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**Rationale for transferring CIEC's presidency and main office
to the Peoples Republic of China**

I have great pleasure in providing a document revealing the roots and origin of the International Scientific Center for Fertilizers (CIEC) and the rationale for its latest development: the transfer of the presidency and main office to the Peoples Republic of China.

I myself hold a MSc, PhD, DSc in plant nutrition and a DSc in natural science. I am Honorary Doctor of the Romanian Academy for Agricultural and Forest Sciences and I am holding two guest professorships at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shenyang, China. My current position is Head, Director and Professor of the Institute for Crop and Soil Science at the Federal Research Center for Cultivated Plants (JKI). JKI is a subsidiary of the German Federal Ministry for Agriculture (BMEL). I am also extraordinary Professor at the Technical University in Braunschweig, Germany and Honorary President of the International Scientific Center for Fertilizers (CIEC). In this function I declare in this letter the rationale for transferring CIEC's presidency and main office to the Peoples Republic of China.

After about half a century since the birth of the international fertilizer industry, many problems called for resolution through research on soil fertility, plant nutrition, fertilizer application and fertilizer production, these being the reason for organizing the first International Conferences on Chemical Fertilizers in 1932 in Rome, Italy. Delegates from 29 countries (Australia, Belgium, Brazil, British India, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, The Dutch East Indies, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Marocco, Norway, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Republic of South Africa, United States of America and Yugoslavia) decided to settle an association dealing with the scientific and technical aspects of fertilizer,



under the name: Centre International des Engrais Chimique – CIEC with headquarters in Rome, Italy (Technical Director) and in Zurich, Swiss (President and Secretary General). CIEC was meant to stand as a non-profit and Non Governmental Organization (NGO) dedicated to the Fertilizer Industry beside the governmental driven Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, which was also founded in Rome, but 12 years later after World War II.

From the start CIEC has been conceived as a non-profit and non-governmental international scientific society bringing together scientists, scientific institutions, fertilizer industries and trade companies, agricultural consulting and other fertilizer-minded institutions or persons. As a non-profit multinational society CIEC never did seek any national registration. The founding documents with the signatures of the founding fathers have been lost in course of the long time with World War II (1939-1945), the breakdown of the Warsaw Pact (1989-1991) and the Yugoslavian separation wars (1992-1995). During its 87 years of existence 8 presidents have served CIEC and its general secretaries resided in 8 different countries: the last two offices of CIEC were located from 1990-2009 at the Research Institute for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Science in Budapest (RISSAC), Secretary General: Prof. Dr. Tamas Nemeth) and from 2009 till 2019 at the Institute for Crop and Soil Science Federal Research Center for Cultivated Plants (JKI) in Braunschweig Germany, Secretary General: Dir. & Prof. Dr. Silvia Haneklaus.

Thus proof for the existence and originality of CIEC is only based on oral tradition and the remaining documents of its scientific events and finally the signatures of the two most senior contemporary witnesses, the Honorary Presidents Cristian Hera and Ewald Schnug at the end of this document, verified by the acting Secretary General of CIEC, Silvia Haneklaus.

During the 87 years of its existence, CIEC has accomplished to become one of the oldest scientific organizations which promote the transformation of academic knowledge concerning plant-fertilizer-water-soil system into production.

During this 87 years CIEC has changed its organizational form from a international presidia run membership based community with national branches towards an international task force with membership on invitation only. The management form and statutes are always to the decision of the actual presidium in charge.

Till today CIEC has conducted 16 World Fertilizer Congresses (every four years): Rome (3), Heidelberg, Opatija, Zurich, Lisbon, Vienna, Moscow, Budapest, Nicosia, Ghent, Beijing, Chiang Mai, Bucharest, Rio de Janeiro, Shenyang, PnomPhen (scheduled for 2022) and 28 Fertilizer Symposia (held every year): Vienna (2), Benghazi, Braunschweig (3), Balatonfured, Nicosia, Berlin, Salamanca, Kusadasi, Pulawy, Suceava, Tokat, Debrecen, Pretoria, Ghent, Cairo (2), Rome (2), Goslar, Santa Clara, Bari, Helsinki, Son, Coimbra, Groningen, Guilin, Athens. All this events alone are substantial proof for CIEC's existence.

Since 1933 six presidents took the helm of CIEC: Feist (CH), Montjardina (P), Yelenic (former Yugoslavia), Hera (RO) and Schnug (D). During Ewald Schnug's presidency in

2016 the decision was made to found a new national Branch of CIEC in ASIA and later on in 2019 to reunite it with the main CIEC body and transferring the presidency of CIEC with Ewald Schnug's retirement from his official duties as director of the Institute for Crop and Soil Science at JKI in Braunschweig, to the Institute of Applied Ecology of the Chinese Academy of Science in Shenyang, Peoples Republic of China and announcing Lanzhu Ji as his successor as president of CIEC.

Actually, with date June 2020 the presidium of the CIEC task force consists of the President: Lanzhu Ji (PRC); the Deputy President: Xiaoyu Shi (PRC) + 3 Vice Presidents: Dimitris Bouranis (GR), Zhengyi Hu (PRC), Luit de Kok (NL), a Secretary General: Silvia Haneklaus (D), a Deputy Secretary General: Jie Li (PRC), a Liaison Officer for Environment: Liankai Zhang (PRC), a Liaison Officer for Industry: Yuanliang Shi (PRC) and the Honorary Presidents: Cristian Hera (RO) and Ewald Schnug (D).

Braunschweig, May 5, 2020
signed by the Honorary Presidents:



Cristian Hera



Ewald Schnug

verified by the Secretary General



Silvia Haneklaus