



MINUTES

SECOND MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
CHINA AND THE CEE COUNTRIES

February 24, 2016 – Sofia, Bulgaria

Date: February 24, 2016

Time: 10:10 AM

Location: Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Bulgaria

Present:

- Bulgaria – Mr. Vasil Gelev, Mrs. Petya Steliyanova
- China – Mr. Tang Sheng Yao, Mrs. Zhang Tianyu
- Croatia – Mrs. Petra Badovinac
- Czech Republic – Mr. Jan Petr Roman, Mr. Jan Holub
- Estonia – Mr. Olavi Petron
- Hungary – Mrs. Reka Vanda Viranyi
- Latvia – Mrs. Ilona Meziniece-Briede
- Lithuania – Mrs. Jekaterina Dmitrijeva
- Macedonia – Mr. Perica Ivanoski
- Montenegro – Mr. Darko Konjevic
- Poland – Mr. Jakub Flasincki (Secretary at the Embassy of Republic of Poland in Sofia)
- Romania – Mrs. Livia Chivu, Mrs. Liliana Basarabescu
- Serbia – Mr. Branislav Raketec
- Slovak Republic – Mr. Milan Paksi
- Slovenia – Mrs. Tadeja Kvas Majer, Mr. Martin Gosenca

Absent: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina

I Call to order: at 10:10 AM by Chair Vasil Gelev

II Quorum: fifteen of seventeen countries present

III Report by Chairman Vasil Gelev

IV Discussion and Adoption of the Annual Activities of the Association



We, the Consultative Board of the Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation between China and the CEE countries, have met on February 24, 2016 in Sofia, Bulgaria to discuss and adopt the annual activities of the Association for 2016.

Mr. Vasil Gelev called the Meeting to order at 10:10 am.

A quorum of Members was presented and the Meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with the Agenda.

The members of the Consultative Board agreed that the Bulgarian side would provide in written form the protocol from the 2nd Meeting of the Consultative Board.

Discussion and Adoption of the Annual Activities of the Association:

Activity 1: The Association functions as a platform for the promotion on bilateral and multilateral basis of business contacts and business interaction between companies, organizations and associations of China and the 16 CEE countries.

Resolution 1.1: Conclusion of Memorandum of Cooperation between APACCCEEC and institutions from China and the CEE countries (Chambers of Agriculture and Food, Agriculture Associations, etc.). The text of Memorandum can be specified on bilateral and multilateral negotiations between the parties.

Report on the concluded Memorandums of cooperation with Chambers of Commerce, Agencies promoting the investments, Agencies promoting the small and medium enterprises and other institutions in China and the CEE countries shall be presented on the 3rd Meeting of the Consultative Board that should be held in the second part of 2016.

We expect the minimum number of Memorandums of cooperation till the 3rd Meeting of the Consultative Board to be 17, one Memorandum of Cooperation for each country from the 16 CEE countries and China.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Activity 2: The Association to operate as an information link between China and the CEE countries.



Resolution 2.1: Conduction of meetings by APACCCEEC in China and the CEE countries. The purpose of the meetings is a presentation of the activities of the Association and the possibilities that the single database provides to the government structures, associations, NGOs and other stakeholders.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 2.2: If it is possible to add a link of the website of the Association on the official websites of the Ministry of Agriculture of China and the CEE countries after a discussion and receiving a permission from each Ministry.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Activity 3: The official website of the Association - [/www.china2ceec.org/](http://www.china2ceec.org/) provides a single database and is an efficient tool for searching and finding up-to-date investment projects, appropriate business partners, producers and traders from all the fields of the agricultural sector.

Resolution 3.1: In the section "Country Profiles" on the website of the Association to be published a list of launched, including the approved procedures for certification of agricultural products that can be exported from the CEE countries to China.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 3.2: In the section "Useful Links" on the website of the Association to be published a list with the links of institutions such as Ministries of Agriculture, Chambers of Commerce, Agencies promoting the SMEs and others in China and the CEE countries.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 3.3 Implementing of obligatory registration for all users of the website of the Association. The users who want to publish their information in the section "Company Profile" in the single database should make a registration by filling the registration form. The



users of the single database who want access to the full information of the registered company profiles, should make a single registration on the website with email and password.

The analysis of the number of the registered users who use the single database of the Association would serve to assess the interest and usefulness of the provided by the Association service.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Activity 4: The Association shall help encourage trade in agricultural and food products by providing timely information about the trade fairs and agricultural exhibitions traditionally carried out in China and CEE countries.

Resolution 4.1: In the section "Events" on the website of the Association to be published a list with major international agricultural exhibitions, fairs, forums and other meetings that shall be held in China and the CEE countries.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 4.2: The Association to provide the necessary assistance to stakeholders from China and the CEE countries to attend / participate in any of the exhibitions published on the official website of the Association by:

- provide comprehensive information published on the website of the Association;
- coordination of the participation of the Chinese companies in exhibitions in CEE countries and vice versa;
- registration support

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 4.3: Participation of companies from the CEE countries at the 11th Agro-Trade & Economic Cooperation Forum between China and the CEE countries.

The 11th Agro-Trade & Economic Cooperation Forum between China and the CEE countries will take place in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China on 5-6th November 2016 in parallel with the 14th China AG Trade Fair (CATF). The following activities will be organized in the same time:



1. China-CEEC Agriculture Minister's Meeting
2. China-CEEC Agri-business Forum
3. The 3rd Meeting of the Consultative Board of the Association
4. CEEC Pavilion at the 14th CATF
5. Field trip in suburb Kunming

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 4.4: Discussion and adoption of date and venue of the 12th Agro-Trade and Economic Forum for Cooperation between China and the CEE countries.

In view of the need for timely planning of the organization of the 12th Agro-Trade and Economic Forum for Cooperation between China and the CEE countries, the determined period for adoption of date and venue of the event is 30th November 2016.

Bulgaria would like to express their interest to undertake the 12th Agro-Trade and Economic Forum for Cooperation between China and the CEE countries.

Lithuania would like to express their interest to undertake the 14th Agro-Trade and Economic Forum for Cooperation between China and the CEE countries in 2018.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Resolution 4.5: After reviewing the original text of the proposal "The Association to take part in the upcoming expo in China "China-CEEC Investment and Trade Expo 2016" www.cceecexpo.org/site_en", the Consultative Board members made the following changes in the text "The Association to send a delegation *on a visit* in the upcoming expo in China "China-CEEC Investment and Trade Expo 2016" www.cceecexpo.org/site_en".

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is not *adopted* in its first original text.

Resolution 4.6: Participation of companies from the CEE countries at the 14th China International Agricultural Trade Fair.

Considering the Suzhou Guidelines for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, that was adopted on the 4th Summit of China and Central and Eastern European Countries, an exhibition area will be set aside for top-quality CEEC agro-



products at the 14th China International Agricultural Trade Fair, which shall be held in Yunnan Province, China, in the second half of 2016.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point and the received additional information from the Chinese side, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is *adopted*.

Activity 5: Attract important Chinese investments in the field of agriculture in the CEE countries

Resolution 5.1: In the section "Countries Profiles" on the website of the Association to be published a list of European, national and other programme and funding schemes in the agricultural sector of each country.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is not *adopted* in its first original text.

Proposal 5.2: Collecting, analyzing, summarizing and publishing of periodic reports on the trade between China and CEE countries in the field of agriculture, presented by the respective countries.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is not *adopted*.

Activity 6: China and the CEE countries to benefit on a mutually beneficial basis through sharing ideas, exchange of good practices and research for innovative solutions.

Resolution 6.1: Conclusion of Memorandum for cooperation and partnership between the Association and the government structures and agencies, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, foundations and others from China and the CEE countries for the establishment of international centers for agricultural training in China and the CEE countries.

- enhancing the international cooperation in the field of developing the human resources by providing training activities and organization of other educational events that would enhance the professional skills of the labor force in the agricultural sector;

- transferring innovative approaches from the science to the practice and providing systematic "feedback" with the purpose of addressing the needs of the business to the scientific community;



- development of long term and short term training courses combining different types of expertise by involving representatives from a wide range of institutions - government structures and agencies, academic institutions, NGOs and others from China and the CEE countries.

After the presentation and discussion of the above point, the Consultative Board of the Association decided that the proposal is not *adopted*.

✓ Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Vasil Gelev declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 16:30 PM



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Adopted by the Consultative Board Members
on the 2nd Consultative Board Meeting
on February 24, 2016.