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**TENTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND TRADE  
FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

**AND**

**FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES**

**AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

**8th December 1975**

TENTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
TRADE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA, TO BE HELD AT MANILA  
(PHILIPPINES) ON DECEMBER 7, 1975

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AGENDA ITEM NO. IWELCOME BY CHAIRMANAGENDA ITEM NO. IIREMARKS BY REGIONAL DIRECTORAGENDA ITEM NO. IIIAPPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE

A - The Regional Director informed the Sub-Committee that Mr. M.V. Madane, Joint Director, Technical Assistance and Trade in the Regional Office who has been working as Secretary of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for the last four years, has been appointed by the UNDP/FAO as Cooperative Adviser (Credit & Supply) to the Programme of Assistance to Credit and Cooperatives in Afghanistan (PACCAs) for one year. As Mr. Madane is taking up his assignment from 15th November, 1975, he will not be able to function as Secretary of the Sub-Committee any longer.

B - He told the Sub-Committee Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (Publications and Public Relations) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, is available for appointment to this post in addition to his present duties.

The Sub-Committee unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Gunawardana as the Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IVCONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE  
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT COLOMBO ON 31ST OCTOBER, 1975

1.1 The minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee on Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia held at Colombo on 31st October, 1974, were circulated and are submitted for confirmation. A copy of the Minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTESAGENDA ITEM NO. VIFOLLOW-UP OF THE SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE  
MARKETING PROJECTS IN S-E ASIA - PARTS I, II, III & IV

3.1 With the Survey in Iran, the ICA Regional Office has completed the series of marketing surveys initiated in the Region in 1970. The countries covered during the Survey were : India, Indonesia, Iran, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. A wide range of commodities were surveyed to identify potentialities for their marketing. These were: corn, sorghum, tapioca, rice, fruits and vegetables and solvent extraction meals. Reports of the Study Teams appointed to conduct the surveys have already been sent to Member organisations in the respective countries and wherever possible discussions have been held by the ICA representatives with member-organisations concerning follow-up action on the recommendations.

3.2 Another related follow-up activity initiated by the ICA Regional Office and Education Centre was the holding of a Regional Seminar on "Agricultural Cooperative Marketing with Special Emphasis on Distribution Methods" at IDACA, in Tokyo. The ICA Education Centre had requested member-organisations to nominate, among others, managers or officials working with marketing cooperative societies which were studied by ICA Teams as a part of the marketing survey. The Seminar discussed the problems faced by cooperatives in the project areas and suggested measures to overcome them.

3.3 Although member organisations have included some of the recommendations of ICA Study Teams in their action programmes for marketing development, a full report on the action taken by the respective movements is yet to be received in the Regional Office.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. VII

##### SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS AND COOPERATIVE ACTION TO IMPROVE SUPPLIES

4.1 On the basis of discussions held at the last meeting, information on fertilizer production and supply was requested from cooperative movements in the Region. Replies have so far been received from six cooperative movements in the Region, viz. India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand.

4.2 Except for India, cooperatives in the above countries are not engaged in the production of chemical fertilizers. According to information available in the Regional Office, import as well as export of fertilizers are done only by cooperatives in Japan and import only is done

by a Thai cooperative. However, cooperatives in many countries are engaged in the distribution of fertilizers to the farmers. For example, cooperatives in Japan (90% share), India (56% share) and Thailand (10% share) are engaged in the domestic marketing of fertilizers.

4.3 While there is at present no acute shortage of fertilizers, exportable surplus is very limited. No information is available concerning Indonesia, Iran and Malaysia.

4.4 India (subject to approval of the Government of India) Indonesia, Japan and Thailand wish to import fertilizers from other countries preferably from cooperative sources. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand are interested in establishing joint ventures for fertilizer production with sister cooperative movements.

4.5 The Sub-Committee may like to consider in what way the cooperative movements can increase fertilizer production. It may also like to consider ways and means of establishing joint ventures for fertilizer production.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII

#### COOPERATIVE TRADE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION/ ICTO IS OPERATIONAL

5.1 The International Cooperative Trading Organisation (Pte.) Limited (ICTO), which was registered in Singapore in 1974, has now commenced trading operations. The decision to commence business was taken by ICTO's Board of Directors which met in Singapore on June 1, 1975.

5.2 The meeting of the shareholders of ICTO was also held on June 1, 1975.

5.3 At the meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Mak Kam Heng, Director for Singapore, was elected its Chairman and Mr. N. A. Kularajah, Director for Malaysia, was appointed the Managing Director of ICTO.

5.4 The Board of Directors decided to advertise widely the post of General Manager of ICTO and this has since been done.

5.5 Mr. Ling Diung Sing, who recently retired as the Director of Planning in the Cooperative Department of Malaysia, has been appointed the Marketing Manager of the Company. Mr. Ling assumed duties in Singapore in the last week of July 1975. A few other junior staff members have also been appointed.

5.6 So far, cooperatives from eight countries, viz. Australia, Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand have participated in the ICTO's share capital. NAFED from India has communicated to the ICA Regional Office its decision to participate in ICTO's share capital. It is now awaiting the Reserve Bank of India's permission to make its share capital contribution to ICTO.

5.7 The Joint Director (T&T), Mr. Madane, spent two months in Singapore during May-July 1975 for assisting ICTO in the establishment of its business office. He also helped in organizing the meetings of ICTO's share-holders and Board of Directors.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. IX

#### FIRST OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, TOKYO (JAPAN) - SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4, 1975

6.1 The First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries was held at Tokyo from September 29 to October 4, 1975. The Conference was



organised by the ICA Head Office, with the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations of Japan as the host organisation. More details of the Conference are given in the Agenda Notes of the meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries.

AGENDA ITEM NO. X.

CASE STUDY OF THE FISHERIES COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA.

Mr. K.S. Ponnuthurai, former Senior Assistant Commissioner for Cooperative Development in Sri Lanka, was requested by the ICA Regional Office to prepare a case study of the fishery cooperatives in Malaysia. The Study has since been completed by Mr. Ponnuthurai. A more detailed report on the study has been included in the Agenda notes of the meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries.

AGENDA ITEM NO. XI

PROPOSED STUDY OF HOW COOPERATIVES CAN INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION

STUDY OF THE ROLE THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT COULD PLAY IN THE TASK OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRIES SERVED BY THE ICA REGIONAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

Apropos the resolution of the Top-Level Cooperative Leaders' Conference in this regard and on the basis of the discussion at the last Council Meeting concerning the role of cooperatives in creating awareness among members and the general public of the need for increasing food production, the ICA Regional Office has prepared a proposal for conducting

a Study to determine the role the cooperatives could play in this field. An outline of the project is given as Appendix A.

The financing of the Study from the Cooperative Development Fund has been approved by the Executive Committee of the ICA at its meeting in October 1975. The COPAC also is contemplating the holding of a Symposium on "The Role of Cooperatives in the Development of the Rural Poor" in 1977. The study proposed to be made by the ROEC should be useful for the purposes of the Symposium as well. Action will be taken to organise the study when formal approval is received from the Head Office. It is expected in the near future.

AGENDA NO. XII

VENUE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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APPENDIX "A"

A Study of the Role the Cooperative Movement  
could play in the task of increasing food production  
in the countries served by the ICA Regional Office  
for South-East Asia.

1. On the advice of its Council, the ICA Regional Office for South-East Asia has undertaken a study on the role which the Cooperative Movements of the South-East Asian Region could play in the task of increasing food production.
2. The object of the study is to determine the contribution that the Cooperative Movement of each of the countries selected for this study could make for the attainment of self-sufficiency in the matter of food by that country. Such study should be made in depth by an Expert having the required competence. "Food Production" will mean the production of both cereal and non-cereal food.
3. This study should be undertaken only if a member-organisation applies to the ICA for this service.
4. The Expert will be required :-
  - i) to assess the present contribution of the cooperatives of the selected country in the matter of food production in that country;
  - ii) to assess, in the context of that country's national development plans, the further role that the cooperatives could play in the food production effort of that country;
  - iii) to recommend ways and means of increasing food production through cooperative effort and of creating among the members of cooperatives and the general public a greater awareness than has obtained hitherto, of the need to increase the food production effort; and
  - iv) to recommend necessary changes and improvements in respect of cooperative organisations and facilities to enable the Cooperative Movement to make this contribution to the country's food production effort.
5. The cooperatives that should receive special attention in this study will be those for agriculture, fishery, dairying and live-stock production.
6. The matters that should be studied in this connection are the structure of the cooperatives, and their activities such as supply of credit and other inputs, processing and marketing, training and extension.

7. The study should be made, to begin with, only in two countries of the region and further studies should be undertaken only if the results are satisfactory.
8. The period of study: At least three months will be necessary for the study in each country. Of these, two months will be necessary for studying the position of that country in regard to cooperatives and food production and one month for writing the report.
9. Personnel: It is expected that one Expert could make a study of two countries during the next financial year (1975-76) spending six months in all. s expected

10. Costs: The Expert will have to be recruited by the ICA. There should be an Associate Expert provided by the Cooperative Movement of the country concerned. The costs of the Expert will have to be met by the ICA and its member organisations in the Region. Expert wil

Taking the remuneration offered to short-term experts by the ILO as our yardstick, the remuneration of the Expert will have to be as follows :

(a) Salary	US \$1,490	Rs.12,000 per month
(b) Per diem allowance of Rs. 225/-		<u>Rs. 6,750 per month</u>
		Rs.18,750 per month
(c) International travel costs of the Expert would be		Rs.20,000

Altogether an Expert for this study would cost around Rs.150,000 for six months.

In addition to this sum of Rs.150,000/-, the member movement concerned should bear the internal travel costs of the Expert and the Associate Expert. It is estimated that the costs to each member movement would be around Rs.15,000/- in addition to the salary of the Associate Expert as follows :

Travel of Expert and Associate Expert	Rs. 10,000
Secretarial salary for a month (Stenographer)	Rs. 2,000
Stationery	Rs. 2,000
Miscellaneous	Rs. 1,000
Total :	<u>Rs. 15,000</u>

February 19, 1975

MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE  
FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD AT  
COLOMBO (SRI LANKA) ON 31 OCTOBER, 1974

1. The Ninth meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia was held at Holiday Inn Hotel, Colombo, on Thursday, 31st October, 1974. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. B.P. Faustino, Mr. Irwin Hunter, Vice Chairman of the Sub-Committee presided over the meeting. The following were present :

In the Chair : Mr. Irwin Hunter, Vice-Chairman (Australia).

Members

1. Mr. Faizur Rahman Khan, Member for Bangladesh
2. Mr. R.G. Tiwari, Alternate Member for India
3. Mr. Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia
4. Mr. S. Matsumura, Member for Japan
5. Mr. Byung Hang Choi, Member for the Republic of Korea
6. Mr. Ismail bin Din, Member for Malaysia
7. Mr. Monico G. Yadao, Alternate Member for the Philippines
8. Mr. A.K. Isaac, Member for Singapore
9. Mr. L.M.V. de Silva, Member for Sri Lanka
10. Mr. Kitty Panich, Alternate Member for Thailand

Special Invitees

1. Mr. Y. Basuki, Member for Indonesia, ICA Council for S-E-A
2. Mr. Tal Chun Hong, Member for Korea, -do-
3. Mr. N.A. Kularajah, Chairman, ICA Council for S-E Asia
4. Mr. Mak Kam Heng, Member for Singapore, -do-
5. Mr. Koh Watt Seng, Member for Singapore -do-
6. Mr. G.S. Dayananda, Member for Sri Lanka -do-
7. Mr. Pradit Machima, Alternate Member for Thailand, -do-
8. Mr. H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo

ICA Staff

1. Mr. P.E. Weeraman, Regional Director for South-East Asia
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education)
3. Mr. M.V. Madane, Joint Director, TA&T and Secretary of the Sub-Committee for Agriculture & Trade

In attendance

1. Mr. A.H. Ganesan, P.A. to the ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia
2. Mr. Shiro Futagami, Dy. Chief, International Department, Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, Tokyo

ICA Assessment Team

1. Mrs. Leonora Stettner, Secretary/Rapporteur.

The Members for Iran and Pakistan did not attend the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the eighth meeting held in Tokyo

2. The minutes of the eighth meeting held in Tokyo on October 30, 1973, circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Tributes to late Mr. Motilal Choudhury

3. Members of the Sub-Committee noted with deep regret the passing away of Mr. Motilal Choudhury, former Member for India, after a brief illness. Several members paid rich tributes to Mr. Choudhury's work for the Cooperative Movement in India and expressed sorrow at his untimely death. The Sub-Committee asked the Secretary to convey its condolences to NAFED and to members of his bereaved family. Members of the Sub-Committee observed one minute's silence in memory of the late Mr. Choudhury.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Matters arising out of the minutes

4. It was decided to take up this item along with each subsequent item as the matters arising out of the decisions of the last meeting were noted as separate items of this meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in South East Asia - Part IV -Iran and the Philippines

5. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee who was also the Leader of the ICA Study Teams, briefed the meeting about the recently concluded Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in Isabela, Cagayan and Bukidnon Provinces of the Philippines and in the Gilan and Isfahan Provinces of Iran. The Surveys were planned, he said, in consultation with the ICA Member organisations in the two countries.

6. In the Philippines the commodities selected for the study were corn and sorghum. The government and the cooperatives in the Philippines have initiated a number of schemes aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and the ICA Survey was well timed to cover the question of marketing of increased quantities of corn and sorghum which are at present marketed through the traditional methods. The private traders and money lenders still dominated the rural markets and the ICA Study Team is expected to suggest several ways in which the cooperatives could assume the leading role in the marketing of these commodities.

7. The Survey in Iran was for fruits and vegetables in Isfahan Province and for rice in Gilan Province. Isfahan province is well known for a variety of fruits and vegetables. Substantial quantities of these items find their way into terminal markets in big cities like Isfahan and Teheran. Most of the trade is through established traders. The gap between the price paid to the producers and that paid by the consumer in the big cities was very wide. Recently, the Central Organisation of Rural Cooperatives and its affiliates have started buying certain vegetables for organised consumers such as hotels, hospitals, Army offices, etc. but much more needs to be done to help the farmer to get a fair price for his produce.

8. The rice marketing problem in Gilan Province was totally different. As Gilan produces almost two-thirds of the total rice produced in Iran, the farmers there have a stronger bargaining power. The question before the Study Team was how the cooperatives could help rationalise the price structure and in what way they could become an effective link between the producer and the consumer.

9. The Member for Malaysia wanted to know the potentialities in these two countries for inter-cooperative trade. The Secretary informed him that the survey covered both domestic and international trade. As the exportable surplus of corn in the Philippines was, at present, very small, the Team's recommendations on this particular commodity would mainly be for its marketing within the country. But there was a possibility of sorghum being exported in the near future. The farmers who were growing sorghum complained that there was no immediate market for their produce within the country and they are reluctant to grow it if the possibilities of marketing were remote.

10. The Chairman suggested that the farmers in the Philippines should be induced to produce a larger quantity of sorghum provided a ready market for export has been located.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Shortage of Fertilizers and Cooperative Action to improve supplies.

11. The Sub-Committee discussed the present acute shortage of fertilizers created by the recent increase in oil prices and took note of the fact that the shortage has become more acute due to the growing demand in the developing countries for the supply of chemical fertilizers. The Sub-Committee considered the three alternatives submitted by the secretariat, for augmenting the fertilizer supply, i.e., promotion of joint ventures between two cooperative movements, direct import-export of fertilizer between two movements and establishment of a common cooperative fertilizer pool for the Region and recommended that all these measures be further studied in the Regional Office and a questionnaire be sent to the member movements for collecting information on the existing situation concerning fertilizer production and supplies. It was further decided that the replies from the movements should be studied by the Regional Office and a paper on this subject prepared for circulation among the Sub-Committee members. If necessary, a special meeting of the Sub-Committee should be convened to discuss this important problem. The Chairman requested the members to give priority in replying to the questionnaire sent by the Regional Office to member movements.

12. Several members expressed their strong support to the idea of establishing joint ventures for fertilizer production. The Member for India suggested that the good offices of the ICA should be used to establish such joint ventures on the pattern of the Indo-US collaboration. The Chairman suggested that this aspect should be taken into consideration while preparing the paper on the subject and requested the members to send their suggestions to the Regional Office for the establishment of joint ventures in this field.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Cooperative Trade Development in the Region

13. The meeting was informed of the registration of the International Cooperative Trading Organisation (ICTO) at Singapore on 7th June, 1971.

14. The member for Sri Lanka informed the meeting that his government has given permission to the Cooperative Marketing Federation of Sri Lanka to join the ICTO.

16. The Members for Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and Iran indicated that their movements would also be joining the ICTO as and when the permission of their respective governments to apply for ICTO membership is received.



Agenda Item No.6 : International Conference on Cooperative Fisheries, Tokyo, 1975

17. The Secretary informed the Sub-Committee that an International Conference on Cooperative Fisheries is being organised by the ICA in collaboration with the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations in Japan. The conference will be held in Tokyo between September 29th and October 3rd, 1975, and the main theme for discussion will be "Modernisation of Fisheries and Rational Utilisation of Resources". Thrift and credit aspects of the fishing industry have also been included for discussion in the agenda of the Conference. The Head Office of the ICA will coordinate the conference work and the Regional Office will be associated with its planning and the provision of secretarial services. The Member for Indonesia suggested that a meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries of the Sub-Committee be convened after the Fisheries Conference in 1975, to consider the resolutions and recommendations of this Conference. It may be held at the same time as the Council and Sub-Committee meetings during 1975.

Agenda Item No.7 : Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

18. The Member for Sri Lanka gave a resume of the activities of the Cooperative Marketing Federation of Sri Lanka. Members of the Sub-Committee thanked the Member for Sri Lanka for giving them the information on the latest developments in Sri Lanka in the field of agricultural marketing.

Agenda Item No.8 : Venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee

19. The next meeting of the Sub-Committee, 10th in the series, will be held in Manila, Philippines, in November, 1975, along with the meeting of the ICA Council for South-East Asia.

20. The Secretary thanked the members of the Sub-Committee and the Board of the ICTO for their collaboration in his work.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE  
FISHERIES, MANILA, PHILIPPINES : DECEMBER 7, 1975

A G E N D A

- Item No. I Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries held at Tokyo on October 28, 1973.
- Item No. II Matters arising out of the minutes.
- Item No. III Fishery Assistance Project in Sri Lanka.
- Item No. IV Case Study of the Fishery Cooperatives in Malaysia.
- Item No. V Fishery Project in the Philippines.
- Item No. VI First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries held in Tokyo during September/October, 1975.
- Item No. VII Follow-up action on some of the recommendations of the First Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries.
- Item No. VIII Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
- Item No. IX Venue and date of the next meeting.
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FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE  
FISHERIES, MANILA, PHILIPPINES : DECEMBER 7, 1975

AGENDA ITEM NO. I

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries held at Tokyo on 28th October, 1973 were circulated earlier and are submitted for confirmation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. II

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

For matters arising out of the Minutes please refer to respective Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. III

FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA — noted

3. Arrangements are being made to procure a 4-wheel drive Jeep and equip it with the necessary tools and instruments to serve as a mobile motor repair van for servicing marine diesel engines

Noted

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV

CASE STUDY OF THE FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA Noted

4.1 On behalf of the ICA Regional Office, Mr. K.S. Ponnuthurai, former Senior Assistant Commissioner for Cooperative Development in Sri Lanka, made a case study of the fishery cooperative movement in Peninsular Malaysia (West Malaysia) during July-August, 1975.

4.2 He visited fishery cooperatives, area fishermen's associations and the fishery projects in the States of Selangor, Perak, Penang, Kedah, Kelantan, Trengganu and Malacca. Assistance in conducting the study was rendered to Mr. Ponnuthurai by the Fisheries Development Authority, the Director-General of Fisheries and the ANGKASA.

4.3 Mr. Ponnuthurai has suggested reorganisation and restructuring of the fisheries cooperative movement with a long-term development plan and a short-term programme of work to be formulated by the Government.

4.4 ✓ He has also recommended that in view of the poor financial position of fishermen including members of primary fishery cooperatives, the bulk of long-term development finance should be provided by the Government through the cooperative banks at a reasonable rate of interest.

The fishermen should be imparted training in modern methods of fishing.

The fishery industry needs assistance from the developed fishery cooperative movements in the form of technical experts and consultants for specific periods. Fellowships should be arranged for the local personnel in the movement for studying the fishery industry and the fishery

cooperative movements abroad. The countries with an advanced fishery industry may be invited to start joint ventures on a cooperative basis and using both foreign and local capital. 2

AGENDA ITEM NO. V

FISHERY PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES - *Noted*

5.1 A Project has been prepared for the development of transport, storage and marketing of fish in the Zambales Province of the Philippines and sent to the Head Office for finding a donor organisation. The project envisages assistance through the ICA in the form of a refrigerated motor van and a marketing expert for a period of one year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI

REPORT ON THE FIRST OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE  
ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, TOKYO (JAPAN) - *Discussion*

6.1 The first Open World Conference on Cooperative Fisheries was held in Tokyo from September 29 to October 4, 1975. It was organised by the ICA and hosted by the National Federation of Fishery Cooperative Associations of Japan (ZENGYOREN).

6.2 The Conference was declared open by Mr. K. Miyahara, Vice President of ZENGYOREN. The keynote address was given by Mr. F.E. Popper, Assistant Director-General of the F.A.O. Dr. S.K. Saxena, Director of the ICA, Mr. Abe, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, Mr. P. Lacour, Chairman of the Conference and Mr. K. Oikawa, President of ZENGYOREN, also addressed the Opening Session of the Conference.

Fisheries Production and Protection of Resources

6.3 The Conference expressed great concern over the protection of fishery resources both inland and marine. The experience of some countries in protecting fishery resources from over-exploitation, including steps taken towards protecting species endangered by extinction, were discussed. Of special interest to the Conference were activities in the field of artificial spawning of commercially valuable species, the catches of which were rapidly declining as a result of the growth of the industry and resulting pollution.

6.4 The Conference noted with great interest the experience and achievements of Japan in various forms of aqua-culture, particularly in man-made reefs which create an excellent environment for various species of fish.

6.5 The problem of pollution and its impact on fishery resources were discussed at length. In addition to the contamination of the environment by chemicals, new sources of pollution, viz. wastes from nuclear power plants, were emerging. The speakers from Japan cited examples of chemical pollution especially by mercury and some types of detergents which virtually kill all marine life in the affected areas. The Conference stressed that there is a great need of more accurate information on preventing pollution, in different countries. However, it was felt that each country will have to develop preventive and preservation methods in the context of its economy and within the limits of the resources available to it.

6.6 The important role played by aquaculture in marine production was also emphasised.

Marketing and Processing of Fish

6.7 Reports on production, marketing and processing of fish were presented by countries where fishery cooperatives are of primary importance.

Modernisation of the Cooperative Fishery Industry

✓ 6.8 The first of the three topics discussed relating to the above subject dealt with the current efforts of Japan to modernize its fishing fleets and fishing technology.

6.9 The Korean delegate referred to the development and implementation of processing and marketing techniques in Korean fisheries. He said that the speedy growth of the Korean fisheries industry in the past 13 years is attributable partly to effective coordination of financial support to the implementation of projects under which essential infrastructure facilities were set up.

6.10 It was agreed that the basic task of management is the same in a cooperative as in any other enterprise, viz. to ensure optimum results with a minimum of expenditure of scarce resources, and that Modern management should be associated with the adoption of a systematic approach to the planning and execution of business operations rather than with the installation of new business machines or the adoption of new control techniques.

Education, Training, and Thrift & Credit Cooperatives for Fisheries

✓ 6.11 The Conference heard a Japanese delegate explaining the educational and training activities being carried out by fishery

cooperatives in his country. It was stated that international cooperation in the field of education and training can be undertaken by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as well as by the ZENGYOREN.

6.12 The French delegate emphasised the importance of cooperative education particularly in view of the changing conditions of the world's fisheries, e.g. pollution, development of modern techniques of management and the changing pattern of fish marketing.

6.13 Regarding thrift and credit, the Conference noted the achievements of Japanese fishery cooperatives in mobilising savings and in channelling the proceeds of members' catches through their cooperatives. The members were encouraged to make savings deposits through various schemes evolved by the cooperatives.

6.14 Loans are extended by the Japanese fishery cooperatives to members for the acquisition of fishing requisites, such as boats, engines, equipment, fuel oil and for operating expenses as well as purchase of daily necessities.

Technical Assistance for the Development of  
Fishery Cooperatives in Developing Countries

✓ 6.15 The Conference heard reports on the present condition of fishery cooperatives in Bangladesh, Malaysia, India and a few other developing countries and the areas in which external assistance is needed for their development.

6.16 The Conference generally felt that the fishery cooperatives in the developing countries, with a few exceptions like Korea, were rather weak both structurally and financially. They lacked most of the facilities



needed for effective operations related to production, processing and marketing. The Conference identified most of the areas for which external assistance may be sought. One of these was the exchange of information on the needs of Developing Countries. It was emphasised that external assistance should be given in the context of the national situation.

6.17 The Conference discussed the role of government and/or Government sponsored agencies in protecting fishery resources and in assisting fishery cooperatives in their developmental efforts. The protection of fishery resources and the building of the infra-structure were some of the areas in which such assistance could be given by the Government.

#### International Action

6.18 International action should generally be in the context of the world food problem and the emphasis should be to ensure that the fruits of cooperative activity reach the poorer sections of the fishing community. International organisations such as ICA, FAO, World Bank and Bilateral Aid Agencies such as SIDA, CIDA, NORAD, ODM and JICA were requested to intensify their development efforts in the field of fisheries.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. VII

#### FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES

- Discussion

7.1 The following are some of the activities that can be taken up by the Working Group as a follow-up of the recommendations made by the Conference.

- ✓ 1. Preparation of a booklet outlining the needs of fishery cooperatives in terms of :
- a) Technical know-how,
  - b) Finance,
  - c) Equipment,
  - d) Training facilities,
  - e) Literature, teaching aids and information material on fishery cooperatives.
2. The establishment of an information centre for the exchange of information on fishery cooperatives in the Region.
3. Identification of sources of financial and technical assistance.
4. Organisation of training programmes for personnel working in fishery cooperative societies of the Region. For this, the existing fishery training centres such as the one in Penang can be used.
5. Production of simple teaching aids for use in the education of fishermen and
6. Requesting member-organisations to receive visitors and trainees from other countries for the exchange of experience in the fishing industry.
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November 20, 1973

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP  
FOR COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, TOKYO : OCTOBER 28, 1973

The fourth meeting of the working group for cooperative fisheries was held at the Marunouchi Hotel in Tokyo, on Sunday the 28th October, 1973. The following were present.

Members

Mr Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia in the chair  
Mr Irwin Hunter, Member for Australia  
Mr Faizur Rahman Khan, Member for Bangladesh  
Mr Motilal Choushary, Member for India  
Mr H Yanagida, Member for Japan  
Mr Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia  
Mr B P Faustino, Member for the Philippines  
Mr A K Isaac, Member for Singapore  
Mr Pradit Machima, Alternative Member for Thailand, vice  
col. Surin Cholpraserd.

Special Invitees

Dr S K Saxena, Director, ICA, London  
Mr Alf Carlsson, Director, SCC, Stockholm  
Mr Ismail bin Din, Member, ICA Sub-committee for  
Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia  
Mr M Murase, Managing Director, UNICOOPJAPAN, Tokyo  
Mr H Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo  
Mr Shiro Futagami, International Department, CUAC, Tokyo

ICA Staff

Mr P E Weeraman, Regional Director for South-East Asia  
Mr J M Rana, Director (Education)  
Dr Dharm Vir, Joint Director (Education)  
Mr M V Madane, Joint Director, TACT and Secretary of the Group

In attendance

Mr A H Ganesan, personal Assistant to the Regional Director  
of the ICA in South-East Asia.

Agenda Item No.1 : confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held at Bangkok on November 14, 1972.

2. The minutes of the last meeting, third in the series, which were circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Agenda Item No.2 : Matters arising out of the Minutes

3. It was decided to consider the follow-up action during discussions on relevant agenda items.

Agenda Item No.3 : Fishery assistance project in Sri Lanka

4. The secretary of the group informed the recent developments regarding the above project in Sri Lanka. Dr Saxena informed the meeting that discussions are currently being held on the project with the French Cooperative Movement and with Mr Lacour. He said that the fisheries and the consumers cooperative movement of France are trying to raise funds for giving limited assistance to the Sri Lanka movement. Referring to the present trend in technical assistance Dr Saxena said that if assistance is given by advanced countries it will be safe to assume that the financial component of such assistance programme is likely to come more from the government than from the cooperative movement.

Agenda Item No.4 : FAO/SIDA course on the Management of Fishermen's cooperatives

5. A resume of the above course was given to the meeting by the director (Education) of the ICA Regional Office. He said that the course was found useful by the participants. One of the recommendations, he added, was that the FAO should organise follow-up national courses for training of managers of fishery cooperatives. The meeting was informed that if requests were received from the governments, the FAO will assist in organising and conducting such courses. The ICA can also take up with the FAO the question of organising courses if requests to that effect were received from member organisations in the region.

6. Dr Saxena informed the meeting that the FAO representative who was present at the recent ICA fisheries sub-committee meeting held at Budapest also spoke about the usefulness of the Bombay seminar. As FAO did not have any funds for printing the seminar papers, the ICA fisheries sub-committee will look into the material circulated at the course and will study the possibility of bringing out a publication on this subject.

19th January 1976

MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ICA-SUB COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE AND TRADE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA, MANILA,  
THE PHILIPPINES, ON 8TH DECEMBER 1975.

1. The Tenth meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee on Agriculture and Trade for South-East Asia was held at the Philippine Village Hotel, Manila, the Philippines, on 8th December 1975. Mr. B.P. Faustino, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee presided over the meeting.

The following were present :

Members

1. Mr. B.P. Faustino, Chairman and Member for the Philippines (in the Chair).
2. Mr. Irwin Hunter, Member for Australia and Vice Chairman.
3. Mr. Tapeswar Singh, Member for India.
4. Mr. Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia.
5. Mr. K. Yoshida, Member for Japan.
6. Mr. Ismail Din, Member for Malaysia.
7. Mr. Sardar Farooq, Member for Pakistan.
8. Mr. L.M.V. de Silva, Member for Sri Lanka.
9. Mr. Prachuab Burapharat, Member for Thailand.

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (P&PR) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia.

Observers

1. Mr. R. Shahrabadi Khan, Alternate ICA Council Member for Iran.
2. Mr. D. Basuki, ICA Councillor for Indonesia.
3. Mr. Ju In Song, ICA Councillor for Republic of Korea.
4. Mr. Khan Amir Abdullah Khan, ICA Councillor for Pakistan.
5. Mr. Monico Yadao, ICA Alternate Councillor for the Philippines.
6. Mr. Mak Kam Heng, ICA Councillor for Singapore.
7. Mr. M. Kulasegaram, ICA Councillor for Singapore.
8. Mr. G.S. Dayananda, ICA Councillor for Sri Lanka.
9. Mr. Pradit Machima, Alternate ICA Councillor for Thailand.
10. Mr. H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDAGA, Tokyo, Japan.
11. Mr. Malte Jonsson, SCC, Stockholm, Sweden.

Other ICA Regional Office Staff

1. Mr. P.E. Weeraman, ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia.
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education).
3. Mr. M.K. Puri, Specialist in Consumer Cooperation (designate).
4. Mr. S.S. Avadhani, P.A. to Regional Director.

The following members were absent :

1. Mr. Faizur Rahman Khan, Member for Bangladesh.
2. Mr. Abdulhadi Moghaddas, Member for Iran.
3. Mr. Byung Hwang, Member for Republic of Korea.
4. Mr. A.K. Isaac, Member for Singapore.

AGENDA ITEM NO. I : WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

2. Mr. B.P. Faustino, the Chairman, extended a warm welcome to the members of the Sub-Committee and to the observers
3. Mr. Irwin Hunter at this stage sought the permission of the chair to thank the Philippines Cooperative Movement for the excellent arrangements made for the various meetings as he would be leaving before the end of the Sub-Committee Meeting. Mr. Hunter said that accommodation, transport and other facilities provided were excellent. He thanked Mr. Faustino and all those associated with him for the arrangements made by them. He also expressed on behalf of his colleagues and himself appreciation of the excellent work done by Mr. Weeraman and the other officers of the ICA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. II : REMARKS BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

4. Mr. P.E. Weeraman, ICA Regional Director welcomed the members of the Sub-Committee and the observers on behalf of the ICA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. III : APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE

5. The Regional Director stated that, as mentioned in the Agenda Notes, Mr. Lioné Gunawardana Joint Director (P&PR) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation was available for appointment to the post of Secretary of the Sub-Committee in addition to his present duties in place of Mr. Madane.
6. The meeting unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Gunawardana to be the Secretary of the Sub-Committee.
7. Mr. Gunawardana expressed his thanks for the unanimous appointment and said that he would endeavour to perform his duties as Secretary to the best of his ability.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

8. The minutes of the 9th meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 31st October 1974, circulated earlier, were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V : MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

9. It was decided to take up this item along with each relevant item of the agenda as the matters arising out of the decisions of the last meeting were noted as separate items of this meeting's agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI : FOLLOW-UP OF THE SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL  
COOPERATIVE MARKETING PROJECTS IN SOUTH-  
EAST ASIA

10. Mr. Weeraman drew the attention of the members to paragraph 3.3 of the Agenda Notes regarding the non-receipt of reports by the Regional Office from the member movements regarding the recommendations of the ICA Survey Teams.

11. The Chairman said that the Japanese Movement had planned training courses for small groups, to be conducted over the next two years. One training programme was meant for persons from the Philippines. The object of these courses was to train as many cooperative workers as possible from the areas studied by the ICA Survey Teams. These training programmes are scheduled for the early part of 1977. This information was confirmed by the member for Japan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII : SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS AND COOPERATIVE  
ACTION TO IMPROVE SUPPLIES

12. Information on fertilizer production and supply collected by the Regional Office was placed before the meeting. This information had been circulated earlier to the member movements in the Region.

13. The member for Pakistan said the Cooperative Movement of Pakistan wished to have joint ventures with other countries for the production of fertilizers. The Chairman requested the member to submit a detailed proposal to the ICA Regional Office, so that it could find out the possibilities of such a collaboration. The member for Australia said that the production of fertilizer involved huge capital investment and as such it might be difficult for a single cooperative movement to assist another though this was desirable. Therefore, he suggested that cooperatives should seek the collaboration of the private sector also in establishing such joint ventures. The Chairman expressed his agreement with the views of the member.

14. Mr. Song pointed out that prices of fertilizers had declined sharply and also that they were readily available. In Korea they had large stocks of fertilizers. Mr. Hunter said that in Western Australia which holds a virtual monopoly in the manufacture of fertilizers in his country, the factories were jointly owned by the Government, the private sector and farmers organisations each having equal shares.

15. Mr. Dayananda said that the Government of Sri Lanka was taking steps to set-up a large fertilizer factory with World Bank assistance. He said that presently the fertilizer prices were subsidised by the Government up to 50 per cent.

16. The member for Indonesia said that Indonesia was planning to establish a fertilizer factory jointly with the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. Iran had agreed to lend money for this purpose. He said that by 1976 they would have fertilizer for export. The Chairman pointed out that the prices of fertilizers in the international market had been very fluid. They had declined very sharply during the last years. He cautioned that joint ventures in this field should be carefully planned. He said that in the Philippines big fertilizer factories welcome share capital participation by farmers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII: COOPERATIVE TRADE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

17. The meeting was informed that the International Cooperative Trading Organisation (ICTO) had started operations.

18. Mr. Mak Kam Heng, the Chairman of the ICTO, briefly explained the work so far done by ICTO. He also mentioned that it had received a request from ICA Regional Office for supply of cement to Bangladesh under a Swedish assistance programme. It had negotiated with exporters in the Philippines but as the quantity required was small negotiations had not succeeded. Due to the changed political situation in Bangladesh enquiry for another supplier had been kept in abeyance.

19. Mr. Malte Jonsson explained the Swedish assistance programme. Three years ago SCC started a fund collection campaign for assisting Bangladesh. An amount of 100,000 kroners was collected, a part of which came from a collection previously made by a Women's Guild. This amount was later earmarked for assistance to Rangunia Thana Cooperative Society in Bangladesh. In consultation with the ICA Regional Office SCC decided to gift fertilizers to the Society. But later due to high prices of fertilizers and difficulties in obtaining them at that time and as there was a request from the Society for supply of cement it was decided to supply cement.

20. The Regional Director informed the meeting that as a part of the same assistance programme Incubators for a Cooperative Poultry Project has been sent.

21. The member for Sri Lanka informed that his country was in a position to export cement as they have exportable surplus.

22. The member for Indonesia said that his country has been exporting cement to Singapore and Malaysia but this trade was handled by private companies. Indonesia was exporting cloves and timber to European countries and ICTO could assist in further promotion of this trade.



23. Mr. Dayananda said that Sri Lanka exports a large amount of packeted tea to Arab countries. Some of the tea plantations that were nationalised under the land reform programme have been handed over to cooperatives for management. He said that ICTO's assistance in the export trade in tea would be most welcome.

24. The member for Malaysia informed his country was in a position to export insecticides and agricultural machinery and sought ICTO's assistance in this regard.

25. The member for Australia expressed the view that though it was quite in order to give information to the meeting regarding what a particular country could sell or intended to buy and requested Mr. Mak to pass on the information to ICTO office, it would be helpful if the countries concerned send to ICTO in writing more detailed information regarding their requirements.

26. The Regional Director and Mr. Jonsson suggested that the Sub-Committee and ICTO should take note of the ILO programme for an international workshop in 1976-77.

27. Mr. Rana suggested that the ICTO instead of waiting for the countries to send information may initiate action to obtain information and prepare a list of items that could be imported and exported by all countries concerned. He said that the ICTO should select some important commodities as it would be desirable for it to concentrate its activities on certain selected commodities. Mr. Mak was of opinion that the ICTO should trade in all commodities.

28. Mr. Gunawardana said that such a selective list as suggested by Mr. Rana may help the ICTO in ascertaining at the beginning as to what commodities could generate more business. However, this did not mean that the ICTO should solely confine its trade activities to those commodities only.

29. Mr. Mak informed that the ICTO Board of Directors had taken a decision to appoint liaison officers in different countries as contact men between the ICTO and the members. The Board also had decided to appoint two trade experts who would travel around the world to generate business.

30. Mr. Puri suggested that as international trade could not be confined only to the South-East Asian Region the membership of ICTO may be kept open to cooperatives all over the world. He said that ICTO should have some sort of a tie-up with INTERCOOP.

31. The Chairman pointed out that the ICTO could do business with countries outside the Region though its membership was confined to the Region. The requirement was that one of the parties of a business deal should be a cooperative.

32. Mr. Mak said that ICTO would soon be applying for membership in INTERCOOP.

33. In answer to an enquiry from the Regional Director, the member for India said that National Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) was awaiting Reserve Bank clearance for share capital contribution to ICTO and it was expected that the clearance would be given very soon.

34. The Regional Director said that the ICTO was the baby of the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee should voice its opinion about the activities of the ICTO. This would help the ICTO in its activities and the Sub-Committee in maintaining its interest in the ICTO.

35. In answer to an enquiry by the Chairman the members for India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand informed that they were taking steps to appoint liaison officers to liaise with the ICTO.

36. The member for the Republic of Korea said that his country was not yet a member of ICTO. The Korean law does not permit them to become members. However, they were exploring a solution to this problem. As for the liaison officer, the National Cooperative Agricultural Federation has a separate department for international trade and that would be asked to liaise with the ICTO.

37. The member for Japan said that Japan was not a member of the ICTO. However, he would request UNICOOPJAPAN to collaborate with the ICTO.

38. The member for Malaysia said that the Managing Director and the Manager of ICTO being Malaysians it might not be necessary to have a liaison officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IX : FIRST OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES (JAPAN) 29TH SEPTEMBER - 4TH OCTOBER 1975.

39. The Secretary said that the full report of the conference had been circulated to members and that the report would be discussed in the meeting of the Fisheries Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. X : CASE STUDY OF FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

40. The Secretary said that the Report of the Study had already been circulated to members.

41. The member for Malaysia wanted to record his and Malaysian Fishery Cooperative Movement's appreciation for undertaking this study in Malaysia.

AGENDA ITEM NO. XI : PROPOSED STUDY OF HOW COOPERATIVES CAN INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION. STUDY OF THE ROLE THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT COULD PLAY IN INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRIES SERVED BY THE ICA REGIONAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

41. The meeting was informed by the Regional Director that financing of the Study had been approved by the ICA Executive Committee at its meeting in October. Action would be initiated to organise the Study when formal approval was received from the Head Office. He said that this Study would also be useful for the symposium the COPAC was contemplating to hold on "The Role of Cooperatives in the Development of the Rural Poor" in 1977.

42. The meeting decided to convey the Sub-Committee's thanks to the ICA Executive Committee for approving funds for the Study.

STUDIES IN THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN THE REGION

43. The Sub-Committee was informed of the ICA Council's decision to await the reports of ACCI of the Philippines and the DKI of Indonesia to initiate the studies.

AGENDA ITEM NO. XII : VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

44. The invitation from the Cooperative Movement of Iran to hold the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in Tehran, Iran, in the 1st week of November 1976 was gratefully accepted.

45. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair which was carried with acclamation.

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Lionel Gunawardana  
Secretary, ICA Sub-Committee  
for Agrl. & Trade for S-E Asia.

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29th January 1976

MINUTES OF THE  
FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATIVE  
FISHERIES, MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES : 8TH DECEMBER, 1975.

1. The Fifth meeting of the Working Group on Cooperative Fisheries was held at the Philippine Village Hotel, Manila, the Philippines, on 8th December 1975. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman of the Group presided.

The following were present :

Members

1. Mr. Eddiwan, Chairman and Member for Indonesia (in the Chair).
2. Mr. Irwin Hunter, Vice Chairman and Member for Australia.
3. Mr. Tapeswar Singh, Member for India.
4. Mr. K. Yoshida, Member for Japan.
5. Mr. Sardar Farooq, Member for Pakistan.
6. Mr. B.P. Faustino, Member for the Philippines.
7. Mr. L.M.V. de Silva, Member for Sri Lanka.
8. Mr. Prachuab Burapharat, Member for Thailand.

Secretary

Mr. Lionel Gunawardana, Joint Director (Publications) and Specialist in Agricultural Cooperation, ICA Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia.

Observers

1. Mr. R. Shahrababaki Khan, Alternate ICA Councillor for Iran.
2. Mr. D. Basuki, ICA Councillor for Indonesia.
3. Mr. Ju In Song, ICA Councillor for Republic of Korea.
4. Mr. Ismail Din, ICA Councillor for Malaysia.
5. Mr. Khan Amir Abdullah Khan, ICA Councillor for Pakistan.
6. Mr. Monico Yadao, Alternate ICA Councillor for the Philippines.
7. Mr. Nak Kam Heng, ICA Councillor for Singapore.
8. Mr. N. Kulasegaram, ICA Councillor for Singapore.
9. Mr. G.S. Dayananda, ICA Councillor for Sri Lanka.
10. Mr. Pradit Machima, Alternate ICA Councillor for Thailand.
11. Mr. H. Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo, Japan.
12. Mr. Malte Jonsson, SCC, Stockholm, Sweden.

Other ICA Staff

1. Mr. P.E. Weeraman, ICA Regional Director for South-East Asia.
2. Mr. J.M. Rana, Director (Education), ICA Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia.
3. Mr. M.K. Puri, Specialist in Consumer Cooperation (designate) and Joint Director (Technical Assistance & Trade), ICA Regional Office and Education Centre for South-East Asia.
4. Mr. S.S. Avadhani, P.A. to Regional Director.

The following members were absent :

1. Mr. Faizur Rahman Khan, Member for Bangladesh.
2. Mr. Abdulhadi Moghaddas, Member for Iran.
3. Mr. Byung Hang Choi, Member for the Republic of Korea.
4. Mr. Aziz Ibrahim, Member for Malaysia.
5. Mr. A.K. Isaac, Member for Singapore.

AGENDA ITEM NO. I : CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. The minutes of the last meeting, the fourth in the series were confirmed.
3. The Group decided to appoint Mr. Lionel Gunawardana to be the Secretary of the Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. II : MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4. It was decided to consider follow-up action taken on the minutes of the last meeting when discussing the relevant agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. III : FISHERY ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN SRI LANKA

5. The information given in paragraph 3 of the Agenda Notes was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV : CASE STUDY OF THE FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA

6. The information given in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 of the Agenda Notes was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V : FISHERY PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES

7. The information given in paragraph 5.1 of the Agenda Notes was noted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI : REPORT ON THE FIRST OPEN WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES, TOKYO (JAPAN).

8. The information given in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of the Agenda Notes was noted

9. The Chairman, Mr. Eddiwan said that it had been decided in the last meeting of the Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, that the Report of the Open World Conference should be discussed at the meeting of the Working Group at Manila. He said that he was the only person who attended the Conference from this Group and he would like the members to discuss the Report of the Conference thoroughly in order to decide the follow up action that would be necessary.

10. The Secretary said that the draft Report of the Conference had been circulated and that the salient points were summarised in the Agenda Notes. He read out the relevant paragraphs and the meeting discussed them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII : FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE FISHERIES.

11. Mr. Ismail Din suggested that the ICA should give fellowships to cooperators to study fisheries in advanced countries. It also should find possibilities of obtaining fellowships from other international organisations like FAO. He suggested that Study trips to countries such as the Republic of Korea where fishing cooperatives had made good progress would be most helpful.

12. Mr. Song said that fishery cooperatives in the Republic of Korea, though still in the developing stage, had made noteworthy progress during the last several years and their experience could help fishery cooperatives of the other countries in the Region. He was of opinion that it might be possible to persuade the National Cooperative Fishery Federation of Korea to bear the local costs of a few cooperators who might be sent there on Study Visits.

13. The Regional Director pointed out the difficulties of obtaining travel grants for cooperators from countries which do not have foreign exchange difficulties. Mr. Togawa mentioned that Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was giving scholarships to fishery cooperators to study in Japan.

14. Mr. Rana drew the attention of the Group to the Fishery Course held by FAO in India with the collaboration of the ICA in 1973. He said that according to the information he had obtained, FAO was willing to help in organising national training courses for fishermen's cooperatives provided the requests were made through their respective governments.

15. The Chairman pointed out that the FAO had conducted a course in 1975 in Malaysia.

16. Mr. Ismail Din suggested that the preparation of a booklet which can be instructive to fishery cooperatives would be very useful.

17. It was suggested that a booklet on the fishery cooperatives in the Republic of Korea outlining their progress, problems they faced in their growth and how these were solved would be of great value to the developing cooperatives in the Region.

18. The Chairman said that it would be useful if an information centre was set-up for the exchange of information on fishery cooperatives in the Region.

19. The Regional Director said that the National Unions which had fishery cooperatives among their members should send information on their fishery cooperatives to the Regional Office for compilation. The Chairman suggested that the member organisations should supply information on fishery cooperatives to the Regional Office and it should make this information available to the fishery cooperatives in the Region.

20. The members of the Group were requested to circulate the Report of the World Conference on Fishery Cooperatives widely when the final Report was received by them. It was suggested that this Report or atleast its salient points should be translated into the local languages by the respective National Unions and circulated among their fishery cooperatives.

21. The following follow-up action on the recommendations of the Fishery Conference was decided on by the Group.

- (1) Preparation of a booklet which could serve as a manual for primary fishery cooperatives.
- (2) Preparation of a booklet on the fishery cooperatives of the Republic of Korea outlining the problems faced in their growth and how these were solved.
- (3) ICA member organisations in the Region should translate the Report of the World Conference on Fisheries, atleast the salient points, into local languages and circulate such translation widely.
- (4) ICA should identify sources of financial and technical assistance to fishery cooperatives.
- (5) Member organisations should organise training courses for personnel working in fishery cooperatives and also produce simple teaching aids for

educating fishermen. Assistance for conducting such courses may be sought from the ICA and other international organisations.

- (6) Member movements should receive visitors and trainees from other countries for the exchange of experience in the fishing industry.

Sd/-

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Secretary, Working Group  
on Cooperative Fisheries.