



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

AND

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter individually referred to as "the Party" and collectively referred to as "the Parties"),

Being aware of the significant role of agriculture and rural development in the economic development of the two countries,

With a view to create better conditions for the development of bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development,

With the intention to promote economic, scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture and rural development,

Referring to the Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the People's Republic of China on Trade and Economic Cooperation, signed in Sarajevo on 16 May 2000,

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall develop their cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development, in accordance with the principles of equity and mutual benefits and in compliance with the legislation in force in the countries of the Parties.

Article 2

The cooperation comprises the following areas:

1. Exchange of information:
 - a) in the area of agriculture and rural development,
 - b) in the field of dairy, meat, fruit and vegetables, and grain sectors,
 - c) on the phytosanitary issues,
 - d) on the veterinary issues,
 - e) on the organic production,
 - f) on the quality and safety of agricultural products.
2. Facilitation and support of contacts among entrepreneurs in the fields of:
 - a) exchange of experience in the production of grain and vegetables, cattle breeding, organic production, processing and marketing of agricultural products,
 - b) exchange of technological experience in storage, processing and marketing of agricultural products,
 - c) exchange of experience in the implementation of various standards, technical regulations relating to the food industry in order to achieve food safety and quality,
 - d) transfer of technology in the field of cattle breeding, farming and food industry.
3. Facilitation and supporting of scientific contacts in the fields of:
 - a) plant growing and plant protection,
 - b) agricultural research and development and innovation (scientific cooperation and exchange of experience in the fields of animal breeding, biotechnology, forestry, food industry and irrigation);
 - c) technological standards applying to agricultural farms;
 - d) exchange of experiences relating to agricultural research and marketing of agricultural products;
 - e) new technologies and their application in primary production and food industry;
 - f) other issues concerning agriculture and rural development.

Article 3

The Parties will continue to strengthen the communication and coordination under the "16+1" cooperation mechanism between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, jointly promote the "16+1" cooperation in agriculture and under the Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European countries.

Article 4

1. In order to achieve the objectives defined in this Agreement, the Parties shall maintain continuous contacts through their authorized representatives.
2. The Parties shall meet alternately in the Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the People's Republic of China at a place and time to be mutually agreed upon, through diplomatic

channels, with the purpose of identifying priority areas of cooperation and discussing the ongoing cooperation in the areas defined in Article 2.

3. The costs of operation and implementation of the cooperation programs shall be covered by the Parties; each Party shall finance its own expenses arising on its own behalf.

Article 5

Any disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by the parties through mutual negotiations.

Article 6

This Agreement shall not prejudice any rights and/or commitments of the Parties resulting from any other bilateral or multilateral international agreements concluded by the countries following their membership in international organizations.

Article 7

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.
2. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of this Agreement and shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature, and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It will be automatically extended for consecutive periods of five years, unless either Party indicates by sending a written notice to the other Party at least 6 months prior to expiration of the validity of the current Agreement.
2. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the implementation of ongoing project activities/programs agreed before the date of the termination of this Agreement.

Done in Budapest on 27.M., 2017 in two original copies, each in the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. Should any differences and conflicts arise while interpreting any of the Provisions of this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Trade
and Economic Relations
of Bosnia and Herzegovina



On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of
the People's Republic of China

