

Agriculture minister presents Greek positions at WTO

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Agricultural Development Minister Evangelos Bassiakos on Thursday presented Greece's positions at the 6th ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation in Hong Kong.

Bassiakos, who leads a Greek delegation at the meeting, underlined the need to continue protections for Europe's farmers as decided in a recent reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for nearly all agricultural products.

He also asked for the opening of markets in developing countries in order to facilitate exports of non-agricultural products to these markets and the deregulation of trade in services.

Bassiakos also took part in bilateral and multilateral meetings and discussions, including the EU General and External Affairs Council, to monitor the progress of talks and to promote Greek positions.