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- Item No. IV Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in South-East Asia - Part III.
- Item NO. V Report on the Second Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives, Tokyo, October 11-20, 1973.
- Item No.VI Technical Assistance in the field of agriculture.
- Item NO.VII Report on the Meeting of the Working Group for Trade Promotion and the Minutes of the Select Committee meeting held at Singapore.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. I

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT BANGKOK ON NOV 15,1972

1.1 The minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade held at Bangkok on N vember 15, 1972 were circulated and are submitted for confirmation. A copy of the Minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.II

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Please see under agenda item No. IV.

AGENDA ITEM NO.III

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

3.1 Efforts were continued during the year for collecting additional information and data concerning agricultural cooperatives in the Region. The Regional Office is still experiencing difficulty in collecting statistics from the Regional movements. Members of the Sub-Committee are requested to extend their cooperation in facilitating collection and compilation of regional data.

AGENDA ITEM NO.IV

SURVEY OF COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING PROJECTS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA - PART III

4.1 The Report of Third part of the Survey covering Thailand and Malaysia was submitted to the ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia by the Leader of the Study Team during August 1973. The Study Team has made detailed recommendations for the reorganization of marketing activity by cooperatives surveyed in Thailand with emphasis on faster communication of market information and greater role for the national marketing federation. For Malaysia, the Study Team has prepared a pre-investment study for the establishment of a tapioca processing plant for producing pelletised chips for export markets.

Follow-up of Recommendations of the <u>Second Part of the Survey - Sri Lanka</u>

4.2 The Regional Office had approached the Cooperative Federation of Justralia to explore possibilities of arranging a training programme for five cooperators from Sri Lanka for a period of 2-3 months in marketing, grading, processing, transportation, etc. of fruits and vegetables.

4.3 The Cooperative Federation of Australia has informed the Regional Office that a training programme could be arranged but the cost would discourage the member cooperatives from being too keen on the proposal. The Federation has, however, suggested that the training programme could be arranged on a Government-to-Government basis under Colombo Plan or similar aid programmes. If at the request of the Government of Sri Lanka, the Government of Australia is prepared to assist with financial support, the Federation is prepared to investigate the matter in detail.

4.4 The Regional Office has sent the above comments to the National Cooperative Council of Sri Lanka and have sought their advice as to the possibility of getting a request sponsored by the Government of Sri Lanka to the Government of Australia for organizing the training programme in Marketing for the personnel working in the societies surveyed.

Republic of Korea

4.5 As reported at the last meeting of the Suble For the Committee, the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives with has formally offered to organise a training programme in Japan in the field of marketing for five trainees from the Republic of Korea.

4.6 The National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) in Seoul is willing to sponsor five candidates if the local expenses during the training period are paid by the Japanese Agricultural Cooperative Movement. The NACF will, however, pay the return airfare for the five trainees. The Central Union has since confirmed that it will take care of all the local costs of the five trainees in Japan. Details regarding the training programme are expected to be finalised in the near future.

· Fourth Part of the Survey

4.7 It is proposed to do the Survey in Iran and the Philippines during March-April, 1974. Survey in both the countries was postponed in consultation with memberorganisations due to certain unavoidable circumstances. Details regarding the survey schedule and other matters are being discussed with member-movements.

AGENDA ITEM NO.V

REPORT ON THE SECOND ASIAN CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND COOPERATIVES, TOKYO, OCTOBER 11-20, 1973

5.1 An oral report will be made at the Sub-Committee meeting by the Secretary of the Sub-Committee on the Second Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives scheduled to be held in Tokyo from October 11-20, 1973.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VI

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

6.1 , brief report on the present position of agricultural cooperative projects is given below for the information of the Sub-Committee Members.

Bhor Dairy Project

6.2 The dairy was formally inaugurated by Hon.Mr Y.B.Chavan, Minister of Finance, Government of India, on March 10, 1973.

6.2.1 Dr Carl Schumacher, former President of the West German Consumers' Cooperative Congress, had specially come to Poona to attend the inaugural function. Mr Armin Peter of the West German Consumers' Cooperative Congress in Hamburg also attended the function. The dairy is gradually increasing the quantity of pasteurised milk for distribution in the city of Poona.

Consolidated Fruit Processing Plant of NACF, Seoul (Republic of Korea)

6.3 The cooperative League of the USA were informally approached by the Regional Office to elicit support for the, project from large fruit cooperatives in the USA. The CLUSA in USA, which was approached for assistance, has informed the Regional Office that there is no possibility of cooperatives in the USA coming forward to assist this project.

Multi-Commodity Fruit & Vegetable Processing Unit of NAFED, New Delhi (India)

6.4 The VdK in East Germany, which was approached for assistance, has regretted its inability to support the project because of foreign exchange restrictions for securing the required machinery. Fisheries Assistance Project in Sri Lanka

6.5 Although the question of providing assistance to fishery cooperatives in Sri Lanka by the French fishermen cooperative societies has been under discussion for more than three years, not much progress has been made so far in securing the assistance. As a matter of fact, it is now almost certain that the original proposal of sending two large sized fishing boats to Sri Lanka with French experts to assist in modernisation of deep-sea fishing will not be implemented in view of certain unavoidable circumstances faced by the French Fishery Movement.

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sending material assistance to Sri Lanka.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VII

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR TRADE PROMOTION AND THE MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SINGAPORE

7.1 The Report will be submitted for consideration at the time of the meeting. A copy of the minutes of the Select Committee meeting is appended with these agenda papers.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VIII

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR COOPERATIVE FISHERIES

8.1 The Report will be submitted for consideration at the time of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.IX

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

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AGENDA ITEM NO.X

VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MELTING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE INTERNATION/L COOPERATIVE /LLIANCE Regional Office & Education Centre for South-East Asia, P.O. Box 3312 43 Friends Colony, New Delhi-110-014, India

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FOURTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR TRADE PROMOTION TOKYO (JAPAN): OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 1973

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Item No. IV	London Secretariat Document on Promotion of Intercooperative Agricultural Trade.
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Item No.VI	Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. I

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR TRADE PROMOTION HELD AT BANGKOK (THALLAND) ON NOVEMBER 14, 1972

1.1 The Minutes of the Third meeting of the Working Group for Trade Promotion held at Bangkok on November 14, 1972, were circulated and are submitted for confirmation. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting held at Bangkok is annexed hereto.

AGENDA ITEM NO.II

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Item VIProposal for the establishment of a(of the Minutes)Cooperative Trade Exchange in the Region

2.1 Please see Agenda Item No.V.

IGENDA ITEM NO.III

PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVE TRADE

Cooperative Trade Development

3.1 As in the past the Regional office continued to function as a clearing house for trade information. The following were some of the important activities undertaken by the Regional Office during the period under review.

Trade Information Bulletin

3.2 The ICA TRADE NEWS continued to be issued on a monthly basis. The scope of the Trade News has been slightly broadened to include news concerning development and technical assistance. The journal entered fifth year of its publication in July 1973. Trade Development

3.3 Some of the trade contacts provided by the Regional Sffice are listed below :

- (i) The Filipino Cooperative Wholesale Society, Inc., Manila, were provided cooperative contacts both in the Region and Europe for the mmport of food items, etc. and export of products of industrial cooperatives.
- (ii) The Malaysian Cooperative Industrial Development Society Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, were provided contacts in Europe for the export of orchids.
- (iii) The Malaysian Cooperative Supermarkets Society Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, were provided contacts both in the Region and outside for the import of food and non-food items for sale in its supermarkets.

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(iv) The All-India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative society Ltd., Bombay, were provided with cooperative contacts in W.Germany for the export of handloom textiles.

3.3.1 For making contacts in Europe the Regional Office generally sought the assittance of INTERCOOP located

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AGENDA ITEM NO. IV

LONDON SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ON "INTER-COOPERATIVE TRADE : PROBLEMS & PROSPECTS

4.1 A study on "Inter-Cooperative Trade : Problems and Prospects" has recently been prepared by Research bepartment of the ICA London Office. As report of the Study is still in a draft form it has not been possible to circulate it among the Sub-Committee Members. However, a brief introduction to the study will be made at the time of the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COOPERATIVE TRADING ORGANISATION IN THE REGION

5.1 The Working Group at its last meeting held in Bangkok had recommended that the proposed Cooperative Trade Exchange be located at Singapore. The Group had also recommended to the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade to appoint a Select Committee to go into details concerning the trade exchange proposals and make suitable recommendations. The Sub-Committee at its meeting held immediately thereafter accepted both these recommendations and appointed a Select Committee composed as follows :

i. Mr B.P. Faustino, Chairman (Philippines)
ii. Mr Irwin Hunter, Member (Australia)
iii. Mr A.K. Isaac, Member (Singapore)

Mr M.V. Madane was requested to work as Secretary of the Select Committee. 5.2 The Select Committee held two meetings. First in Chiengmai (Thailand) during the .dvisory Council meeting and the second at Singapore from 14th to 16th January, 1973. Minutes of the second meeting held at Singapore are appended to these .genda papers.

5.3 The Select Committee at its meeting held at Singapore had recommended the establishment of an Internnational Cooperative Trading Organisation (ICTO) and had suggested that it should be registered under the Company Act of Singapore. To begin with, an authorised share capital of Singapore \$1 million was recommended out of which \$\$500,000 are to be subscribed before commencement of the business. The number of board members suggested was between five and seven and staff for managing the organisation will consist of a General Manager and four other employees. The Select Committee also recommended that a continuous contact should be maintained between the IC. Regional Office in New Delhi and the proposed trading company.

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5.4 Members of the Select Committee had taken unanimous decisions on various aspects of the proposal after extensive discussion with all concerned parties in Singapore and after a prolonged meeting of the Select Committee. The recommendations of the Select Committee, therefore, were widely appreciated both by the government departments and the cooperative organisations in Singapore. There was only one item on which a senior cooperative executive from Singapore expressed his concern and that was concerning the adequacy of capital for the proposed company. He felt that the company may find itself under-capitalized if the business is started only with \$\$500,000 as the initial subscribed share capital.

Trade Proposal

5.5 On the basis of various recommendations made at the above meeting Draft Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the proposed trading company were prepared by the Secretary of the Select Committee in cossultation with a firm of solicitor in Singapore. The Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association along with a forwarding letter by the ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia were circulated among member-movements after having been duly approved by the Chairman and other members of the sclect Committee. Additional copies of the proposal were also sent to member-organisations for wider circulation among their affiliates in the respective countries.

5.6 Except in the case of Australia, no other Cooperative Movement has made any definite commitment to participate in the proposed Company. However, it is expected that most of the Movements will communicate their decision concerning participation at the time of the Tokyo meetings.

Proposed follow-up

5.7 If a positive decision is taken on the proposal at the Tokyo meetings of the Working Group and the sub-Committee, follow-up action will have to be initiated thereafter to facilitate its early establishment. Following are some of the important steps which will have to be taken in this direction.

- a) It will be necessary to obtain firm commitments in writing from participating organisations in the product equity capital.
- b) As soon as six countries have declared their intention to participate and as soon as the minimumrequired amount of share capital has been subscribed, a proposal will have to be drafted for registration of the company. At this stage it will be necessary to appoint a General Manager.

- c) The first Board Meeting should be held immediately after the registration or as soon as possible thereafter.
- d) After the establishment of the company and before commencement of its business, it will be necessary to make contacts with major trading cooperatives both in the Region and outside in order to reach an understanding concerning ways and means for transacting business through the proposed company. It will ' also be necessary to discuss with INTERCOOP and leading consumer cooperative wholesales in Western countries the manner in which the trading company could provide services to these organisations for their purchases from the South-East Asian Region.
- e) It will then be necessary to recruit necessary staff and hire premises for the office.
- f) The company then should start its business as soon as possible.

IGENDA ITEM NO.VI

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

AGENDA ITEM NO.VII

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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AGENDA ITEM NO. IV

FAO/SIDA COURSE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES

4.1 The above course was held in collaboration with the Government of India and the International Cooperative Alliance at the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Bombay from 1-26 March, 1973. The total number of participants was 31 of which 21 were from India and 10 were from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

4.2 The objective of the course was to train managers of fishermon's cooperatives in the principles of sound management. The programme consisted of lectures, discussions and visits to active and successful cooperatives. Subjects covered included basic cooperative elements, principles of management and administration, book-keeping, planning, control, staff training and cooperative education.

4.3 The ICA Regional Office and Education Centre provided lecturers on the following subjects and also took care of costs of these lecturers :

- i. Main features of cooperative organisations : J.M. Rana
- ii. Formation and Utilization of Capital : K.S. Ponnuthurai
- iii. Personnel and Membership Development in Cooperatives : Dr Dharm Vir

The following recommendations have been made for follow-up action.

- (i) From should carry put a survey before the end of
 1973 in order to ascertain the impact of the Course on the situation and work of the participants.
- (ii) F₄O should publish a selection of documents
 (lectures and case studies) and make this publication
 available to the participants.
- (iii) FAO should repeat this type of course and also consider the possibility of broadening the scope to include management of small fishery enterprises.

- (iv) The organization and programme of such courses should be based on the experiences and conclusions of the present course.
- (v) Governments may organize similar courses and FAO should give them the required assistance.

MGENDA ITEM NO. V INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADVISRRY SERVICE FOR COOPERATIVES (IBASEC

5.1 The Articles of Association of the International Business Advisory Service for Cooperatives Ltd. have been circulated among member-organisations in the Region.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VI

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES

6.1 At its last meeting the Working Group had requested to the Regional Office to initiate study aimed at identifying a project in one of the regional countries for the development of inland fisheries. Follow-up action on this recommendation was kept in abeyance in view of a study of cooperative fisheries undertaken by the Regional Office in Bangladesh. Although the Study did not specifically relate to inland fisheries, the ICA Study was expected to deal with this subject in view of the high percentage of inland fishery activity in that country.

6.2 The Study of cooperative fisheries in Bangladesh was made by Mr K.S. Ponnuthurai, former Assistant Commissioner of Cooperative Development, Government of Sri Lanka. Mr Ponnuthurai has completed his study and submitted his report to the Regional Director. Mr Ponnuthurai's report deals mainly with organisational, financial and management problems of fishery cooperatives in the country as a whole. It does not deal with the technical aspects of fishery development. It will, therefore, be necessary to make necessary investigations concerning inland fishery development in order to identify an area which can be developed into an inland fishery project. If the Working Group favours the initiation of a project in Bangladesh, the possibility of initiating necessary follow-up action through the Regional Office will be explored.

6.3 The report of Mr Ponnuthurai on "Cooperative Fishery Movement in Bangladesh" will be circulated among members of the Working Group at the time of meeting in Tokyo.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VII

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM NO.VIII

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