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To: Members of the SIFR Steering Committee

From: Jean-Paul Troadec, SIFR Team Leader Francis Christy, SIFR Deputy Team Leader

Subject: "Minutes of Meeting held 29 March 1990"

We have reviewed the above document and wish to express our concern that it does not satisfactorily reflect the discussions during the meeting. In some cases points are made which were not raised during the discussions or, if raised, were certainly not agreed. In other cases, approaches that we suggested for meeting the needs of the Steering Committee are not included. Unhappily, it seems that there were some misunderstandings.

We, therefore, interpret the above document as a reflection of the concerns and desires of the Steering Committee, rather than as "agreed guidelines". We feel that the meeting was useful in elaborating the Steering Committee's bona fide concerns and desires and we will do our best to meet the Steering Committee's expectations within the framework of our professional knowledge and experience, but in order to do so, we need greater flexibility than is suggested by the details of the document.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 1990

TO: Mr. Eduardo Loayza, Fishery Adviser, AGRPS

FROM: Jean-Paul Troadec, SIFR Team Leader

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SUBJECT: Back to Office Report -Participation to the 2nd SIFR Advisory Committee meeting (Rome, 26-29 May 1990)

In addition to the attendance to the above-mentionned meeting, I used the opportunity of that meeting to visit the School of Fishery Economics in Bergen (Norway) and the Fishery Reserch Institute in Danmark.

A - <u>Lectures at the Institute of Fisheries Economics, School of Economics and</u> Business Administration

At the request of the Institute, I gave four lectures on the following topics:

- The importance of fisheries for developing countries,

- The applicability of the economic theory of fishing to Third World fisheries,

- Institutional innovations as a condition for an efficient utilization of fishery resources,

- The multi-species issue: effects of the fishery structure on fishery management.

B - <u>Meeting with Mr. Moller-Christensen, Director of the Fisheries Research</u> Institute in Danmark

Mr. Moller-Christensen expressed the desire to have the SIFR views before the finalization of aid project proposals he is submitting to DANIDA in the field of fishery and aquaculture research. The idea was to see whether there were opportunities for harmonizing actions.

According to Mr. Moller-Christensen, there are two areas in which his institute would like to contribute to development:

- the organization of training courses for research administrators on the management of research;

- the conduct of research investigations in developing countries on fishery ecology and extensive mariculture; the conditions, and the effects on fish communities, of Nile perch man-made propagation in African Great Lakes were mentionned as a possible topic.

These two topics correspond to areas on which the SIFR has put great emphasis.

This exchange of views showed that research institutions in developed countries which have been active in providing assistance to developing countries in the field of research are aware of the need for change and ready to integrate their efforts in a wider cooperative scheme.

C - 2nd Meeting of the SIFR Advisory Committee

The meeting achievements have been diverse.

On the positive side, no basic disagreement has been expressed on the following major conclusions of the Study:

- fisheries are in a crisis and, basically, the report gives a correct analysis of the situation;

- the future progress of the sector depends on substantial revision of development and management approaches;

- the fact that the need and contents for such revision is expressed by research, but are yet less clearly appreciated by development agencies, the fishing industry and fishery administrations, indicates that research would be an important input in the change; still, communications raise problems;
- because the present constraints and future opportunities of the sector differ appreciably from that in the past, there is a need for scientific (strategic) research but, presently, very few developing countries are able to undertake it effectively.

Considering their significance and the fact that they depart widely from current approaches, their acceptance should be considered as a major step forward.

However, although, generally speaking, researchers had little difficulties with the diagnosis and its presentation, the Advisory Committee members which are not directly active in research on fisheries and aquaculture development and management were somewhat puzzled by the diagnosis. The same comment applies to development agencies and the industry. This is indicative of a lack of familiarity with concepts and issues of critical significance for the future iof the sector. An improved use of research knowledge (present and potential) depends on a better appreciation by its users of the potential contribution of research.

More important for the future of the exercise, Advisory Committee members selected from bilateral donor agencies refused to consider any significant changes in the content and form of aid to research for development, and even to discuss their opportunity.

Some conclusions of importance for the follow-up of the exercise can be drawn from this apparent contradiction:

- a concerted approach to the promotion of research for development and, more generally, to the provision of aid for the sector development depends on the emergence of a consensus on the need and content for change among the different development and aid agencies, as well as within the developing countries; conversely, the recognition of the need for change is a pre-requisite to the agreement for a concerted action in the provision of aid to research;

- not being bound by the same external political considerations, it should generally be easier to multi-lateral aid agencies to determine clearly their position with respect to the identified needs for change;

- developing countries with important fishery sectors could also be expected to revise their fishery policies sooner (although this may take a long time).

With respect to operational considerations, the simultaneous conduct of the analysis (the diagnosis and the proposals for action), and of the policy (review of proposals and decisions) has not facilitated the exercise and may have affected its outcomes. The two steps are sufficiently complex to be dealt with simultaneously. It is illustrative, for example, that the 2nd Advisory Committee, because of the concern of some of its members for policy implications, did not actually assess the justifications of certain proposals. In the future, the Steering Committee would have advantage in treating separately the two steps, i.e. in sequence and through bodies with distinct membership and manadate.

Incidently, the meeting with Mr. Moller-Christensen indicated that it would probably have been easy to reach an agreement on what is needed within the scientific community, which may have provided a clear basis for discussion with the donor community.

cc. Mr. F. Christy

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STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES RESEARCH

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES (January 1989 to present)

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

Fundings

656/20 656/05	\$ 45,000 10,000	
533-01-X-0387 deposited pending GLO/88-001-A-01-42 UNDP INT/86/019/D/01/42	407,000 (90,000) 125,000 1,700	
Total Fundings		\$579,618 (\$669,618)
Disbursements		
656/20 656/05 533-01-X-0387 G10/88-001-A-01-42 UNDP INT/86/019/D/01/42	9,971 298,821 65,583	
Total Disbursements		\$ 426,169
BALANCE		\$ 153,449 (\$ 243,449)

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STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES RESEARCH

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS (January 1989 to Present)

<u>Conference</u> Washington D. C. May 1989	\$ 38,951
Missions	
India	
Total Missions	158,037
Working Parties	
Aquaculture Part I	
Total Working Parties	131,837
Administrative & Office Expenses	
GRAND TOTAL SIFR	\$ 426,169





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