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The Palestinian Minister of Agriculture, Sufian Sultan, on a visit to Ciheam Bari to discuss common projects

Palestine is deeply interested in a collaboration with CIHEAM Bari, in the framework of tighter scientific and cultural relations. This was stated by H.E. Sufian Sultan, Minister of Agriculture of Palestine, at the end of a courtesy visit to Ciheam Bari, where he was welcomed by the director, Maurizio Raeli.

During the meeting, the director Raeli underlined that *"in its cooperation activity Ciheam Bari considers human resources the main lever of economic and social development" and that "training is essential for the construction of peace in countries, such as Palestine, that constantly live in a situation of conflict. In particular, since 1998, 146 Palestinian students have been trained at Bari Institute"*.

The Minister welcomed the ongoing activities and expressed his belief that international cooperation could play a decisive role in bringing peace across the Mediterranean region and that exchanges are essential for the rapprochement and mutual understanding of peoples.

At the end of the visit, the Palestinian Minister of Agriculture, Sufian Sultan, and the Director of Ciheam Bari, Maurizio Raeli,

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signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at developing a fruitful collaboration in order to identify joint research and international cooperation projects, funded through different donor agencies; to promote mutual involvement within the framework of international scientific cooperation programmes and Mediterranean institutional networks to share knowledge and innovations on priority thematic areas, focusing on common agricultural research needs in national and international scenarios. Furthermore, the parties undertook to promote training, research and development.

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