



**POUL NYRUP RASMUSSEN VISIT IN
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
Report
3 - 8 November 2005**

Date: 3-8 November 2005
Venues: Beijing, Chengdu
Participants: Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, President of the PES
Alexandra Dobolyi, PES Presidency member, MEP
Glyn Ford, MEP
Yonnec Polet, PES Political Adviser

1. Context

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, President of the Party of European Socialists (PES) and President of the Global Progressive Forum (GPF) was invited to a visit in China. Alexandra Dobolyi, PES Presidency member, MEP, participated in the delegation. Glyn Ford, MEP, Member of the EP Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula, in Asia at that time for a delegation in South Korea, also attended the programme.

2. Programme

High level talks with Mr WU Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, were held on China's new policy, workers rights, Decent Work, human rights, China-Europe relations.

The meeting with Mr. WANG Jiarui, Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC and Mr. ZHANG Zhijun, Vice-minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC, was dedicated to International affairs issues, Europe's development, its China policy and PES.

With Mr ZHANG Yesui, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the discussion was focused on Foreign policy, WTO, and the ILO Core Labour Standards.

The meeting with Mr CUI Huili, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Commerce was dedicated to China's economic challenges, WTO talks, and social rights.

With the Ministry of Labour, discussions were held on the development in China of employment and social rights, and protection of workers.





3. Programme

Thursday 3 November

Morning Arrival in Beijing
13.30 Working talks chaired by Mr. ZHANG Zhijun, Vice-minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPC
16.00 Meeting with Mr. WU Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.
19.30 Meeting and dinner hosted by Mr. WANG Jiarui, Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC

Friday 4 November

8.30 Meeting with Mr CUI Huili, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Commerce
10.00 Meeting with Mr ZHANG Yesui, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14.00 Visit and meeting with students of the Beijing University and speech made by President Rasmussen
18H30 Departure to Chengdu, provincial capital of the Sichuan Province

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November

Programme in Chengdu (visit to the New & High Scientific Technological Park, of a rural area, of the ancient historical site Shan Xing Dui, etc.)

Monday 7 November

Morning Meeting with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Labour (MOLLS)
Afternoon Workshop untitled "The Prospects of the European Integration"
Press interview

Tuesday 8 November

Departure from Beijing to Europe

