

**COMMITTEE:** Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

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The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental process established in 1996 to foster dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe. ASEM is based on these 3 pillars: a political pillar, which offers a privileged dialogue platform to address international and regional issues, an economic and financial pillar, which extends avenues to reinforce the economic partnership between Asia and Europe and lastly a social, cultural, and educational pillar that strengthens the cultural and educational links between Asia and Europe. Facing the crisis that the world is facing, Portugal wishes to revitalize this cooperation between these two blocks. It is important that Portugal revitalize this cooperation after this economic and health crisis that the whole world is facing. ASEM members should join up and find agreements to regain their economic wealth back from before the crisis.

Even though Portugal has never hosted an ASEM summit, it has been involved in each one. Indeed, Portugal has attempted each and every summit since the creation of the ASEM in 1996. Yes, Portugal was there for the first summit. Portugal has also taken place in numerous Ministerial meetings varying from ASEM transport meetings to ASEM finance meetings and ASEM economic meetings or even ASEM labour and employment meetings. This association and its future is the utmost importance to Portugal.

Thus far, our delegation offers to hold the 14th summit of the Asia-Europe meeting to revitalize this union by touching on some already existent agreements to enhance them so that both parties can benefit from it but also all 51 members of this cooperation. This summit would also be a great opportunity for all its partners to address some new political, economic, and even social, cultural, and educational projects to implement for the wealth being of this association and its members. Lastly, Portugal would gladly be open to host any ASEM ministerial meetings in its homeland to again revitalize this association that needs it more than ever after a devastating economic and health crisis.

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