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Volkswagen Sustainability Council: Expert from China joins advisory body

- **Yongtu Long, former Secretary-General of the Boao Forum for Asia and ex-Chief Negotiator for China's accession to the WTO, becomes tenth member of the Sustainability Council**
- **Third meeting of the advisory body of international experts in Wolfsburg**
- **Intensive exchange of information with the Volkswagen Group Board of Management on issues such as climate protection and sustainability management**

Wolfsburg, September 28, 2017 – A further high-caliber expert has joined the international Sustainability Council founded by the Volkswagen Group. At its third meeting in Wolfsburg, Yongtu Long was appointed as a member of the Sustainability Council initiated by the Group Board of Management in the fall of 2016. Yongtu Long is one of China's leading political economists and diplomats, and has served in many posts, among them Chief Representative and Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation in the negotiations for China's accession to the World Trade Organization.



Yongtu Long becomes tenth member of the Sustainability Council of Volkswagen Group.

“I am delighted that the Sustainability Council is welcoming a further top expert to participate in its work”, Matthias Müller, Chief Executive Officer of the Volkswagen Group, said. “All the more so because Mr. Long comes from China – the country we call our second home market and where our ties are particularly close.” Müller thanked the Council for its work over the past year: “It is good that Volkswagen is opening up and engaging with external perspectives. Particularly where the environment and sustainability are concerned.”

The Volkswagen Group Sustainability Council was founded in the fall of 2016 in response to the diesel crisis. It advises the Company on the topics of sustainable mobility, environmental protection, and social responsibility as well as integrity, the future of work, and digitalization. The

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internationally renowned members of the Council are drawn from the worlds of research, academia, science and politics. They operate independently, are not bound by any directives and have far-reaching rights in respect of information, consultation and acting on their own initiative. For the funding of its own projects the Volkswagen Group is proactively making €20 million available to the Council for the first two years.



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