

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN AND
THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE
UNITED STATES**

The American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) ("the Parties") recognize the importance of the agricultural and food sectors of the economies in the territories of the authorities represented by AIT and TECRO, and

DESIRING to strengthen their long-standing relationship and to increase the level of communication, cooperation, and efforts to resolve issues of importance to the benefit of the producers and agricultural sectors of the territories of the authorities AIT and TECRO represent;

AFFIRMING the commitment of the authorities they represent to market-oriented agricultural policies and ongoing efforts to promote an open and fair trading relationship in food and agricultural products;

REAFFIRMING the rights and obligations of the authorities they represent under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

RESTATING their goodwill to address and resolve as expeditiously as possible matters concerning trade in agricultural goods, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and other standards-related measures that fall within the statutory and regulatory responsibility of the authorities represented by the Parties;

RECOGNIZING that strengthening agricultural relations through cooperation and coordination would be mutually beneficial; and

DESIRING to improve the management of agricultural trade relations by establishing a comprehensive consultative mechanism to address and resolve issues as expeditiously as possible to preserve trade between the territories of the authorities represented by AIT and TECRO.

AIT and TECRO hereby agree:

ARTICLE 1

AIT and TECRO hereby establish a Consultative Committee on Agriculture (CCA), chaired by AIT and TECRO and otherwise comprised of senior individuals from the designated representatives of AIT and TECRO. The Parties hereby agree that the CCA:

- A. Provides a senior-level forum to facilitate discussion, cooperation and coordination in matters related to agriculture and food, including, but not limited to:
 1. Agricultural trade issues;
 2. Agricultural marketing and regulation;

3. Agricultural and food research, technology and technical exchange; and
 4. Agricultural international sanitary and phytosanitary and food safety issues;
- B. Reviews agriculture policy and program priorities of the Parties for consideration where appropriate;
- C. Encourages and facilitates the development of direct contacts between the agricultural sectors of the economies in the territories of the authorities represented by the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

To support and encourage the ongoing work of the CCA and a greater exchange of views between the Parties on issues of common interest in international fora, AIT and TECRO and their designated representatives shall endeavor to meet once a year unless the Parties agree otherwise.

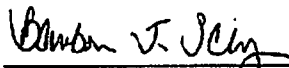
ARTICLE 3

The Parties intend the actions under this Memorandum of Understanding to complement and not substitute for any other mutually agreed upon activities.

ARTICLE 4

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in force unless terminated by any Party upon six months notice to the other Party or by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on 2007. July 10th, in the English language.



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