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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BULGARIA**

Joint statement on the development of co-operation in agriculture (with annex). Signed at Washington on 26 November 1979

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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Déclaration commune relative au développement de la coopération dans le domaine de l'agriculture (avec annexe). Signé à Washington le 26 novembre 1979

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JOINT STATEMENT¹ ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL UNION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

The Department of Agriculture of the United States of America and the National Agro-Industrial Union of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, hereafter called "the Parties", led by the desire to develop and expand economic, scientific, technical and commercial cooperation in agriculture and the food industry, on the basis of mutual advantage and equality, have agreed on the following:

Article I. The two Parties have agreed to establish cooperation in:

- Science and technology, including the exchange of germplasm and breeding materials;
- Exchange of agricultural specialists and trainees;
- Exchange of agricultural and statistical information;
- Development and expansion of commercial agricultural relations.

Article II. The Parties will make every effort to facilitate and expand cooperation in production, science, and trade of agricultural and food products between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bulgaria through the encouragement of bilateral contacts between representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, firms, institutes, trade associations, and private individuals from the United States and representatives of the National Agro-Industrial Union and appropriate organizations and institutes of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Article III. To advance technical cooperation, both Parties will promote exchanges on the basis of mutual advantage in the fields of mechanization, plant, animal and soil science, and the food industry. Specific cooperative activities in training, information exchanges, and research will be developed by mutual agreement in conformity with the policies and laws of both countries.

Article IV. The Parties will make available, on a mutually agreeable basis, a number of trainees and specialists, to develop further expertise in the fields of agriculture and the food industry.

The number of exchanges and the subjects to be covered, as well as the financial terms, will be agreed upon annually by authorized representatives of the two countries or via diplomatic channels.

Article V. The Parties will encourage their respective research institutes to establish direct cooperation in the investigation of research problems, the exchange of information on matters of mutual interest, organization of symposia and conferences on subjects of interest to both countries, and the exchange of researchers in the field of agriculture and the food industry.

¹ Came into force on 26 November 1979 by signature, in accordance with article X.

Article VI. To increase the information flow, the Parties have agreed to exchange current agricultural economic and statistical data, as indicated in the annex to the Joint Statement.

The annex to this Statement forms an integral part thereof.

Further expansion of information exchanges shall be promoted through requests to the working group, to be established in conformity with article VIII of this statement, and through consultations by each country's agricultural attaché or other diplomatic representative with the offices outlined in article VII.

Article VII. The contacts between the two Parties will be maintained primarily through the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Directorate of International Cooperation at the National Agro-Industrial Union.

Article VIII. To promote continuity, a working group will be established, under the auspices of the Joint Statement on the development of cooperation in agriculture, which will meet once a year to develop and adopt measures for the realization of the present Statement and report on their implementation. The agricultural attachés of both countries will be permanent members of this working group.

Article IX. To review the fulfillment of the obligations ensuing from the Joint Statement, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the Chairman of the National Agro-Industrial Union of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, or their respective designees, will meet two years after the signing of the Joint Statement.

Article X. This Joint Statement, made in two authentic copies in the English and Bulgarian languages, shall enter into force upon signature and remains in force five years unless extended by mutual agreement. The Joint Statement may be terminated unilaterally at any time upon six months written notice. In the event of termination of this Joint Statement, arrangements shall be made for completion of activities already underway under this Joint Statement. The present Joint Statement was signed in Washington, D.C. on November 26, 1979.

For the Department of Agriculture
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the National Agro-Industrial Union
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Bob Bergland — Signé par Bob Bergland.

² Signed by Vasil Tsanov — Signé par Vasil Tsanov.

ANNEX TO THE JOINT STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT
OF COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

Data to be provided by both Parties

Date

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| 1. Total area, yield and production of major crops
—Grains (wheat, barley, maize for grain)
—Industrial crops (sunflower, soybeans, tobacco, cotton, sugar beets)
—Vegetables (potatoes) | Mid-February, preliminary data for previous year; June, final data for previous year. |
| 2. Total livestock and poultry numbers (by type)
—Cattle
—Hogs
—Sheep
—Poultry | Mid-February, for the beginning of the year; July, for the livestock and poultry numbers of the social sector at mid-year. |
| 3. Production of principal livestock products
—Meat (by type)
—Dairy products (milk, cheese)
—Eggs | Mid-February, preliminary data for the previous year; July, final data for the social sector in the first half of the year. |
| 4. Total imports of major agricultural commodities, by origin, in quantity. Total feed grain (barley and corn), total oilseed meals (soybean meal and sunflower meal) and cattle hides. | Mid-February, for previous year; end of July for the first half of the year. |
| 5. Total exports of major agricultural commodities by destination in quantity. Oriental tobacco, cigarettes, wheat, corn, oilseeds (by type), meat and meat products, cheese and eggs. | Mid-February, for the previous year; end of July for first half of the year. |
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