

**PROTOCOL OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

The Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia held its 7th session in Beijing on 3rd July, 2007.

The Slovenian delegation was headed by Mr. Peter Volasko, Head, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs.

The Chinese delegation was headed by Mr. Gong Huiping, Minister Counsellor from Ministry of Science and Technology.

The list of participants from the both Parties is given in Annex I.

The Committee has addressed the following issues:

1. Exchange of information on Science & Technology developments

Both Parties exchanged information on their key strategies and the latest plans of S&T development of their respective countries. The international S&T cooperation of each country has been presented briefly.

2. Review of the performance of the projects agreed at the 6th Session.

Secretaries of both sides reported to the Committee the performance of projects approved at the 6th Session. The Committee expressed its satisfaction.

3. Discussion on future S&T development.

Both sides emphasized the importance of the international S&T cooperation for developing their S&T systems. They expressed the common wish to encourage and support the cooperation which could be involved in the EU RTD Framework Programme (FP7).

4. Discussions and approval of new joint projects

According to the national priorities of the two countries, the Committee evaluated and approved the bilateral S&T cooperation plan for the period from

July 2007 to June 2009. The projects are listed in Annex II.

5. Administrative and Financial Terms

Both Parties reviewed the administrative and financial terms and conditions of the bilateral S&T cooperation.

5.1 The administrative terms

Both Parties agreed that the project leader should submit a report, which reviews the performance of the project and proposes a framework for future cooperation.

The results from cooperation are subject to the laws and practices applicable to each Party and jointly agreed.

5.2 The financial terms

Both sides agreed to give the necessary financial support to the implementation of the joint projects. The following terms shall be applicable if there is no written agreement, which allows other terms, 30 days before the starting day of the project.

Both sides agreed to support for each project one exchanged visit of 4 persons for a maximum period of 15 days each, except as otherwise agreed by the parties.

The sending Party covers for the international travel and health insurance of the delegation.

The receiving Party covers for meals and accommodation according to domestic regulations.

The same financial regulations will be applicable to the members of the delegations attending the Committee meetings.

6. Setting the dates and place of the 8th Session

The Committee agreed that both Parties would announce the Call for Proposals for July 2009-June 2011 in the second half of 2008. The next session would be held in the first half of 2009 in Slovenia.

As agreed by the Committee, if necessary, secretaries from both sides can hold

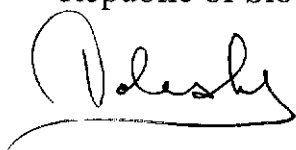
a mid-term meeting so as to evaluate the project performance and make decision on additional projects. The exact dates and venue will be mutually decided through diplomatic channels.

The present Protocol was signed in Beijing on 3rd July 2007, in two copies each, in the Chinese, English and Slovenian languages, with the three texts being equally authentic.

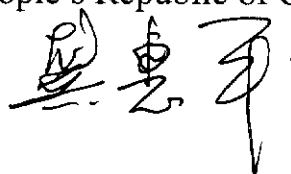
On behalf of
Ministry of Higher Education, Science
and Technology

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Republic of Slovenia

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People's Republic of China

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Annex I

LIST OF CHINESE DELEGATION

Mr. Gong Huiping

--Minister Counselor, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology

Mr. Sun Jian

--Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Chinese Secretary to the Session.

Mr. Luo Qing

--Program Officer, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Chinese Secretary to the Session.

Mr. Ma Leju

--Program Officer, China Science and Technology Exchange Center, Ministry of Science and Technology

LIST OF SLOVENIAN DELEGATION

Mr. Peter Volasko

--Head, Office of International Cooperation and European Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, head of the delegation

Mr. Ales Mihelic

--Director General, Directorate of Technology, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology

Ms. Marjetica Primožic

-- Head, Bilateral Cooperation, Slovenian Research Agency

Ms. Alenka Mihailovski

-- Bilateral Cooperation Department, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, secretary to the Joint Commission