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IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CONVENTION ON
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Due to its size and surging economic growth, China could play a major role in solving global environmental problems, especially through its implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is one of the most important MEAs in the world. China ratified then CBD in 1992 and has implemented the CBD with changing willingness and ability since 1993. Factors such as development philosophy and model, perception of national environmental interest, economic and technological level, and attitude toward global environmental governance have jointly determined China's role in the implementation and its evolution of "follower-major participant-active contributor

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