governance, countries should strengthen strategic communication and dialogue, seek consensus on resolving security issues, enhance the basis of mutual trust in security, and reasonably manage differences to avoid or resolve crises. The Global Security Initiative calls on all countries to promote security through dialogue and cooperation, supports all efforts conducive to the peaceful resolution of the crisis, and provides viable ideas to maintain world peace and tranquility.

The Global Security Initiative adheres to maintaining security in traditional and non-traditional areas in an integrated manner. The connotation and extension of security today are richer than ever, and the interconnectedness, transnationality and diversity of security issues are more prominent. Global security governance should accurately grasp the reality that traditional and non-traditional security are intertwined and integrated. The Global Security Initiative advocates that all countries should practice the concept of global governance based on mutual consent, construction and sharing, collaborate to find long-term solutions to global security problems, and promote the development of global security governance practices and mechanisms.

3. China's Practice of Global Security Initiative

In the face of the changes in the world, the changes in the times and the changes in history, regional security conflicts and turbulent situations, and the intertwining of traditional and non-traditional security challenges, all countries in the world must work together, adhere to genuine multilateralism, practice the concept of global governance based on consensus, common construction and sharing, and build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture. In the practice of the Global Security Initiative, China has actively participated in the resolution of security hotspots, practiced multilateral cooperation, and participated in the reform of the global security governance system, demonstrating China's vigor and commitment as the initiator of the Global Security Initiative and an activist in maintaining world peace and tranquility.

Firstly, actively participate in solving hot issues and maintaining world peace and security. In the face of rising regional security conflicts and instability, and the intertwining of traditional and non-traditional security challenges, China actively supports the resolution of hotspot issues through frank dialogue and communication to resolve differences and properly resolve problems. After the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, China has always insisted on promoting peace and negotiations, supported paying attention to the legitimate concerns of all parties and resolving the Ukraine crisis by means of dialogue and negotiation. On February 18, Wang Yi also mentioned at the Munich Security Conference in Germany that China will continue to stand on the side of peace and dialogue, and work with the international community to avoid further deterioration of the situation. As always, China also supports the efforts of the United Nations to strengthen conflict prevention and help to rebuild post-conflict countries peacefully. For example, in the face of the unprecedentedly severe flooding in Pakistan since June 2022, China and the international community responded positively to the call and pledged \$9 billion for post-disaster reconstruction in Pakistan at the "International Conference on Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Climate Resilience in Pakistan".^[5]

Secondly, actively practice multilateralism and promote common development and prosperity. China adheres to true multilateralism in the practice of cooperative development and governance practices, and upholds the international system with the United Nations as the core, as well as the international order based on international law. In the handling of major power relations, China has consistently adhered to the basic principles of mutual respect, mutual benefit and win-win results. In the face of the U.S. siege and containment from the perspective of maintaining hegemony, China has strengthened strategic communication between the two sides under the framework of seeking the stable development of major power relations, focusing on building a pattern of peaceful coexistence and balanced development in major power relations. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), as a powerful engine to promote economic development and a source of livelihood and well-being, has invested more than 230 billion US dollars in both directions between China and countries along the Belt and Road from 2013 to 2021. China has built 79 overseas economic and trade cooperation zones in 24 countries along the route, and created 346,000 local jobs.^[6] China has also been active in promoting the development of small and medium-sized countries. For example, China pays great attention to the importance of the Pacific Island Forum in regional affairs, and actively supports the Pacific island countries in implementing their Blue Pacific 2050 Strategy, providing a large amount of material, financial and personnel assistance to help the island countries improve their ability to cope with non-traditional security threats, and carrying out cooperation with the island countries in the fields of marine ecological environment protection, e-commerce development, etc., to create new growth points and development advantages for the island countries.

Finally, actively participate in the reform of the governance system and promote the construction and improvement of the mechanism. In terms of regional security governance mechanisms, China respects and supports the security cooperation framework based on the realities and interests of countries in the region. For example, China actively supports Southeast Asian countries in improving the ASEAN-centered regional security cooperation mechanism, strengthening security dialogue and cooperation with regional countries, and deepening the strategic partnership between China and ASEAN through frameworks such as "ASEAN+China" and "ASEAN+3". China has actively forged the China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership, strengthening communication with the EU on relevant security issues through the China-EU Defense and Security Policy Dialogue and the related mechanism of the heads of state meeting, and calling on both sides to jointly develop practical cooperation opposing the "new cold war" to maintain world security and peace.^[7] In terms of governance in specific security areas, on September 8, 2020, China proposed the "Global Data Security Initiative" at the international symposium on "Seizing Digital Opportunities, Seeking Cooperation and Development", which "calls on all countries to adhere to the principle of development and security, and balance the relationship between technological progress, economic development, national security protection, and social public interests", proposing a Chinese solution to promote countries to jointly formulate the rules of global digital governance and further promote global digital governance.

4. The Role of China's Global Security Initiative in Global Peace and Development

In recent years, China has taken a more active role in security issues, both at the regional and global levels. As an emerging superpower, China has become increasingly involved in international peacekeeping and security operations. This is reflected in the Chinese government's Global Security Initiative, which is an effort to promote global peace and development. The Global Security Initiative aims to promote cooperation and coordination among states and international organizations, as well as enhance capacity-building and provide assistance to countries in need. It also seeks to strengthen the capacity of international institutions to address global security challenges, such as terrorism,

nuclear proliferation, and maritime security. Through this initiative, China has provided assistance to numerous countries, particularly those in the developing world, in order to help them better manage their security and counter threats.

China has also utilized the Global Security Initiative to strengthen its own security by working with partners to address regional and global issues. For example, China has been a major contributor to United Nations peacekeeping operations and is a key country in regional bodies such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. In addition to providing assistance to other countries, the Global Security Initiative also seeks to build regional and global security architectures. For instance, China has been actively involved in multilateral disarmament agreements and has worked with partners to develop new security frameworks, such as the United Nations Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and the Arms Trade Treaty. One of the main objectives of the Global Security Initiative is to strengthen multilateralism and promote regional security and stability. Through the Global Security Initiative, China has sought to build strong relationships with other countries, especially in Asia, by providing economic and military assistance, as well as enhancing regional trade and investment. China has also provided technical assistance and capacity-building support to countries in the region, helping to build their security and stability. The Global Security Initiative has also promoted the development of international norms and standards, especially in the areas of international law, human rights, and security. Through the Global Security Initiative, China has sought to ensure that global norms, such as the United Nations Charter, are observed and respected by all countries.

Finally, the Global Security Initiative has enabled China to become a more influential global actor. By providing assistance to other countries and engaging in multilateral efforts, China has sought to demonstrate its commitment to global peace and security. This has enabled it to establish itself as a responsible stakeholder in global affairs and to play a more active role in helping to resolve disputes and promote stability. For example, in the joint statement of China, Saudi Arabia, and Iran was issued in Beijing on March 10, 2023, the three countries pledged to make every effort to strengthen international and regional peace and security, as well as to shake the world. This is China's diplomatic victory in the Gulf region. This is the triumph of dialogue and peace. It is significant good news and sends a clear signal to the current turbulent world. It is also a successful implementation of China's global security initiative. Last but not least, the Global Security Initiative has enabled China to become an important player in global security. Through its efforts, China has sought to promote global peace and development by providing assistance to other countries, strengthening regional and global security architectures, and demonstrating its commitment to international cooperation.

5. Conclusions

As mentioned above, China's Global Security Initiative is an ambitious program that seeks to promote international security and stability through cooperation, coordination, and collaboration between the Chinese government and its global partners. The Global Security Initiative is a multi-faceted effort that includes diplomatic, military, economic, and technological components. The initiative has already had a significant impact on the world by strengthening China's role in global affairs and creating a more secure environment for all countries. The Global Security Initiative has provided a platform for nations to work together on issues such as nonproliferation and counter-terrorism, as well as providing resources to tackle global health and environmental challenges.

The Global Security Initiative has also made important contributions to global economic stability and prosperity. China has increased its financial contributions to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as well as providing loans and grants to developing countries in order to support their economic development. China has also sought to promote economic growth through the establishment of regional and international trade agreements, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the Belt and Road Initiative. The Global Security Initiative has also made important contributions to global health and environmental security. China has provided financial and technical assistance to countries in the region in order to address the global health crisis, such as the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa. China has also provided assistance to other countries to combat climate change, such as by participating in the Paris Agreement and providing funding to help countries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Last but not least, China has used the Global Security Initiative to promote peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. In order to ensure peace and stability in the region, through the Global Security Initiative, China has sought to build strong relationships with its neighbors, such as Vietnam, Philippines, and Indonesia, work with these countries to achieve a better vision of the Asia Pacific area as a community of shared futures, as well as long-term peace and universal security. China has also sought to resolve territorial disputes in the region, such as those in the South China Sea, through diplomatic negotiations. The Global Security Initiative has made major contributions to global security and stability. Through the Global Security Initiative, China has sought to build strong relationships with its global partners, promote regional security and stability, develop international norms and standards, and promote global economic stability and prosperity. The Global Security Initiative has also made important contributions to global health and environmental security, as well as promoting peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. As China continues to increase its global presence, it is likely that the Global Security Initiative will continue to play an important role in promoting global security and stability.

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