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With the current world order being dismantled and the new yet to be built, major countries facing various difficulties have sharply differing expectations for the future. Even as its global influence accrues, the risk associated with economic deceleration is objective. For China, the outlook on world order and the world system is closely related to past experience and present reality, and construction of a new order requires international solidarity and cooperation.S

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