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Statement

Particular Czech and Hungarian media outlets have recently mentioned the China-CEE Institute in certain pieces, making unfounded assumptions about our institute's operations and erroneous conclusions were drawn, which may create a false impression among readers about the operation of the Institute. In this regard, our Institute declares:

The China-CEE Institute was established by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, registered on 24 April 2017 as a non-profit corporation in Budapest, Hungary. The Institute of European Studies at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences is responsible for organizing and managing it.

The China-CEE Institute will build ties and strengthen partnerships with academic institutions and think tanks in Hungary and other Central and Eastern European countries. It welcomes scholars and researchers in CEE countries to carry out joint researches, field studies, seminars and lecture series, some training programs for younger students, translation, and publication, etc.

The China-CEE Institute uses contractual methods to hire researchers from European countries, or collaborates with research institutions in Central and Eastern European countries, writes and publicly publishes the "*Weekly Briefing*" of Central and Eastern European countries in English, to promote understanding of their development, and provides academic literature to promote in-depth study of Central and Eastern European countries in the academic community. The Hungarian National Library collects and deposits "*Weekly Briefing*" which is an

official publication with an international ISSN number. The China-CEE Institute has standardized the format of the *Weekly Briefing* since 2020, and at the same time, conducted an annual quality assessment of the *Weekly Briefing* in accordance with academic norms, in order to encourage the authoring of higher-quality weekly briefings. The authors of the *Weekly Briefing* have been vocal in their support for this measure.

Simultaneously, the China-CEE Institute publishes articles and project bidding activities on a regular basis, runs academic seminars, holds online lectures, and encourages academic exchanges.

Every year, the China-CEE Institute releases an *Annual Report* that summarizes the previous year's academic activities and research findings. The *Annual Report* is published on the China-CEE Institute's website.

Academic institutions from Austria, Germany, France, and other countries have expressed interest in the China-CEE Institute's academic activities. During their visits to the China-CEE Institute, certain institutions expressed their gratitude and support for our varied efforts, and indicated their desire to collaborate on academic activities in the future.

We welcome constructive criticism of the China-CEE Institute from all areas of society in Europe, but we reject all misinformation. At the same time, we strongly condemn the dissemination of false news in the guise of "countering disinformation", as well as the politicization of academic activities and attempts to repress normal academic activities through the use of media tools.

We believe that the European academic community is a knowledge community dedicated to scientific research and academic goals. We look forward to working with the European academic community to foster cultural and academic interactions between China and Europe in the future.