



XXIX ICA Congress  
Stockholm, 1988



UN Secretary General, Mr. Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

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# SUMMARY REPORT OF THE XXIX CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE

Stockholm 7 - 10 July 1988

## THURSDAY 7th JULY

### *Item 1 - Opening Ceremony*

The opening ceremony lasted for approximately one hour, during which participants enjoyed a medley of Swedish folk music, light opera and classical music, and were entertained by Swedish folk-dancers.

### *Item 2 - Welcome speech by the Representative of the Swedish National Congress Committee, Mr. Ake LUNDQVIST*

Mr. Ake LUNDQVIST, KF, Sweden, welcomed participants to the Congress on behalf of the Swedish National Congress Committee.

### *Item 3 - Introductory speech by ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS*

ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, then made an introductory speech declaring the Congress open.

### *Item 4 - Greetings by the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mikhail GORBACHEV*

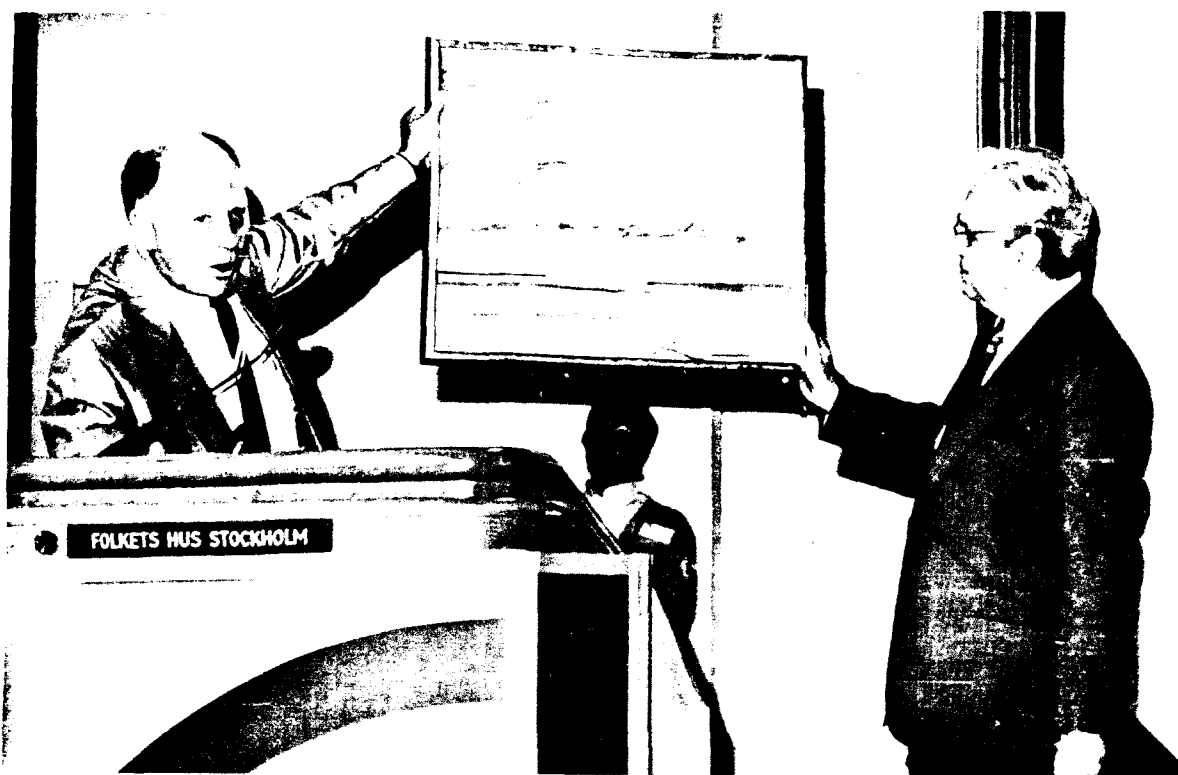
ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, read a message of greetings from Mikhail GORBACHEV. The message pledged the Soviet Union's intention to encourage the growth of the co-operative movement as part of Perestroika, the restructuring of Soviet society.

### *Item 5 - Address by Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sten ANDERSSON*

In his address to the Congress Mr. Sten ANDERSSON, Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that the ICA Congress had been held in Stockholm in 1957. This meeting had provided the impetus for the world-wide movement to play a more active role in supporting the growth of co-operatives in the countries of the South. The Swedish movement had been especially active in this area and it was, therefore, appropriate that 30 years of co-operative development should be discussed at the Stockholm 1988 Congress.

### *Item 6 - Address by UN Secretary General, Mr. Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR*

Mr. PEREZ DE CUELLAR addressed the Congress, stressing that the United Nations was strongly committed to encouraging the development of grassroots level co-operative organizations. He praised the work of the ICA, especially in the countries of the South.



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*ICA President, Lars Marcus presenting Mr. Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR, UN Secretary General, with a painting to commemorate his opening the XXIX ICA Congress in Stockholm.*

***Item 7 - Official Welcome by ICA President, Lars MARCUS***

Mr. Lars MARCUS, ICA President, welcomed all delegates, observers and guests.

***Item 8 - Speech by the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office, Mr. B. BOLIN***

The Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Office, Mr. B. BOLIN, spoke about ILO's close and cordial relations with the ICA which dated back to ILO's inception. One of the practical actions expressing this spirit of solidarity between the two organizations had been the establishment of a co-operative unit within the ILO in 1920.

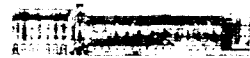
After Mr. B. BOLIN had addressed the Congress, Mr. Lars MARCUS handed over the chair to Vice-president, Yvon DANEAU.

***Item 9 - Attendance report***

ICA Director, Mr. R. BEASLEY, reported that to date the following participants had registered for the Congress:

- 407 delegates
- 479 observers
- 28 interpreters
- 14 press
- 61 guests

**making a total of 989 persons**



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### ***Item 10 - Election of Congress Committee***

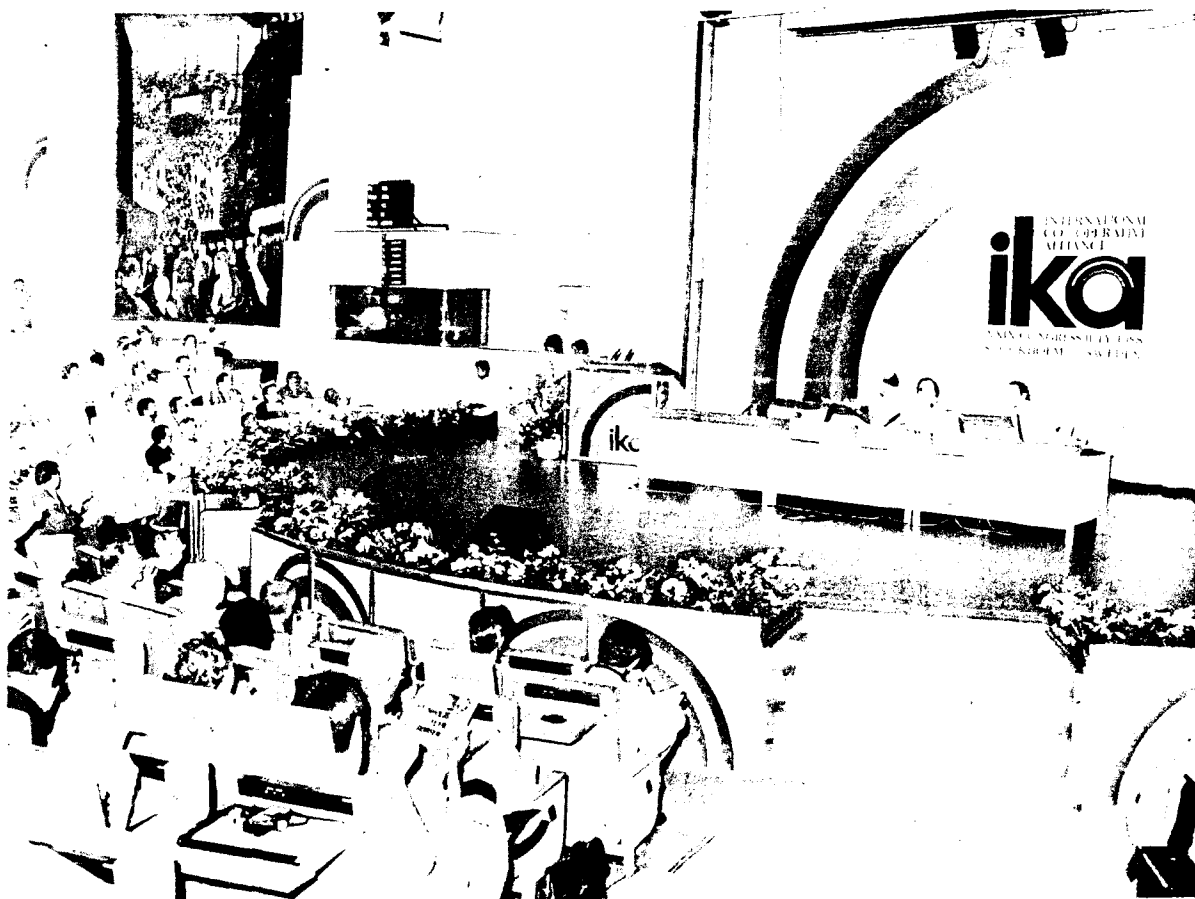
In addition to the President, Mr. Lars MARCUS (Sweden) and the Vice-president, Mr. Yvon DANEAU (Canada), the following persons were elected to serve on the Congress Committee:

Mrs. Bernadette WANYONYI, Co-operative Insurance Services, Kenya  
Mr. Masao OHYA, Japanese Consumer Co-operative Union  
Mrs. Birgitta LINDSTROM, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden  
Mrs. Barbara DEVERICK, National Co-operation Business Association, USA  
Mr. Dante CRACOGNA, Intercoop Editora Cooperativa, Argentina  
Mr. A. KRASHENINNIKOV, Centrosoyus, USSR

### ***Item 11 - Appointment of Tellers:***

The following tellers were appointed:

Mr. William BUCKMAN, Ghana Co-operative Fisheries Association  
Mr. Dusan CECHVALA, Ustredni Rada Druzstev, Czechoslovakia  
Mr. Kalevi SUOMELA, KK, Finland  
Mr. H. Hasle NIELSEN, Danske Andelsselskaber, Denmark  
Ms. Françoise BAULIER, FNCC, France  
Mr. Olof ANDERSSON, KF, Sweden  
Mr. Alexander LEUKHIN, CENTROSOYUS, USSR



View of main Congress Hall in "Folkets Hus", Stockholm during the ICA Congress in July 1988 (Photo Patricio Salinas, Stockholm)



### ***Item 12 Election of the Central Committee***

A list of candidates to the Central Committee was circulated and the Chairman asked that any changes be submitted to the Secretariat before the end of the Congress. The amended list of Central Committee delegates is attached to this report as Appendix 'B'.

### ***Item 13 - Report of the work of the ICA since Hamburg Congress***

Mr. R. BEASLEY, ICA Director, presented the ICA Secretariat report. He pointed out that ICA's finances had improved dramatically during the past four years.

ICA Department Heads then gave reports on their different sectors of activity: Development was presented by Mr. B. THORDARSON, Membership Relations by Mr. V. OUGLEV, Communications by Ms. M. TREACY, and Liaison with Specialized Organizations by Mr. L. VARADI.

The Chairman thanked the Director and staff members for their reports and all the work accomplished during the past 4 years.

### ***Item 14 - Other Business***

1. Ms. N. WILLIS (Women's Committee) presented the work of the Women's Committee.
2. Mr. A. KRASHENINNIKOV (Centrosoyus) commented on the Secretariat Report.
3. Mr. W. WOLF (VdK) invited the ICA to hold its Central Committee meeting in Berlin (GDR) in 1991.
4. Mr. Sven Ake BOOK (SCI) referred to the vital role played by co-operative research.
5. Ms. M. FIGUEREAU (Delegate of the Social Economy - France) spoke about the future of co-operatives and the place of women in the movement.
6. Mr. I. TAKAMURA (JCCU) invited ICA to hold its 30th Congress in Japan in 1992.

## **FRIDAY, 8th JULY**

### **MAIN THEME - CO-OPERATIVES AND BASIC VALUES**

#### ***Item 1 - Introduction of Guests***

Mr. Lars MARCUS, President of the ICA, opened the session by introducing the following guests:

- Mr. M. HELLSTRÖM (Swedish Minister of Agriculture)
- Mr. R. KERINEC (former ICA President - France)
- Mr. P. SOILAND (former ICA Vice-President - Norway)

He then made reference to the formal invitation received from the member organizations of India for the ICA to hold its 1989 Central Committee meeting in that country.

## **Item 2 - Greetings**

A message of greetings was given by the Minister of Agriculture and Co-operation, Mr. Bhajan LAL, Government of India,

## **Item 3 - Debate on The Basic Values of Co-operation**

The President, Lars MARCUS, introduced the topic and interventions were made by the following:

- 1) Mr. P. FEDIRKO, Centrosoyus, USSR
- 2) Mr. H.J. SOKALSKI, United Nations, Vienna
- 3) Mr. A. RAUTER, Konsum Oesterreich, Austria
- 4) Mr. L. TURCI, Lega Nazionale, Italy
- 5) Mr. I. SZLAMENICKY, SZOVOSZ, Hungary
- 6) Mr. W. SIELANKO, Central Unions of Work Co-ops, Poland
- 7) Mr. J. LEITE, Instituto "Antonio Sergio", Portugal
- 8) Mrs. N. WILLIS, Co-operative Union, United Kingdom
- 9) Dr. E. ALENUS, EKA Corporation, Finland
- 10) Mr. J. KAMINSKI, Supreme Co-operative Council, Poland
- 11) Ms. S. MONKARE, EKA Corporation, Finland
- 12) Dr. K.H. ABOUL KHEIR, Higher Institute, Egypt
- 13) Mr. J. LAKS, Instituto Movilizador, Argentina
- 14) Mr. R. RODRIGUEZ, Organisation Coops Brasileiras, Brazil
- 15) Mr. S. AKE BOOK, Kooperativa Forbundet, Sweden
- 16) Mr. A. KILAYKO, Sugar Co-operatives, Philippines
- 17) Mr. D. HOLLELA, Co-operative Union, Tanzania
- 18) Mr. R. HULTBERG, Riksborgen, Sweden
- 19) Mr. M. SAKURAI, Central Union of Agricultural Co-ops, Japan
- 20) Mr. M. DIBBA, Co-operative Union, Gambia
- 21) Ms. Madeleine RANDQUIST, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden
- 22) Mr. Ian MACPHERSON, Canadian Co-operative Association
- 23) Dr. Werner PETERS, BdK, Federal Republic of Germany
- 24) Mr. Isao TAKAMURA, Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union
- 25) Mr. Paul Niculescu MIZIL, Centrocoop, Romania
- 26) Mr. Frantisek TESAR, Central Co-operative Council, Czechoslovakia
- 27) Mr. Jacques MOREAU, Crédit Coopératif, France
- 28) Mr. Dieter GRETHE, BfG:Bank (Schweiz) AG, Switzerland
- 29) Mr. Ungku AZIZ, Ankasa, Malaysia
- 30) Mr. Bansi Lal MEHTA, KRIBHCO, India
- 31) Mr. Erlendur EINARSSON, Samband, Iceland.
- 32) Mr. B.S. VISHWANATHAN, National Co-op Agricultural and Rural Development Banks Federation Ltd., India
- 33) Mr. W. SEIBT, VdK, German Democratic Republic
- 34) Mr. Francisco CEBALLO HERRERO, National Union of Consumer Co-ops, Spain
- 35) Mr. Luis CARELLO, Federation of Consumer Co-operatives, Argentina
- 36) Mr. Ellis WOHLNER, Folksam Insurance Group, Sweden
- 37) Mr. Dario MENGOZZI, Confederazione Cooperative Italiane, Italy
- 38) Mr. Rai SINGH, National Co-operative Union, India
- 39) Mr. S. CHANDRA, National Co-operative Union, India
- 40) Mr. Moss E. GALETSHOGE, Botswana Co-operative Union
- 41) Mr. Corbe KLIME, Co-operative Union, Yugoslavia
- 42) Mr. Bohdan AUGUSTYN, Spolem, Poland
- 43) Ms. Antonio LEMOS MAIA, Confecoop, Portugal

#### ***Item 4 - Appointment of Director***

ICA President, Mr. Lars MARCUS, reported that the Executive Committee had decided to recommend to the Central Committee that Mr. Bruce THORDARSON be appointed Director of the ICA.

He paid tribute to Mr. Robert BEASLEY for his achievements during his time as Director.

A presentation of an original oil painting was made to Mr. BEASLEY to commemorate his four-year Directorship of the ICA.

#### ***Item 5 - Visit of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar***

Representatives of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar brought a message of peace to the Congress. The message called for the banning of nuclear weapons and the abolition of apartheid.



*Representatives of the International Co-operative Youth Seminar met with Mr. Perez de Cuellar immediately prior to the opening*

*(Photo Julio Rito, Stockholm)*

#### ***Item 6 - Introduction and Vote on the Basic Values Resolution***

Introducing the resolution, Mr. Y. DANEAU, Vice-president of ICA, invited delegates to undertake studies on the basic values as practiced in their countries and to send the results to the ICA Secretariat in Geneva. A special committee would be set up by the Executive Committee to produce a report on the basis of these country studies.

#### ***The Resolution on Basic Values was Unanimously Adopted***

#### ***Item 7 - Resolution on ICA Representation to the EEC***

The resolution was introduced by Mr. RAMAEKERS, FEBECOOP, Belgium, in view of the fact that he could not be present for this agenda item on 10th July.



## **SATURDAY 9th JULY**

### **MAIN THEME - CO-OPERATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### ***Item 1 - Opening Remarks***

The Director-elect, Bruce THORDARSON, welcomed the participants and explained the procedure for the election of the Executive Committee, to be conducted by the Central Committee later that day.

#### ***Item 2 - Co-operatives and Development***

Bruce Thordarson, ICA Development Director, introduced the theme of the day, "Co-operatives and Development".

Interventions were made by the following:

- 1) Mr. Joao LEITE, INSCOOP, Portugal
- 2) Mr. William HOWE, World Council of Credit Unions
- 3) Mr. Jacobo LAKS, Institute for the Mobilization of Co-operative Funds, Argentina
- 4) Mr. Giancarlo PASQUALE, National Co-operative League, Italy
- 5) Mr. Valentin YERMAKOV, Centrosoyus, USSR
- 6) Chief Luu Bright NALUBAMBA, Zambia Co-operative Union
- 7) Mr. David HOLLELA, Co-operative Union of Tanzania
- 8) Mr. Momodou DIBBA, Gambia Co-operative Union
- 9) Ms. Barbara DEVERICK, ICA Women's Committee,
- 10) Mr. E. HORII, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
- 11) Mr. Frantisek TESAR, Central Co-operative Union, Czechoslovakia
- 12) Mr. Tristram EASTWOOD, Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives (COPAC)
- 13) Mr. Dante CRACOGNA, INTERCOOP Editora Cooperativa, Argentina
- 14) Mr. Olle LINDSTROM, ICA Housing Committee
- 15) Mr. Yves REGIS, ICA International Committee of Producers' Co-operatives (CICOPA)
- 16) Mr. John JORDAN, Co-operative Insurance Development Bureau, Canada
- 17) Mr. Robert HOULTON, INCOTEC - International Co-operative Training and Education Committee (formerly AGITCOOP)
- 18) Mr. Rodolfo NAVAS, Confederacion de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centro America
- 19) Mr. William BUCKMAN, Ghana Co-operative Fisheries Association
- 20) Mr. Mohammed Ali AHMED, Union of Somali Co-operative Movement, Somalia

#### ***Item 3 - Proposition for Regional Office in Buenos Aires***

Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative, Italy, declared its interest in financing the opening of an ICA Regional Office in Buenos Aires.

#### ***Item 4 - Introduction and voting of Resolution on Co-operative Development***

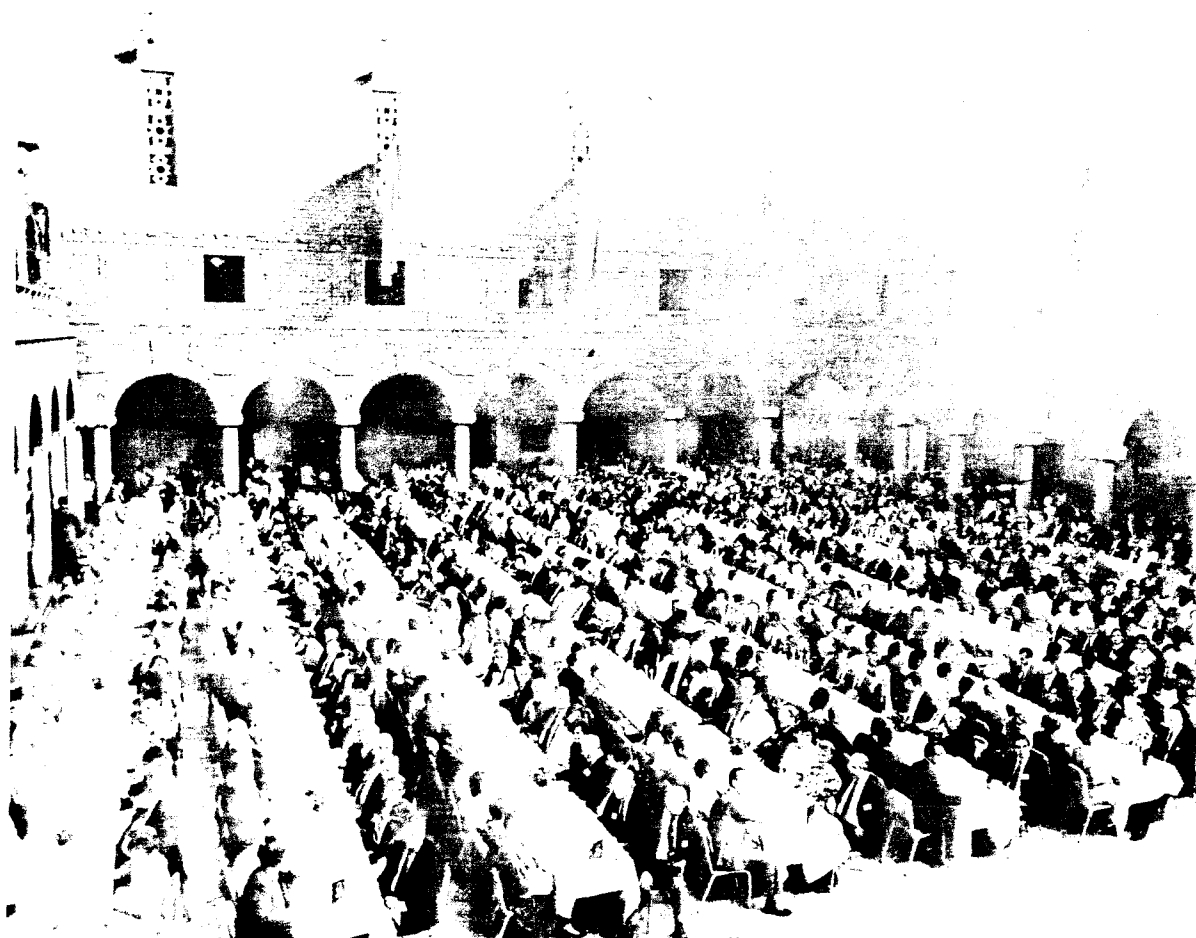
The resolution on Three Decades of Co-operative Development was carried unanimously.

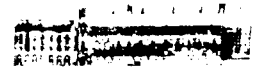
**SUNDAY, 10th JULY**

***Item 1 - Opening remarks***

The new Director, Bruce THORDARSON, announced the composition of the new Executive Committee, which had been elected by the Central Committee the previous day. In addition to the President, Mr. Lars MARCUS (Sweden) and two Vice-presidents, Mr. Yvon DANEAU (Canada) and Mr. Pavel FEDIRKO (USSR), the following persons were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

- 1) Mr. Dilip Singh BHURIA, NCUI, India
- 2) Mr. Momodou DIBBA, Gambia Co-operative Union
- 3) Mr. Mitsugu HORIUCHI, CUAC, Japan
- 4) Ms. Raija ITKONEN, KK, Finland
- 5) Mr. Jan KAMINSKI, SCC, Poland
- 6) Mr. Michal MARIK, URD, Czechoslovakia
- 7) Mr. Jacques MOREAU, GNC, France
- 8) Mr. Knud OLLGAARD, DSA, Denmark
- 9) Mr. Bernd OTTO, BdK-Coop AG, Federal Republic of Germany
- 10) Mr. Anton RAUTER, KO, Austria
- 11) Mr. Robert SCHERER, NCBA, USA
- 12) Mr. Lanfranco TURCI, Lega, Italy
- 13) Mr. YANG Deshou, ACFSMC, China





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All was not work at the ICA Congress. . . All participants were invited to a reception in the City Hall on the eve of the Congress and the Swedish host organizations invited everyone to a dinner in the City Hall on the eve of the last day.

*Facing page: participants of ICA Congress enjoy a delicious banquet and entertainment in Stockholm's City Hall.*

*Right & Below: Social events gave delegates the chance to renew old friendships and meet new business contacts.*



(Photo Patricio Salinas, Stockholm)



(Photo Julio Rito, Stockholm)



### ***Item 2 - Amendments to ICA Rules and Standing Orders***

On the recommendation of the Central Committee the Congress adopted the amendments to the ICA Rules and Standing Orders proposed by the Membership and Subscription Working Party. These were:

#### **1. Article 8 - Clause (d)**

*To delete existing clause and replace with:*

"National co-operative business organizations such as wholesale societies, banks, insurance societies, oil societies, etc. and other entities such as educational, research and other institutions which promote co-operatives."

#### **2. Article 15 - Clause (g)**

*Add the following new sentence:*

"The Executive Committee may determine a scale of penalties to be payable by member organizations whose subscriptions have not been received by the latter date."

### ***Item 3 - Introduction and Voting of Resolutions***

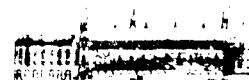
The following resolutions were discussed and approved:

1. Peace
2. International Year of Co-operatives
3. ICA to meet the Challenges of the New Century
4. ICA Representation at EEC
5. To Achieve Social and Economic Equality for Women
6. The Co-operative Movement and International Debt
7. Twinning of Co-operatives
8. Literacy
9. To protect Childrens' Rights and Interests

*(for texts of resolutions see pages 49 - 63)*

### ***Item 4 - Other Business***

- 1) Mr. Alain STERN (World Trade Unions Federation) indicated several common goals between the co-operative and trade union movements.
- 2) Mr. Michal MARIK (International Union of Co-operative and Associative Tourism) informed delegates that Mr. George GANNEBY, Executive Vice-President of RESO A. B. (Sweden) had been elected as the new Chairman of the Committee.
- 3) Mr. Lloyd WILKINSON (Consumer Committee) reported on the work of the Consumer Committee and said that Mrs. Turid Ström from KF Sweden had been elected as Chairman of the Committee.
- 4) Mr. Jirozaemon SAITO (Fisheries Committee) presented to the Congress the report of the activities of the Fisheries Committee. Mr. Saito had been re-elected as its Chairman.
- 5) Mr. Hüsnü POYRAZ (Chairman of the Board of the Turkish Co-operative Associations) presented the latest developments in the Turkish co-operative movement.



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*In conjunction with the ICA Congress, the Swedish hosts organized an exhibition in the Kungsträdgården, (the King's Garden), a park in central Stockholm. The exhibition included 18 kiosks, each depicting different aspects of Sweden's co-operative movement, and two special displays showing everyday life in South America and Africa.*

- 6) Mr. Daniel NUNEZ (CCC-CA) thanked the Swedish Co-operative Movement for the support given to his organization.
- 7) Mr. Hans THULI (INTERCOOP) reported on the work of his committee.
- 8) Mr. Olle LINDSTROM (Housing Committee) reported on the recent Housing Committee Conference.
- 9) Mr. Kalevi SUOMELA (WPoCC) reported on the activities of his Working Party. The new chairman was Mr. Milton McKenzie from Canada

### ***Item 5 - Closing Remarks***

The President, Lars MARCUS, thanked the outgoing Executive Committee. He thanked the host organizations and the participants for their support.

The new vice-president, Pavel FEDIRKO, said that the contributions made by the Secretary-General of the UN and Swedish government officials, and the messages from the General Secretary of Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Indian Minister of Agriculture and Co-operation, testified to the growing influence of the ICA.

On behalf of the new ICA Executive Committee he said the members appreciated the confidence which had been placed in them. Mr. FEDIRKO said he was aware of difficulties and responsibilities of his new position and he looked forward to the support of L. MARCUS and Y. DANEAU. On behalf of the Congress he thanked the host organizations, the speakers, the guests, the observers, the interpreters, and the ICA Director and staff.

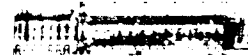


(Photo Patricia Salinas, Stockholm)

*Above: A lot of work is done in informal meetings  
Below: The UN Secretary General leaving the 'Folkets Hus' after the Congress*



(Photo Patricia Salinas, Stockholm)



## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee*

### BASIC CO-OPERATIVE VALUES

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- THANKS** Mr. Lars Marcus, ICA President, for submitting to the Congress a key report on basic values, thus initiating important, timely and stimulating discussions within the world co-operative movement;
- RECALLS** that objectives of ICA include propagating co-operative principles and methods throughout the world as well as safeguarding the interest of the co-operative movement in all its forms;
- RECOGNIZES** that the report continues a permanent process within the ICA, with more prominent occasions in 1937 and in 1966, a process reactivated by all special reports to Congress both in Moscow 1980 and Hamburg 1984, searching for better and innovative co-operative ways in the future to promote more viable and stronger co-operative movements as well as new co-operative ventures more attractive to potential members, especially to youth;
- UNDERLINES** that co-operatives, while adapting to a changing environment, must reaffirm their specificity and loyalty to the co-operative ethics which should stand as a decisive force for a peoples' movement of half a billion members aimed at achieving a better and safer world;
- ACKNOWLEDGES** the ever-increasing interest both inside and outside the co-operative movement towards identifying co-operative basic values, universal by nature and inherent in all genuine co-operatives irrespective of their type or their economic, social and political environment;
- REQUESTS** that all ICA member organizations and its specialized organizations join in the effective discussion of co-operative basic values, their relevance in a contemporary changing world, and the opportunities for strengthening their respective specific field of activity, and to report to the ICA Secretariat and Executive Committee on their findings;



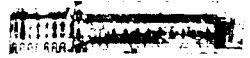
**ENTRUSTS**

the ICA Executive Committee to set up an independent International Committee of Experts to analyze these principles in the light of the new challenges facing co-operators and co-operative institutions today and in years to come;

**REQUESTS**

that the ICA Executive Committee regularly inform the ICA Central Committee on the progress being made in implementing the provisions of this resolution and draw appropriate conclusions and recommendations as to the future policy of the ICA to be presented at the ICA Congress in 1992.





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## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee*

### RESOLUTION ON THREE DECADES OF CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- DECLARES its continued support for resolutions in favour of co-operative development as passed by ICA Congresses and Central Committees since 1957,
- STRESSES the importance of the co-operative approach as a principal means of resolving many of the most serious economic and social problems facing the countries of the South,
- REGRETS that previous efforts to promote co-operatives have not always led to the desired results,
- BELIEVES that the essence of successful co-operative development is a determination by individuals to solve their problems through collective action in a spirit of self-help and mutual aid,
- REQUESTS governmental authorities to support the creation of a true partnership with co-operative movements and to establish programmes which will lead to the progressive independence and self-reliance of co-operative movements,
- CALLS upon co-operative movements in the North to strengthen their commitment to movement-to-movement assistance through the creation of specialized structures and the provision of additional human and financial assistance,
- INVITES international and bilateral development organizations to find innovative means of channelling increased amounts of official development assistance to co-operative development through co-operative structures both in countries of the North and in the South,
- ENCOURAGES all organizations working in support of co-operative development to emphasize and concentrate efforts in the priority areas of institution building, education and training, women, and research in innovation,



**UNDERLINES**

in this regard, the importance of the mobilization of co-operative labour, to utilize to the fullest extent the resources of Developing Countries. Such mobilization is a prerequisite for achieving good self-sufficiency within the framework of a self-supported development process.

**PLEDGES**

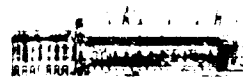
to develop an initiative leading to a more effective intervention of international bodies working in Developing Countries, and, in particular, to promote the coordination of aid programmes carried out by the co-operative organizations that are ICA members, with the purpose of concentrating efforts on the growth of the world productive capacity,

**ENDORSES**

the ICA strategy for co-operative development as approved by the Central Committee in 1986,

**AND CALLS**

upon members to increase their financial support both to the ICA Development Fund and to the activities of the ICA Regional Offices, as well as to their own national co-operative development programmes.



## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by the ICA Executive Committee*

### PEACE

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

**RECALLS** that its Rules call upon member organizations to work for the establishment of lasting peace and security;

**REAFFIRMS** the calls for peace adopted since the last Congress by the Central Committee meeting in Washington, Basel and Budapest, in which the dangers of the arms race and a strong support for the International Year of Peace were stressed, and which Soviet-American dialogue at the summit level aimed at creating a system of international security was welcomed;

**NOTES WITH CONCERN** multiple challenges of a global nature facing mankind, the principal among them being the remaining nuclear threat, armed conflicts in numerous parts of the world and unstable political situations, affecting economic and social progress and security of people;

*The Congress:*

**BELIEVING** that the world co-operative movement, constituting a powerful economic and social strength, can influence the improvement of the political climate throughout the world, which in its turn can create favourable conditions for extending co-operation between peoples and between their co-operatives;

**AFFIRMS** the vital need for curbing the arms race, for bringing an end to all local and regional conflicts and reducing existing tensions, and for achieving universal respect for human rights and elimination of all forms of inequality and discrimination;

**AFFIRMS** the necessity for all nations to respect UN resolutions aimed at solving military conflicts;



**WELCOMES**

the signing of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate and Shorter-Range Missiles, which creates hopes for real nuclear disarmament;

**RECOGNIZES**

the importance of the 3rd UN Special Session on Disarmament and of the Disarmament Conference in promoting the process of disarmament and in internationalizing efforts to build a nuclear weapons-free non-violent world;

**URGES**

member organizations to mobilize public opinion in support of the UN and government actions aimed at reducing international tension, at banning weapons of mass destruction, at settling local and regional conflicts, and at creating a climate of mutual trust and co-operation;

**FURTHER ASKS**

member organizations to participate in efforts to improve promotion of peace and co-operation between nations.

## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)*

### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CO-OPERATIVES

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- EMPHASIZING** invariable support to the work of the United Nations on the part of the international co-operative movement, the ICA being one of the first NGOs to receive highest consultative status with the UN in 1945,
- NOTING** the growing influence and importance of co-operatives in the world widely recognized as an efficient instrument promoting people's participation in the development of society, furthering social and economic progress and ensuring more equitable distribution of profits,
- NOTING FURTHER** the significant contribution of the UN and its specialized agencies, primarily ILO, FAO, UNESCO, UNIDO and others, to co-operative development, the keen interest of the UN towards the problems of the world co-operative movement, reaffirmed in the series of the UN Secretary General reports and resolutions on National Experiences in Promoting the Co-operative Movement,
- STRIVING** to give new impulses to the development of co-operatives worldwide, to draw the attention of Governments, international organizations and donor agencies to the needs and concerns of co-operatives, and to promote the creation of a climate conducive to co-operative development,
- URGES** the United Nations to declare an International Year of Co-operatives, preferably to coincide with the centennial of the birth of the International Co-operative Alliance in 1995,
- CALLS UPON** the ICA member organizations to make every effort possible to mobilize world public opinion in support of the idea of an International Year of Co-operatives.



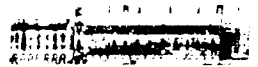
## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by SOK, Pellervo-Suera, KK,  
EKA, Keskinainen Vakuutusyhtio Tapiola (Finland)*

### THE ICA TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW CENTURY

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- RECALLING that the ICA is approaching its centenary in 1995,
- UNDERLINING that the ICA today is the world's largest non-governmental organization,
- APPRECIATING the work done since the last Congress to make the ICA overcome its recent problems,
- STATES that there is urgent need to consider the objectives, structures, strategies, and procedures of the ICA to enable it to meet the challenges of the new century as a dynamic international organization promoting co-operation in all countries and enhancing the role and image of co-operatives,
- REFERS to the Laidlaw Report of 1980 on CO-OPERATIVES IN THE YEAR 2000, to the Daneau Report of 1984 on the ICA Work Programme and to the discussion on the Basic Values of Co-operation at this Congress,
- REQUESTS the Executive Committee to review the organizational and management structures and procedures of the ICA and to present to the Central Committee in 1989 a strategic plan on how to proceed in order to develop the ICA as a universal and effective representative of all types of co-operative organizations.



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## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by  
Fédération Belge des Coopératives (Belgium)*

### ICA PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT EEC HEADQUARTERS

- GIVEN the diversity of the aims of the International Co-operative Alliance, the existence of regional centres, of specialized committees and of regional associations;
- IN VIEW OF the expressed interest in co-operation by various European institutions-Parliament, Commission, Economic and Social Committee;
- IN VIEW OF the perspectives of the European domestic market, which not only involve member states, but also other countries and NGOs;
- GIVEN that co-operatives support employment throughout the world, a phenomenon recognized by the European Economic Community, as well as supporting humanitarian objectives of aid to the Third World;
- IT APPEARS DESIRABLE that, in order to benefit from the financial and technical aid given to NGOs by the Community, the ICA should have a permanent representation at EEC headquarters.



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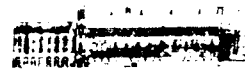
*Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)*

### TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- NOTES** the growing activity of women co-operators, their contribution to successful development of co-operatives, social and economic transformation of society, to the solution of global problems like food shortages, environmental protection, and safeguarding peace,
- EXPRESSES** satisfaction with the progress achieved during the UN Decade of Women as well as in the implementation of the Nairobi Strategy to ensure full equality of men and women in all spheres of life,
- REFERS** to the resolutions passed at previous ICA Congresses and Central Committee sessions which called for more active involvement of women in decision-making processes vital to the future course of co-operative development; for wider representation of women in various bodies of national and international co-operative organizations,
- STATES** the necessity to create new jobs for women in the co-operative sector, to improve conditions of their work and life, and to provide women with ample opportunity for professional and cultural self improvement,
- CALLS UPON** all member organizations to enhance co-operation with national and international co-operative training centres with a task to draw in more women to educational and professional training in the spirit of peace, fraternity and mutual understanding.





## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Motion Submitted by  
Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative e Mutue (Italy)*

### THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEBT

The debt crisis of many Developing Countries has reached such dimensions as to represent not only an obstacle to the economic growth of these nations, but also a barrier to the development of industrialized countries in general. Thus, it is one of the most negative elements in the international economic perspective and a cause of instability in the general social and political world picture. Therefore, the co-operative movement cannot remain disinterested in a matter of such importance. For this reason, Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative e Mutue submits the following resolution to the 29th ICA Congress, with the hope that it be presented to and adopted by the appropriate international institutions and political, economic authorities.

#### PREMISED

that the developing debtor nations have been in serious crisis since the summer 1982 owing to difficulties in repaying their international debt; that the crisis has manifested itself as sizeable decrease in the rate of income growth, notably in per capita terms, producing a dramatic reduction in the living standards of these populations, especially among the poorest classes; that the efforts to observe agreements drawn up by the International Monetary Fund regarding the rescheduling of debt have allowed industrialized nations to make commercial progress while developing countries were not in a position to take advantage of this privilege; that, in spite of this, the international banking system has not been able to facilitate further credit and so provide the funds necessary for a recovery in investments, this being essential for the future development of the countries concerned; that the efforts of monetary authorities, first and foremost those of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury James Baker, to induce banks to resume the financing of debtor nations, have so far not been successful; that the slackening in development of debtor nations has serious consequences not only for the economic, social and political conditions of the Third World, but also for the economies of industrialized countries as well, given that the possibilities of their exporting to these markets are diminished.

#### IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT

the credit system, as a whole, in accordance with the international political and financial institutions comes to an agreement to find - both in the industrialized countries and in the debtor nations - measures to encourage the consolidation of the accumulated debt. Such require-



ments might also be effected through the consersion of credits into long-term securities - that enjoy particular tax advantages - to be sold in the creditor country's market both to institutional and private investors, so to facilitate, in the form of investments, the return of the capital exported from the Developing Countries,

**URGES**

the governments of the creditor nations to direct investments towards these countries in the form of joint ventures so as to increase the capital and technological resources necessary for an autonomous process of growth and improving competitiveness. This is to be achieved totally or partially insured by governmental funds, taking into consideration the risks associated with the countries concerned,

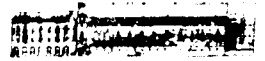
**FURTHER URGES**

the member organizations of ICA and their affiliates to consider ways in which they can participate financially in the conversion of developing country debt into investments and join economic ventures with co-operatives in seriously indebted developing countries,

*In virtue of GATT and bilateral relations:*

**HOPES ARE  
EXPRESSED**

that it will be possible to find ways to increase the exports of the debtor nations and to reduce technical and other obstacles which limit the exporting possibilities of the Developing Countries towards the creditor nations.



# Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by  
Verband der Konsumgenossenschaften (German Democratic Republic)*

## LITERACY

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

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| REFERRING  | to the recommendations and proposals put forward by the Economic and Social Council and by the Executive Council of UNESCO to proclaim a literacy year,  |
| SUPPORTING | these proposals with firm conviction, mindful of the fact that, in spite of the great success achieved so far as a result of joint action, widespread illiteracy still severely hampers the economic, social, cultural and intellectual advance of a large number of developing countries, |
| CONVINCED  | that education and training are essential to the elimination of starvation and misery, to social progress and to mutual understanding and co-operation between nations,  |
| STRESSING  | the humanist responsibility of the advanced nations in view of the prevalence of illiteracy on a global scale, in particular in underdeveloped countries,  |
| OBLIGING   | its member organizations to do all that is within their power to educate and train the people in these parts of the world,   |
| DECLARING  | its willingness to campaign, in collaboration with all institutions and movements concerned, including the UN and its specialized agencies, for the overcoming of this situation which should not exist in our time,   |
| SUPPORTS   | the proposal made at the 126th session of the Executive Council of UNESCO that the UN General Assembly should proclaim the year 1990 as the International Literacy Year.   |



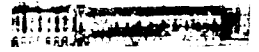
## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by  
Co-operative Union Ltd. (United Kingdom)*

### TWINNING OF CO-OPERATIVES

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- RECOGNIZING** that the value of the principle "Co-operation between co-operatives" is to develop business, social and cultural links between co-operatives around the world,
- CALLS** upon member organizations to encourage "twinning" arrangements between their co-operatives and those of other countries, particularly in the developing world, with the object of establishing long-term links for mutual benefit, exchange of experience and better understanding, and,
- REQUESTS** the Executive Committee to arrange for appropriate support and assistance to be given by the Alliance in the furtherance of such "twinning" arrangements.



## Resolution Adopted by the XXIX ICA Congress

*Congress Motion Submitted by Centrosoyus (USSR)*

### TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

*The twenty-ninth Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Stockholm in July 1988:*

- WELCOMES** contributions made by a number of ICA members to the children's immunization campaign launched by UNICEF and intended to be carried out in the period of 1986-1990.
- EXPRESSES** hope that other ICA members will join in and contribute to the cause of combating child deaths and infant mortality,
- DRAWS ATTENTION** to the grave conditions of orphans in many countries, especially those at war,
- POINTS OUT** that in many regions of the world protection of children's interests and rights has not yet become the vital concern of governmental and public organizations,
- RECALLS** the principles of humanism inherent in the concept of co-operation itself,
- CONSIDERS** it important to further develop and diversify forms and methods of protecting children's interests worldwide,
- CALLS UPON** national co-operative movements to render unselfish aid and support to children suffering both at home and abroad, primarily in hot spots of the world.