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## **FRENCH AGRICULTURE MINISTER LE FOLL MET WITH IRANIAN COUNTERPART MAHMOUD HOJJATI**

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France, through its network of technical institutes, training and research centers, for the diversity of its business sectors of agriculture, livestock and agro-industries can actively contribute to the evolution of practices agricultural and livestock that wants to engage Iran in particular with regard to water resources management. Added to this France we note the will of structuring production chains and restructuring of food processing industries to better meet the needs of nearly 80 million consumers. The number and importance of agreements in the agricultural and food sectors, institutional and private, signed during the visit to France of President ROHANI reflects this strong momentum should maintain and amplify

Among these agreements, Stéphane LE FOLL welcomes the accession of Iran to the initiative of 4 per 1000 carbon sequestration in soils. Iran has so join the over 150 States and organizations that support the initiative.-----

Private agreements signed January 28 concern the approximation of the associations of agri-food businesses, on the establishment of high-tech greenhouses with deployment perspectives of these very large scale (5,000 ha projected medium-term ), the production of autogenous vaccines for poultry and fish farming and the establishment of the first hatchery trout eggs in Iran, also the second largest producer of these fish from eyed eggs imported.-----

At the institutional level, cooperation agreements have occurred in the sanitary and phytosanitary sectors that will help to promote dialogue between the authorities and smoother trade. In research agreement for closer research institutes in the sector over a dozen major topics including productivity and water management, seed production, sanitary and phytosanitary issues, genetic resources, biotechnology and adaptation to climatic changes.

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