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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, IDICA, 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, T&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 MAFED 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 possibilities 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, 1974.

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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September 5, 1974

NINTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE
AND TRADE, COLOMBO (SRI LANKA), NOVEMBER 31, 1974

A G E N D A

- Item No. I Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held at Tokyo on October 30 - November 1, 1973.
- Item No. II Matters arising out of the minutes.
- Item No. III Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in South-East Asia - Part IV.
- Item No. IV Shortages in fertilizers and cooperative action to improve supplies.
- Item No. V International Cooperative Trading Organisation - Singapore.
- Item No. VI International Conference on Cooperative Fisheries, Tokyo, 1975.
- Item No. VII Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
- Item No. VIII Venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. I

1. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the eighth meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade held at Tokyo (Japan) on October 30 - November 1, 1973 were circulated earlier and are submitted for confirmation. A copy of the minutes is annexed hereto for ready reference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. II

2. Matters arising out of the minutes

2.1 The work of collecting statistical information is maintained on a continuous basis and the information so collected is being used for various papers and documents prepared by the Regional Office.

2.2 For other items arising out of the minutes please refer to respective agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. III

3. Follow-up on Survey Recommendations - Part I, II and III

Indonesia

3.1 The ICA Study Team appointed to do the Survey in Indonesia had emphasised the need for obtaining facilities for training of marketing personnel and providing guidance and securing educational equipment for member education for cooperatives in the East Java Province of Indonesia. Following these recommendations, the Regional Office had sent its Joint Director for Education to assess the requirements for a more effective member education programme by the East Java Branch of the Dewan Koperasi Indonesia. On the basis of his report, the Regional Office recommended to the ICA Head Office that the set of audio-visual equipment be gifted to Dewan Koperasi Indonesia.

for member education work in East Java Province. The Cooperative Development Committee of the ICA then approved a grant to cover the cost of two such sets and the sets, which were purchased locally in Indonesia, were handed over to the Dewan Koperasi Indonesia by the Joint Director, Technical Assistance & Trade when he visited Djakarta at the beginning of August 1974.

Republic of Korea

3.2 The Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (CUAC) has offered to train in Japan candidates sponsored by the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NACF) who are connected with work in cooperatives surveyed by the ICA Study Team. The training will mainly be in the field of packaging. The dates and other details of the training programme are being worked out in consultation with the respective organisations.

3.3 The NACF has at a meeting informed the Joint Director (TACT) that several recommendations made by the ICA Study Team have been taken into consideration while preparing programmes for marketing development by the agricultural cooperative societies.

Thailand and Malaysia

3.4 Information is awaited from member movements in Thailand and Malaysia on the follow-up of survey recommendations.

Part IV of the Survey in the Philippines and in Iran

3.5 The Marketing Survey in the Philippines which was postponed in 1972 due to the Declaration of Martial Law in that country, is now being conducted during September 1974. The survey will be done in three provinces viz. Isabela and Cagayan in North Luzon and Bukidnon in Mindanao. The commodities to be surveyed will be maize and sorghum. The Study Team for the survey will include a representative of the ICA and two experts, one each from India and Japan.

3.6 The Survey in Iran is being conducted during October and will cover cooperatives in the provinces of Gilan in the North and Isfahan in the South of Teheran. The commodities to be surveyed are rice in Gilan province and fruits and vegetables in Isfahan province. Apart from the ICA representative, the Study Team includes an expert from Australia and another from India.

3.7 As the above two surveys will be completed before the meeting of the Sub-Committee, an oral report will be presented before it when it meets in Colombo towards the end of October 1974.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV

4. Shortages in fertilizers and cooperative action to improve supplies

4.1 Most of the developing countries are at present faced with an acute shortage of fertilizers and due to non-availability of essential raw materials the situation is gradually worsening. As a result of steep rise in oil prices the prices of fertilizers and raw materials, especially of those based on petroleum products, have gone up. Only a few years ago the fertilizer market was a buyers market and surplus stocks had to be disposed off at low margins. The present shortage is likely to continue for several years to come. In order to apprise the members with the present problem, the Regional Office has compiled the following information on fertilizer situation.

4.2 "The production, consumption and available supply of fertilizers for international trade, as reported by the FAO Ad hoc Working Party on Fertilizer Statistics for the year 1972-73 are given below.

(In million tons)

Kind of chemical fertilizer	Production	Consumption
1. Nitrogenous Fertilizers (N)	37.9	36.0
2. Phosphatic Fertilizers (P_2O_5)	23.8	22.8 ^s
3. Potassic Fertilizers (K_2O)	20.2	19.7
Total	81.9	77.5

^sThis figure excludes ground rock phosphate directly used in application).

4.3 The available world supply of fertilizers for international trade was as below.

1. Nitrogenous Fertilizers (N) 36.3 million tons
2. Phosphatic Fertilizers (P_2O_5) 22.9 million tons
3. Potassic Fertilizers (K_2O) 19.0 million tons

4.4 World consumption of fertilizers increased by 7.4 per cent in the case of Nitrogenous fertilizers, by a similar percentage (7.4) in the case of phosphatic fertilizers, and by 6 per cent in the case of potassic fertilizers. Asia has been the largest consumer of nitrogenous fertilizers (including China).

4.5 Nitrogen accounted for the largest proportion of world fertilizer consumption (36.0 million tons) followed by phosphate (22.8 m.tons), and potash (13.7 m.tons).

4.6 The volume of trade in all fertilizers amounted to 23.6 m.tons in 1972-73 which is about 30 p.c. of world consumption. Production of fertilizers of all the three varieties increased appreciably during 1972-73. At the same time consumption also showed a substantial increase in respect of all the three fertilizers.

4.7 Application of fertilizers is the heaviest in Europe. (189 kg. per hectare of all fertilizers). Then comes the North and Central Americas with 68 kg. per hectare, USSR 50 kg. per hectare, Oceania 35 kg. per hectare, Asia 29 kg. per hectare, South America 27 kg. per hectare and only 10 kg. in Africa.

4.8 With the high rate of population growth and the consequent need for substantial increase in food production, the demand for fertilizers would go up. The fertilizer shortage would be particularly acute in respect of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers and less so in respect of potassic fertilizers.

4.9 The present global installed capacity for production of fertilizers is of the order of 60 million tons (80 p.c. of which is only utilized). During the next 3 years 11 million more tonnes of nitrogenous fertilizers would be available. The overall fertilizer consumption is expected to increase by about 9 p.c. over this period.

4.10 The consumption of nitrogenous fertilizers in Asia would be about 21 million tons by 1985 of which 16 million will be consumed by India and China alone leaving only 5 million for the rest of the Asian countries. Thus, though there would be substantial increase in production of fertilizers in the world, so far as Asia is concerned, any increase in these countries (Asia) would be locally consumed leaving no surplus for export. By 1985, only Canada, USA, USSR, Germany and Japan will remain as major exporters of fertilizers. Here again, Canada, USSR and Germany will have exportable surplus of only potash rather than nitrogenous fertilizers or phosphate.

4.11 Limitations to adequate supply of fertilizers in developing countries are mainly inadequate skills of operating staff and absence of long-term forecasts or planning of supply and demand. Added to these factors is the recent constraint of costly raw materials, especially petroleum products used in the production of nitrogenous fertilizers. Although countries like India are looking for alternate or substitute raw materials for production of nitrogenous fertilizers, these efforts are not likely to make up the deficit in the total supply position.

Cooperative Action

4.12 As the agencies directly affected by fertilizer shortages, the agricultural cooperatives will have to plan production and distribution of fertilizers nationally and internationally. The cooperatives in India and the United States of America have already set up an example by establishing a joint venture for one of the biggest fertilizer complexes in the world.

4.13 The Sub-Committee may like to consider the possibility of joint action by Regional cooperatives to produce and trade fertilizers in the South-East Asian Region. Such action can be developed in one of the following ways :

- 4.13.1 By establishing joint ventures between an advanced cooperative movement and a developing cooperative movement,
- 4.13.2 By establishing joint ventures between two developing movements in cases where one of the two movements has the raw materials and the other the technical know-how to produce fertilizers.
- 4.13.3 By arranging direct import-export of fertilizers from one movement to another.
- 4.13.4 By establishing a Common Cooperative Fertilizer Pool for the Region. Cooperatives in countries having surplus fertilizers will offer them to the Pool for distribution among cooperatives deficient countries.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V

5. Cooperative Trade Development in the Region

5.1 As per the decision taken at earlier meetings and in accordance with the line of action formulated by the Select Committee, the International Cooperative Trading Organisation (ICTO) has been registered in Singapore on 7th June 1974 as a limited company. The registration number is 1029/1974 and its registered office for the time being is at 4F & G, Asia Insurance Building (4th Floor), Finlayson Green, Singapore 1.

5.2 Out of the authorised capital of one million Singapore Dollars, 500,000 have been offered for subscription. So far, commitments to subscribe to the share capital have been received as follows :

Australia	5,50,000
Malaysia	3,50,000
Philippines	2,25,000
Singapore	1,25,000
Total	13,50,000

5.3 As the ICTO will take some time to become operational, it was decided to appoint a Company Secretary to look after procedural and legal requirements following registration of the company. M/s. Lee Fook Hong of Singapore are, therefore, functioning as Company Secretary for the ICTO.

5.4 The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Kuala Lumpur on 4th August 1974 to discuss and decide matters such as approving a common seal, appointing Auditors, opening a Bank account, etc.

5.5 The Board of Directors, at their meeting held on 4th August, has decided to advertise the post of the General Manager for the ICTO. The appointment of the General Manager and several other items for making the ICTO operational are expected to be taken up at the next Board meeting.

5.6 During his recent tour in Europe the Joint Director, TAGT has received a very encouraging response from several European cooperative wholesales as well as from INTER-COOP and NAF to the newly established organisation in Singapore.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI

6. International Conference on Cooperative Fisheries, Tokyo, 1975

6.1 The ICA in collaboration with the National Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations, Tokyo, has decided to organise an International Conference on Cooperative Fisheries in Tokyo during the autumn of 1975. The subjects likely to be discussed at the above conference include: Fishery production and protection, marketing and processing of fish, international action for cooperative fishery development, modernisation of cooperative fishery industry, thrift and credit, education and training in fishery cooperatives, and technical assistance for the development of fisheries in developing countries.

6.2 The conference is being organised to coincide with Okinawa Expo to be held in Japan next year.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VII

7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

AGENDA ITEM NO.VIII

8. Venue and date of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee

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November 20, 1973

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ICA SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA HELD IN
TOKYO (JAPAN) ON SUNDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1973

1. The Eighth Meeting of the ICA Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Trade was held at Marunouchi Hotel, Tokyo, on Sunday, 28th October, 1973. The following were present :

Members

Mr B P Faustino, Member for the Philippines in the Chair

Mr Irwin Hunter, Member for Australia, Vice-Chairman

Mr Faizur Rahman Khan, Member for Bangladesh

Mr Motilal Chaudhary, Member for India

Mr Eddiwan, Member for Indonesia

✓ Mr H Yanagida, Member for Japan

Mr Ismail bin Din, Member for Malaysia

Mr A K Isaac, Member for Singapore

Mr Pradit Machima, Alternate Member for Thailand, vice
Col. Surin Cholpraserd

Mr G S Dayananda, Member for Sri Lanka

Special Invitees

Dr S K Saxena, Director, ICA, London

Mr Alf Carlsson, Director, SCC, Stockholm

Mr H Togawa, Managing Director, IDACA, Tokyo

Mr M Murase, Managing Director, UNICOOPJAPAN, Tokyo

Mr Shiro Futagami, International Department, CUAC, Tokyo

Mr Aziz Ibrahim, Member, Fisheries Group from Malaysia

ICA Staff

Mr P E Weeraman, Regional Director for South-East Asia

Mr J M Rena, Director (Education)

Mr M V Madane, Joint Director, TAGT and Secretary of the
Sub-Committee

In attendance

Mr A H Ganesan, Personal Assistant to the ICA Regional
Director for South-East Asia

Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting held at Bangkok (Thailand)

2. The minutes of the Seventh Sub-Committee meeting held at Bangkok on November 15, 1972, circulated earlier, were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Matters arising out of Minutes

3. The Chairman informed the Sub-Committee that Mr L. Lactao, Member of the Sub-Committee from the Philippines has since resigned his membership in his (Mr Faustino's) favour, and therefore he will henceforth represent Philippines on the Sub-Committee.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Statistical Information on Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives in the Region

4. The members of the Sub-Committee were requested to provide statistical information to the ICA Regional Office as soon as they are published. The Chairman suggested that the information may be sent to the Regional Office as a regular practice for collection and compilation of regional data, and not only when requests for such information were received from the Regional Office.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Survey of Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Projects in South-East Asia

Third Part of the Survey

5. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee, who was also the leader of the survey team, circulated at the meeting the report of the Third Part of the Survey covering Thailand and Malaysia. The main recommendations made by the Third Survey Team in respect of Thailand and Malaysia were brought to the notice of the Sub-Committee. The Member for Thailand informed the meeting that necessary follow-up action is being initiated by the Cooperative League of Thailand with a view to reorganise the marketing cooperatives surveyed by the Team. Efforts are also being made, he added, to streamline the working of the National Cooperative Federations in Thailand.

6. The Member for Australia said that the surveys have increased considerably the work load of the ICA and suggested that in view of the rising costs future surveys should be around specific projects. The Chairman informed the Member for Australia that surveys are in fact conducted for specific projects and so far the surveys have been conducted on projects which were agreed upon between ICA and the host movement. Dr Saxena said that during discussions at the recent ICA Development Committee meeting the emphasis was on

specific follow-up projects which have been developed as a result of the Marketing Surveys.

7. The Director (Education) of the Regional Office said that the purpose of the survey was to develop cooperative marketing projects and also export of commodities from some countries to Japan.

8. The Member for Japan was of the opinion that the second and third parts of the survey had drifted a little away from the original idea of finding out projects of feedstuff commodities with a view to developing them for export to Japan. The Chairman informed the Member for Japan that there was no real deviation from the original purposes of the survey but the scope of the survey has been widened where necessary, with the approval of the Sub-Committee. He suggested that a second look can be taken on the surveys when all the surveys are completed.

9. The Member for Japan said that in order to develop concrete projects from out of the Survey, some felt need on the part of the countries to be surveyed, should be identified. The Leader of the Survey Team informed the meeting that although originally certain commodities were selected for the survey, its scope was widened at the Sub-Committee meeting held in Perth to include any commodity in which the national organisation would be interested for marketing development. For the subsequent surveys the commodities were selected on the basis of this decision.

10. During the discussion on follow-up several Members emphasised the need of keeping the ICA Regional Office informed of latest developments in areas surveyed so far. The Chairman said that for each project covered by the Survey at least two reports should be made available to the ICA every year. These reports should be submitted to the ICA every six months and should include follow-up action taken by the movements on the recommendations made by the ICA Survey Team.

11. The Member for Malaysia congratulated the Team for the Survey report prepared for his country. He said that Malaysian cooperatives were very eager to develop Tapioca plantation, as recommended by the Study Team. He added that even though maize has not been considered by the Study Team as a suitable commodity for development, a Government agency called the Federal Land Consolidation and Development Authority was very keen to introduce the plantation of maize and probably the cooperatives may also get involved in this work. He said that cashewnuts and orchids are the other areas which the cooperatives would like to develop in his country. He felt that due to lack of a national marketing organisation in his country, the cooperatives are facing difficulties in marketing their products. He added that any assistance from

the ICA would be welcome for the export of commodities like orchids. Mr Aziz from Malaysia informed the Sub-Committee that nutmegs and cloves could be the other areas where export possibilities can be explored in Malaysia.

12. The Member for Japan informed the Sub-Committee that Japan is interested in importing tapioca in the pellatised form.

Follow-up on Recommendations of the Second Part of the Survey in Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea

13. The information given in the agenda item was noted. The Director (Education) of the ICA Regional Office informed the meeting that a National seminar on Agricultural Cooperative Marketing will be held in Sri Lanka and some participants from the projects earlier surveyed by the ICA Team would also attend the seminar. Further training would be given by the Swedish Cooperative Centre in Stockholm to four or five selected participants of this seminar. A similar seminar is also to be held in India. The Director of the Swedish Cooperative Centre in Stockholm said that he would be happy to connect the training programmes in Sweden with the follow-up of the Marketing Survey.

14. The Member for India requested that documentation circulated at the Sri Lanka Seminar be made available for his movement.

15. The meeting also noted that five trainees from the Republic of Korea will be trained in the marketing of fruits and vegetables in the Japanese Cooperative Movement. The Member for Japan informed the meeting that because of the subsidy received from the government, it was now possible for them to bear all costs (including return airfare) for the Korean trainees. Under the same scheme full costs for Thai trainees can also be paid. The meeting appreciated the gesture shown by the Japanese Cooperative Movement in meeting all the costs of the trainees from Korea and Thailand for their training in Japan.

Fourth Part of the Survey

16. The Chairman informed the meeting that the circumstances in the Philippines are now favourable for the conduct of Survey which had earlier been postponed. He added that grain sorghum and maize have been identified for the survey. These commodities have potentials for both domestic marketing and for export.

17. The Secretary informed the Sub-Committee of his discussions with the Managing Director of the Central Organisation for Rural Cooperatives of Iran and said that Iran would welcome the survey team during Spring 1974. It was decided that the Survey in the Philippines and Iran should be conducted after finalising the schedule in consultation with the respective member organisations.

Agenda Item No.5 : Report on the Second Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives

18. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee read out at the meeting the resolutions passed at the above Conference, including a resolution concerning the establishment of an Asian Cooperative Development Bank. The meeting noted with appreciation the resolution passed at the Conference on the establishment of the ACDB. The resolution read as follows :

"The Second Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives held in Tokyo from 11 th to 20th October, 1973, considered the proposal introduced by the representative of the International Cooperative Alliance for the establishment of an Asian Cooperative Development Bank for financing the development of trade and industry in the cooperative sector and recommends that the I.C.A. and its member organisations should study the proposal further including that of extending guarantees in consultation with the Governments of the Region whose cooperation and support will be desirable for bringing such a bank into existence".

19. Dr Saxena informed the meeting of the completion of a Study on International Cooperative Financing. He said that the role of the International Cooperative Bank (INGEBA) and a mechanism of guarantee system for covering risks are also covered in the study. He added that the report of the Study will be ready during the current year.

20. The Director (Education) read out at the meeting the following recommendation made by the Regional Seminar on Cooperative Credit held at Tokyo, in April 1973, regarding the Asian Cooperative Development Bank.

"The Seminar discussed the possibility of establishing an Asian Cooperative Development Bank (ACDB) for providing finance for cooperative development projects and for international cooperative trade. The seminar felt that the proposal was in principle a good one and needed to be given a more concrete shape. The seminar suggested that the feasibility of establishing the ACDB should be carefully studied with regard to availability of equity capital from cooperative organisations in the Region, securing loan funds from the financing institutions, and developing arrangements whereby technical

scrutiny of the cooperative projects could be made. The Seminar was of the view that it would be necessary to secure approval of the proposal by the governments of those countries from which cooperative organisations wanted to become members of the ACDB. The seminar suggested that the Bank should begin with a small capital base and with activities directed to financing export-import trade as well as for development projects and gradually increase its financial and operational strength. The cooperative movements from countries outside the Region should be invited to participate in the equity capital. The seminar also suggested that the proposed Bank should develop close coordination with the International Cooperative Bank (INGEBA) for securing adequate working capital."

21. The Members noted with satisfaction the positive response of the seminar participants to the ACDB proposal.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Technical Assistance in the field of Agriculture

22. The information given under the Agenda item was noted by the Sub-Committee.

23. The Director, ICA, London, informed the meeting that the Consolidated Fruit Processing Plant of NACF, Seoul, could not receive favourable response from the FAO as the Republic of Korea was not in its list of priority countries. As regards the Multi-Commodity Fruit and Vegetable Processing Unit of NAFED, Dr Saxena informed the meeting that this was discussed at the recent meeting of the ICA Development Committee and the Norwegian Member Organisation of the ICA has shown interest in this project and has expressed a desire to see the papers.

24. The position regarding the assistance promised by the French Movement to the Sri Lanka Movement in the field of cooperative fisheries as stated in the agenda papers, was noted.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Report on the meeting of the Working Group for Trade Promotion

25. The Chairman of the Working Group on Trade Promotion (the Member for Australia) informed the Sub-Committee of the major recommendation of the group. He moved the following resolution for adoption by the Sub-Committee and for forwarding it to the Advisory Council : "This Committee recommends for the approval of the Advisory Council that the proposed International Cooperative Trade Organisation be located in Singapore as soon as practicable and full authority

be given to the existing Select Committee to undertake forthwith all aspects towards the establishment of this facility". The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the Sub-Committee after being duly seconded by the Members for Thailand, Singapore and India.

26. The Members for Australia, Indonesia, India, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines agreed to join the proposed ICTO. The Members for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka agreed in principle and preferred to send a communication to the Regional Office later. The Member for Japan said that his Union is in favour of the objectives of the Trade Exchange, however as regards their participation, the view of the Japanese Agricultural Cooperative Movement was the same as was expressed at the last meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Report on the meeting of the Working Group for Fisheries

27. The Chairman of the Group (Member for Indonesia) reported that the Group has asked the Bangladesh Movement to carefully study the report of Mr Ponnuthurai and to put up specific projects for assistance to the ICA. He said that the Malaysian Fisheries Cooperative Societies may request the ICA's assistance regarding regulation of fisheries in the West Coast of Malaysia through the National Federation, Angkasa. The Sub-Committee endorsed the decisions of the Fisheries Group.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

28. Under this item, Dr Saxena informed the Sub-Committee about the main Agricultural Committee's meeting held at Taormina (Italy) in May 1973. He mentioned that Dr Schubert, the Chairman of the Agricultural Cooperative Organisation of Common Market Countries, has been elected as one of the Vice Chairmen of the Agricultural Committee. He further informed the meeting that the report of the Open World Conference held in Rome was ready and will soon be distributed to all agricultural cooperatives. He said that the Agricultural Committee had suggested that a system should be devised whereby regular reports of agricultural cooperatives within the ICA should be brought to the attention of the ECOSOC either by reporting about them at the periodical meetings when ICA representatives attend or by submitting a brief note on the problems and progress of agricultural cooperatives for inclusion in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the ECOSOC.

29. Another suggestion made by the Agricultural Committee, Dr Saxena said, was to discuss a subject on agricultural cooperatives either at the ICA Congress or at the ICA Central Committee meetings.

30. He said that the Committee discussed the subject of international trade at great length. Also the example of a joint venture of Indian and the U.S. Cooperatives for manufacture of fertilizers was presented as one of the four cases to the Central Committee meeting held in October, 1973.

31. Dr Saxena informed the meeting of the appointment of the new Secretary for Agriculture in the ICA Head Office in London. He added that the COPAC chairmanship has now been passed on to the ILO from the ICA. COPAC, he said, was at present engaged in preparing a report on the "Actual Progress achieved by cooperative movements until 1975" - for submission to the ECCSOC by the U.N. Secretary-General. COPAC, he said, was trying to secure information on projects before they were started. We have not so far succeeded in promoting the Cooperative Development Groups. He added that the World Council of Credit Unions has been admitted to the membership of the COPAC. He further informed the Sub-Committee that the next meeting of the Main Agricultural Committee will be held in Israel.

32. Mr Alf Carlsson, Director of the SCC, thanked the host organisation in Japan for their hospitality. He was happy to witness, he said, discussions on some very important issues during the current meetings and he hoped it will prove to be a turning point in regional collaboration. He further said that the SCC would be glad to train co-operators from this Region as a part of the follow-up of the Survey as will be done at the forthcoming Marketing Seminar. He said the advanced movements, including the Swedish Movement, have very small possibilities to assist the developing movements financially. But they may be in a position to assist technically by providing experts and training facilities. If, however, proper channels are followed government assistance to cooperatives can be secured.

33. The Member for Japan thanked the ICA and the WARRO for the successful completion of the Top Level Conference and pleaded for more collaboration between the ICA and the WARRO in the field of agricultural development. He said this will bring about a greater consensus between co-operators and the government personnel through the ICA and the WARRO and help promote agricultural development through agricultural cooperatives. Japanese agricultural cooperatives, he said, were developing closer relationship with Japanese government and other regional movements should also try to develop similar relationship. The Regional Director of the ICA for South-East Asia agreed with Mr Yanagida that ICA and WARRO should work in closer collaboration in order to involve the governments in future programmes, as had been done in regard to the Asian Top Level Cooperative Leaders Conference.

34. The Member for Malaysia informed the meeting of the appointment of a Top Level Committee to look into the possibility of integrating the agricultural cooperatives and the farmers associations into bigger and multi-purpose cooperative organisations under the newly created Farmers Organisation Authority - which will supervise all the farmers organisations and agricultural cooperative societies in future. All future assistance by banks and other financing agencies to the agricultural cooperatives would be routed through the Agricultural Development Centres which are at present being established in the country. Members for India and Malaysia raised the question of ICA assistance in the field of animal husbandary and tuna fishing respectively. The Chairman requested them to prepare specific projects and send them to the ICA for further action. Dr Saxena felt that both animal husbandary and cottage industries can be included in the broad definition of agriculture and no separate categorisation was necessary.

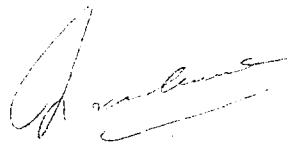
35. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee assured the member for India that information on specific subjects can be obtained from any country if such a request was sent to the ICA Regional Office.

Agenda Item No.10 : Venue and date of the next meeting

36. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in the same place and on the same dates as that of the next Advisory Council meeting.

37. The Secretary of the Sub-Committee conveyed his personal thanks to the members of the Sub-Committee and the Select Committee for their collaboration in his work.

38. With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting was closed.



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