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The Director-General

AGR-DG/86/1743

Dear Mr. Husain,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 November forwarding the CGIAR's 1985 Annual Report.

I am pleased to note that the Group's achievements and progress in support of research for food production are well presented. This is important in order to maintain the high livel of international cooperation and good will that the CGIAR has succeeded in establishing in its sphere of activity.

The CGIAR has undertaken a review of its priorities and strategies at a very opportune time. Its emphasis on generating technologies that ensure the sustainability of agricultural production and safeguard natural resources and environment, as well as on technologies for ecologically less-favoured farming areas, corresponds well to the concerns FAO has expressed on many occasions. In particular, research for sub-Saharan Africa must indeed be given priority.

I extend warm congratulations for the good progress made by the CGIAR.

Yours sincerely, Édouard Saouma

Mr. Shahid Husain Chairman Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Washington D.C.

Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100-ROME

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Date: December 2, 1986 To: Mr Herbert Langer , LOATF, I5-123 From: Hennie Deboeck-De Zutter, CGR Ext: 48025 Subject: 1986 Chinese contribution to CGIAR

1. Thank you for informing me that the 1986 Chinese contribution to the CGIAR , \$ 500,000, has been received.

2. I would appreciate your arranging for following disbursements:

Center	Amount (US ⊈)
CIAT	30,000
CIMMYT	80,000
CIF	80,000
IBPGR	50,000
ICARDA	50,000
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IFPR1	20,000
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IRRI	120,000
Total	500,000

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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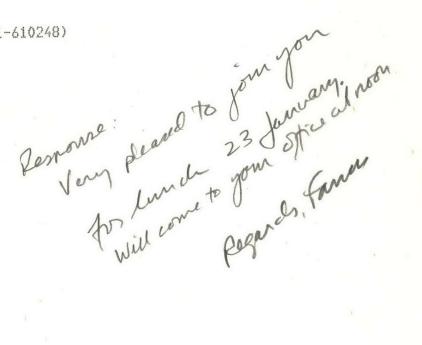
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Date: September 12,1986 To: Mr Shawn Bagheri , LOATE, 15-226 From: Hennie Deboeck-De Zutter, CGR Ext: 48025 Subject: Payment to FAO

1. I would appreciate your requesting Cashiers to send a check of \$14,215 , by FAO pouch to:

Mr. C.H. Bonte-Friedheim Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

2. The amount of the check should be charged against Participation in the CGIAR Special Activities Account.

3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

File D2

September 8, 1986

Note for Ed Sulzberger

You might ask one of our real French speakers what this incoming telex says. Barring further enlightenment, I suggest that you package the items likely to be of greatest interest in the Central African Republic (four copies as requested) and send them off by UN pouch, with a telexed notification that you have done so. Here is a case where a list of publications would be of help (ours plus those of the TAC). I would copy correspondence to Zehni.

Curtis Farrar

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7	CONTACTED ME AGAIN. HE HAD SPOKEN TO MR. ROTHERMEL IN GENEVA AND
8	REQUESTED THAT FOR TIME BEING YOU DO NOT CONTACT FINANCIAL STAFF
9	AT FAO. MR. ROTHERMEL WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS MATTER MORE IN
10	DETAIL WITH MESSRS. BONTE-FRIEDHEIM AND FARRAR ON SEPTEMBER 22 AT
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5	WILL ATTEND SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING AT WORLD BANK'S PARIS OFFICE.
6	WE WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT COSTS OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE BORNE BY
7	PARTICIPANTS FOR BOTH TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. IF UNDER THESE
8	CIRCUMSTANCES YOU STILL WISH TO ATTEND MEETING, WE SHALL LOOK
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16 June 1986



Dear Ms Calvo,

Just a very brief note to thank you for the verbatim of the mid-term meeting of the CGIAR held in Ontario. I appreciate the efficiency in getting the document out. May I also take the opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for your effective role in the organization of the meeting. As a newcomer I easily felt at home.

Yours sincerely,

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C.H. Bonte-Friedheim Assistant Director-General Agriculture Department

Ms Doreen E. Crompton Calvo Senior Program Officer CGIAR Secretariat The World Bank 1818 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 USA

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5	OBSERVER TO AGRIS TECHNICAL CONSULTATION. MS ELEANOR FRIERSON,
6	LIBRARIAN, CGIAR SECRETARIAT, WORLD BANK, ROOM K-1047, 1818 H
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8 May 1986

Invitation to the Fifth Technical Consultation of AGRIS Participating Centres (International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology)

Rome, 9-13 June 1986

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to extend an invitation to observers to attend the Fifth Technical Consultation of AGRIS Participating Centres which will be held at FAO Headquarters in Rome from 9 to 13 June 1986. The opening meeting will begin at 14.30 hours on Monday 9 June.

The Consultation is being convened under the provisions of Article VI-5 of the FAO Constitution. It is open to FAO Member Nations and those other nations and international organizations which participate in AGRIS, and also to observers. The Consultation will be conducted in English, French and Spanish.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed.

The Director-General would appreciate receiving as soon as possible the names, official titles and addresses of the observers designated to attend.

Attention is drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Italy, including the refusal of entry to persons not having required visas. Participants requiring visas must obtain these from the Italian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission in their country before leaving for Rome.

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Executive Secretary Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research 1818 H Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20433 Those participants whose travel originates in a country where there is no Italian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission may obtain a visa on arrival provided that they send a telex to the FAO Liaison and Protocol Branch, Rome, giving their full name, date and place of birth, nationality and passport number as well as their flight number and arrival date in time to permit FAO to request, at least 48 hours prior to their arrival, the issue of an entry visa at Rome airport or other point of entry into Italy. Participants failing to comply with the above, will not be allowed by the Italian authorities to enter Italy.

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### FIFTH TECHNICAL CONSULTATION OF AGRIS PARTICIPATING CENTRES

Rome, 9 - 13 June 1986

# Provisional Agenda

- 1. Opening of the Consultation and introductory statements
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Progress Report on AGRIS since the Fourth Technical Consultation, by the AGRIS Coordinating Centre
- 5. Reports by representatives of participating centres on developments at the national and regional level
- 6. Input and Coverage
- 7. AGROVOC and the Categorization Scheme
  - 7.1 Implementation: results and problems
  - 7.2 Maintenance of AGROVOC

8. Outputs and Services

8.1 Review of current AGRIS standard products
8.1.1 <u>Agrindex</u>: New product
8.1.2 <u>Agrindex</u>: other language versions
8.1.3 Data base
8.1.4 Abstracts
8.1.5 Cumulative indexes: frequency, format
8.1.6 Diskettes

- 8.2 Individual user needs
- 8.3 Needs of and utilization by national and regional centres

## 9. Training

9.1 Medium-term training policy

9.2 Coordination with national and regional training plans

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1. We have been informed by Mr Wegayehu that Cashier's received \$ 14,282.65 from IDRC. I have asked him to deposit the funds in the CGIAR special activities account.

2. Upon deposit of the funds, I would appreciate your requesting Cashier's to send a check of \$ 14,282.65, by FAO Pouch to :

Mr C.H. Bonte-Friedheim Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

3. The amount of the check should be charged against Participation in the Special Activities Account.

4. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



# THE WORLD BANK INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: March 17, 1986

To: CGIAR Secretariat

From: Curtis Farmar

#### Subject: Communications with the FAO on CGIAR business

Mr. Bonte-Friedheim tells me that it is up to us whether we address someone else in the FAO or him on CGIAR affairs. But he does wish to have a copy of any such communication, so that he can be informed.

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He is also quite willing to have all materials sent to him, for further assignment by his office. It seems to be that the latter approach is the best in general, since we will then not be in a position of having to remember to copy messages to Bonte-Friedheim.

Bonte Friedheim has a doctors degree, and sometimes uses the title Dr. (Always in German.) I suggest that we not use the title, but style him as Mr. Bonte-Friedheim. He says he has no preference.

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Dear Mr. Husain,

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I would like to refer to your letter of 3 January to the Director-General, who has been away from Rome on an extended field trip.

Mr. Saouma has asked me to say that he is very well aware of the importance of effective FAO representation in the CGIAR. The development of new technologies for the more difficult African environments is a major priority for the international community. In other developing regions, the continuing intensification of agriculture can be expected to place major demands on the research community. In the years ahead, FAO will be seeking to maintain and, as far as possible, to strengthen its support to TAC and its practical working links with the CGIAR and the individual IARC's.

FAO does not formally designate a permanent representative in the CGIAR, but normally the Director-General expects to ask Mr. Bonte-Friedheim, Dr. Bommer's successor, to handle this responsibility. Ad hoc decisions may, of course, have to be made in respect of particular meetings. For purposes of consultation, however, Mr. Bonte-Friedheim is your interlocutor in FAO.

Yours sincerely,

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Declan J. Walton Deputy Director-General-Designate

Mr. S. Shahid Husain Chairman Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research 1818 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 U.S.A.

January 31, 1986

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The arrangement did not include a right to review the document before publication, and Mr. Farrar said he was as surprised as I that the publishers, having obtained support from the Group would proceed to criticize one of the cosponsors at such length. Apart from this aspect, it appears that the booklet does serve the intended purpose of providing valid information on the topic addressed.

The views ascribed to a senior member of the secretariat are clearly personal and do not represent the position of the secretariat. It is hard to make such a distinction, however, and Mr. Farrar has admonished the individual involved to exercise much greater care in the future in expressing personal views on matters of CGIAR concern when these views may be quoted.

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Our apologies for inadvertant involvement in making public criticisms of our fellow co-sponsor.

Sincerely yours,

S. Shahid Husain Chairman

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S. Shahid Husain Chairman To: Mr. S. Shahid Husain

From: Curtis Farrar, CGR

Date: January 8, 1986

Subject: FAO Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources

Philippe Mahler has confirmed rumors that the working group is delayed from mid-February until mid-April. We will have the exact dates shortly. The reason is apparently need of more time for staff preparation.

This means we can wait for comments from Caudron and Hardon before putting the Saouma letter into final. I'll press both of them and not let it slide, however. It also means that the answer from the FAO will reach us barely in time for the Ottawa meeting, with a risk of furthr delay.

Probably we should plan a visit to Rome to deal with practical issues including timing soon after our letter has been received.

c.c. Messrs. Plucknett, Ozgediz, Schuh, Greening Mrs. Calvo

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January 3, 1986

Dr. Edouard Saouma Director-General Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome, ITALY

Dear Dr. Saouma:

The retirement from FAO of Dr. Bommer marks a major change in the work of the CGIAR, and particularly in our relationships with the FAO. With Dieter on board, we have received excellent advice and insights, particularly into the qualifications of individuals who might play key roles in the system, on boards, on the TAC, on review panels. FAO has been our best source of names of qualified people, and has been particularly strong in identifying candidates from developing countries.

I could cite many other examples, but my purpose in writing is not to praise Dr. Bommer or the FAO. It is rather to inquire about your intentions with regard to Dieter's replacement in our councils. We value the contributions made by many in the FAO, and want to retain broad contacts, of course. At the same time, the fact that FAO was represented in the CGIAR by an Assistant Director, a person with broad awareness of the entire program of the FAO, and with easy and direct access to yourself has also been of great value. I therefore hope that FAO would continue the practice of confiding this responsibility to someone at the Assistant Director level.

With very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

cc Messrs. Schuh, Rothermel bcc Plucknett, Herdt, Calvo

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Dear Shahid,

My attention was drawn to a booklet entitled "Biotechnology and Genetic Diversity" which was distributed during the last CGIAR meeting by some outsiders in connection with the discussion on IBPGR. I note that the CGIAR was cited as one of the cosponsors of the booklet.

The purpose of my writing is to ask you whether the CGIAR has indeed been supporting and possibly funding this publication where one of its cosponsors is portrayed in an unfavourable light. I would have accepted the argument that the opinions expressed in this booklet are the author's, not the cosponsor's, if it was not for the quotation attributed to senior members of the CG Secretariat. I would appreciate receiving clarification on the mode in which the CGIAR was actually involved in this most regrettable affair.

The discussions of the recent FAO Conference on the subject of Plant Genetic Resources have highlighted the importance of FAO/IBPGR cooperation and acknowledged the useful role of IBPGR. I take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of the relevant extracts of the report of the Conference.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

D.F.R. Bommer Assistant Director-General Agriculture Department

Mr. S. Husain Chairman Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research WASHINGTON D.C. 20433 USA

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#### Follow-up of Conference Resolutions 8/83 and 9/83 -Item 15 Plant Genetic Resources 1/

The Conference reaffirmed the significance of plant genetic resources in 1. continued agricultural development and in ensuring food security. It noted that, following the adoption of Conference Resolution 8/83 on the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, 85 Member Nations had officially responded and of these 77 had agreed in principle to adhere to, or expressed support for, the Undertaking. In addition, two non-FAO Member Nations had responded positively.

Appeals were made to all countries which had not yet subscribed to the 2. Undertaking to do so. In this connection, countries were urged to clearly spell out their reservations to the Undertaking, in order to establish a constructive dialogue to ensure widest possible adherence. Various delegations, in reiterating their reservations to the Undertaking, indicated that their national legislation, including plant breeders' rights and other domestic considerations, determined the degree to which they could adhere to the Undertaking. A number of delegations were of the view that were the Undertaking to be modified, a greater number of countries could adhere to it. A few members reiterated that they could not adhere to the Undertaking in its present form on grounds of principle.

3. The Conference took note of the fact that the membership of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources had increased from 67 to 77 Member Nations since its first meeting in March 1985. Six more countries had announced their intention of joining the Commission during the Twenty-third Session of the Conference. The studies currently being carried out by the Secretariat to investigate ways and means of allowing participation in the Commission by Member Nations of the United Nations which are not members of FAO were welcomed.

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4. The Conference noted that, as recommended by the First Session of the Commission, a Working Group comprising 23 Members of the Commission had been established and would meet in February 1986.

5. The Conference took note of the work initiated by the Secretariat on follow-up to the recommendations of the First Session of the Commission. The need to study the various legal aspects of the conservation and exchange of plant genetic resources was emphasized. The majority reiterated the significance of an international network under international jurisdiction on plant genetic resources base collections, both <u>ex situ</u> and <u>in situ</u>, and the overall importance of the unrestricted exchange of plant genetic resources, and emphasized that such a network did not imply duplication or overlapping with existing systems, but was complementary, pointing out that the existing network was responsible only for <u>ex situ</u> collections and for certain edible varieties. A number of members expressed their belief that the existing institutions had the flexibility and were quite adequate to achieve the objectives of the Undertaking.

6. The Conference stressed the importance of linking plant genetic resources with effective plant breeding and seed production activities, above all to be benefit of developing countries. In this respect, it reaffirmed, on the one hand, the global importance of facilitating inter-country movement of plant resources and stressed, on the other, hand the need for increased support to training activities for the maintenance and use of germ plasm.

7. The Conference noted the financial constraints of all countries, particularly of developing countries, to implement fully the objectives of the Undertaking. The majority requested the Director-General to study the feasibility of establishing an international fund for plant genetic resources, in the context of Article 8 of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. Other members expressed their belief that such a fund was not necessary in the light of existing funding mechanisms.

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The Conference reiterated its appreciation for the technical and 8. scientific achievements of the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR) in its area of competence. It emphasized the importance of continued close cooperation between IBPGR and FAO, and particularly with its Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, with a view to avoiding duplication and promoting complementarity. The Conference noted that the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) was reviewing the IBPGR and that the Commission had asked the Director-General of FAO to review the relationship between IBPGR and the FAO. In this context, the relationship between IBPGR and FAO was currently the subject of discussions between the Chairman of the CGIAR and the Director-General of FAO. Several members indicated that they were prepared to support the establishment of IBPGR as an autonomous and independent international institution. Many members thought that the existing arrangements between IBPGR and FAO should be maintained and improved.

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Prof. Dr. Dieter F.R. Bommer

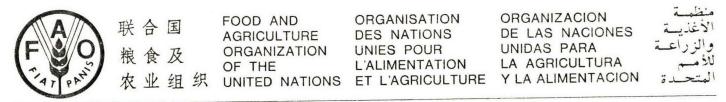
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9 December 1985

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

After having served with FAO for more than eleven years and having enjoyed living in the Eternal City of Rome, we return to our home country of Germany at the beginning of the New Year.

It has been a very interesting and challenging period being able to contribute to the goals of FAO and to multilateral cooperation in agriculture.

We valued most meeting and working with the numerous dedicated and warm people all over the world as the farmers, technicians, researchers, international civil servants, government officials and of course the colleagues of every nationality within the Organization. To all are owed our thanks and appreciation.

The coming years will continue to be devoted to agricultural research and development which we sincerely hope will permit us to keep in contact with all our friends. At the same time we will enjoy being closer to our family again.

In saying good-bye we send our warmest thanks, and wish you the blessings of the forthcoming holiday season and a happy and fruitful New Year.

With our best personal regards,

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Erdmuth and Dieter F.R.

Mr. Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research 1818 H Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 U.S.A.

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Rome - 3 DEC 1985

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Dear Mr. Husain,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 October 1985.

It was indeed with great interest that I read the first annual report of the CGIAR covering the year 1984, which I found both informative and stimulating. It provides for the first time an annual account of the achievements of the international research system which we jointly co-sponsor.

I look forward to the continuation of this valuable reporting in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Edouard Saouma

Mr. S. Shahid Husain Chairman Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Washington D.C.

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November 15, 1985

Dear Dieter,

Thank you for your kind letter.

As I said, your services to the CGIAR have been invaluable and I did not exaggerate when I said how much my colleagues and I have valued your wise counsel.

I shall miss you and your advice, but I take comfort in the thought of your continued association with our great System.

With my best personal regards.

Sincerely,

S. Shahid Husain Chairman

Mr. D.F.R. Bommer Assistant Director-General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Rome, Italy

cc: Mr. Farrar (with incoming)



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Dear Shahid,

I was really moved by the farewell given to me last week by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. Your statement honoured me very much and I don't know if I really deserved it. The only thing I know is that I have tried to do my duty but also certainly put a lot of my heart to the work of the Group in benefit of agricultural research in and for developing countries. May I thank you and through you the Group, TAC, its Chairman and Secretariat and the CG Secretariat very much.

I also thank very much all of them for the beautiful gifts which were so thoughtfully chosen and will enjoy them for a long time I am sure. I shall leave my present office with the satisfaction that my future duties will keep me in contact with the aims and activities of the CGIAR.

With many thanks again and warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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November 11, 1985

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Dr. Dieter F. R. Bommer Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food & Agriculture Organization of the U.N. Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100 Italy

Dear Dieter:

Since we last saw each other, I have worked over the tenative division of labor between the FAO and an independent IBPGR and have come up with the attached version, which I think might be acceptable from the point of view of the board. Perhaps you would be good enough to look at it informally, from the FAO viewpoint, and tell me what you think.

The second, and perhaps more important, point, is whether this document should be surfaced, and under what auspices? I am quite sure that the board is not going to want to be in a position of telling the FAO what it should be doing. For its part, I assume that FAO could not agree to such a statement without some very detailed negotiation, and perhaps discussion by some of the governing bodies. On the other hand, a document of this kind would be very reassuring to the CGIAR about the prospects for a good future relationship, if it can be put on the table in a way that gives it some credibility.

Perhaps you could give me a ring when you have had a chance to go over this version. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Tentative suggestion of division of labor between the FAO and the IBPGR with reference to the responsibilities of other bodies.

The status of the FAO and the IBPGR is of independent entities concerned, along with others, about plant genetic resources. They are free to cooperate (or not to cooperate) with each other, and with third parties, on any specific matter. It is assumed that the IBPGR would head a coordinating group within the CGIAR dealing with plant genetic resources that are covered by the mandates of all of the IARCs. The FAO could therefore work with the CGIAR centers through the IBPGR but is not barred from dealing directly with any of the IARCs if it wishes to do so.

#### Commission on Plant Genetic Resources

FAO provides secretariat services to the commission, implements its instructions and secure technical information required, either through its own staff or by calling on others, including the IBPGR.

IBPGR responds to requests from the FAO for technical information for the use of the commission, and as an observer to the meetings of the commission provides relevant scientific and technical views on matters on the agenda.

# International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources

FAO monitors the implementation of the undertaking and initiates action as required.

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IBPGR has no direct role in relation to the undertaking. ever second of materials in include utilization. It also conducts a percent program

Collection

IBPGR establishes priorities for collections, and initiates collection activities in line with those priorities. Takes part directly in many collection activities. Conducts ecogeographical research to determine priorities on a better basis of knowledge than at present.

FAO facilitates collections.

#### Conservation in vitro

IBPGR provides technical advice on all forms of conservation in vitro, defines standards, inspects and rates facilities as requested, provides technical assistance to genebanks. Defines requirements for genebanks, i.e. number, capacity, location, degree of redundency. Also conducts a research program on the concepts and methods of conservation of all forms of plant germplasm.

FAO coordinates an international network of plant genetic resources centers with emphasis on base collections, encourages observation of quality standards, promotes unrestricted exchange of germplasm.

#### Documentation

IBPGR documents its own activities and provides technical advice to the genetic resources community on documentation.

FAO develops an international information system, combined with an international seed information system, with technical support from the IBPGR and other sources. Publishes crop directories.

#### Information

FAO has major responsibility for informing policy makers about the issue of genetic conservation.

IBPGR informs scientists and the public about the issue of genetic conservation. In addition, it publicizes its own work and that of the CGIAR centers in this field.

#### Evaluation and Utilization

IBPGR promotes characterization and evaluation of materials in order to facilitate utilization. It also conducts a research program to improve methodologies of evaluation.

FAO establishes networks, provides assistance and otherwise collaborates with developing countries and IARCs in strengthening plant breeding and seed multiplication capacity in developing countries.

#### Training

IBPGR conducts training on all aspects of genetic resources work.

FAO supports training in plant breeding and seed production, and collaborates with the IBPGR and the IARCs in their training activities.

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#### Conservation In-situ

FAO provides support for study of the concept, pilot projects and development of a network of conservation areas, in collaboration with UNESCO, UNEP and IUCN, and for related training.

IBPGR can provide scientific advice to the FAO and other agencies involved.

#### Research

IBPGR would mount a research program to include seed physiology, in vitro conservation, pathology in germ plasm exchange, analysis of genetic variations on an ecogeographical basis, and application of recombinant DNA technology to the conservation of genetic variability. It would make full use of the capacities of the IARCs and conduct this program exclusively through grants and contracts.

FAO would not conduct or finance research in these areas.

Drafted by C.Farrar November 11, 1985

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October 28, 1985

Dr. Edouard Saouma Director-General Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome Italy

Dear Mr. Director General:

Thank you very much for the frank talk about the IBPGR and the fine lunch in Rome the other day. We shall be following up on the matters during the forthcoming meeting of the CGIAR and I shall be in touch with you about the group's deliberations.

I should like, however, to take up another matter which I neglected to raise with you. During the recent meeting of the CGIAR co-sponsors at Geneva, we talked about WARDA where considerable progress is being made on most fronts, with strong and flexible support from a number of donors including the FAO. The one real problem is that the sixteen member states have failed to make significant payments against the \$3.1 million they agreed to provide for 1985, during the WARDA governing council meeting last December. Only about \$314,000 has been received to date, whereas some \$1.3 million is needed to keep WARDA from falling back into near bankruptcy within the next few weeks.

Since WARDA is an intergovernmental organization, the donors view payment of these relatively small amounts as critical indicators of the member governments' interest in the organization. If the payments are not made, I expect that several donors will probably withdraw future support from WARDA whether the CGIAR recommends such withdrawal or not. Such action would have a devastating impact on the association.

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As you know, the Governing Council of WARDA is made up of the agriculture ministers from the sixteen member countries. The forthcoming meeting of the FAO Conference might be an opportunity to remind those winisters of the importance of making payments to WARDA. They should already be aware of the facility offered by the World Bank for this year to allow balances on existing loans to be used to pay current and back dues to WARDA. If you could find it convenient to bring this matter to the attention of the ministers when they are in Rome, it would be a timely and important step toward maintaining the viability of this African regional initiative. I repeat my conviction that it will be very difficult to maintain donor support for WARDA if a substantial proportion of the payments to WARDA from members for the year 1985 are not made before the Governing Council convenes in mid-December.

Sincerely yours,

S. Shahid Busain Chairman

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# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Curtis Farrag From:

Date: October 16, 1985

Subject: FAO Attitudes on the Future of the IBPGR.

Mr. Husain met with the Director General of FAO for an office conference followed by lunch on October 14, 1985. Also present were Dr. Dieter Bommer, Mr. Philippe Mahler, Mr. Lucas Brader, Curtis Farrar, and for part of the time, Mohammad Zehni.

Mr. Husain briefly summarized the situation with regard to the IBPGR following the completion of the CGIAR's external reviews, and said that he had come to Rome to discuss with the director general what could be done. Dr. Saouma responded that he had put his thinking in a document given to the CGIAR committee, and that he really had nothing to add. He did hope that the matter could be settled quickly.

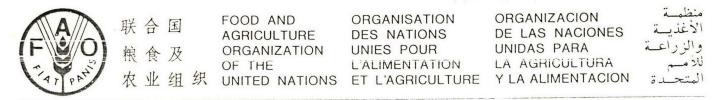
Mr. Husain said that a number of donors felt strongly that the preferred outcome was for the IBPGR to remain in the FAO with such changes as were necessary to ovecome the problems discovered in the review, that is to have the ability to structure its own staff, set its own salaries and so forth. The Dirctor General's reply was that he could not give an answer on whether such unprecedented steps would be possible for an entity within the FAO without consulting the appropriate governing bodies. It was not within his authority to make changes in procedure of the kind suggested, yet if he rejected them he might be criticised by member governments who took a very serious interest in genetic resources.

He therefore asked Mr. Husain to write him a letter, once the CGIAR had completed its consideration of the matter, setting for specifically the changs that were requested. He would consult with the sub-committee of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, which was to meet in February 1986, and could provide a response thereafter.

Mr. Husain strongly urged the director general to make his own recommendations to the sub-committee. The issues were controversial, and without a strong lead it was possible that there would be problems for the CGIAR and the FAO as a result of bringing the matter up at the political level.

In later discussions with the Assistant Director for Agriculture, Dr. Bommer, Mr. Husain pressed strongly for a positive recommendation from the director general for an arrangement that would keep the IBPGR within the FAO. In spite of our urging, Dr. Bommer expressed the view that it would be very difficult to accomodate within the FAO an organization with an independent board whose employees reported to the board and not to the director general. There would be no question of such employees having the laissez passer. In any event the director general would not be able to delegate by contract or any other arrangement his responsibility for providing support and policy advice to an intergovernmental group within the FAO such as the commission. Dr. Bommer said that the director general placed considerable importance on the idea of a formal request from the CGIAR as a basis for settling the matter in accordance with proper FAO procedure.

At the same time, Dr. Bommer saw considerable possibilities for a good working relationship between an independent genetic resources institute and the FAO. It might be possible for the two bodies to sit down each year and establish a program of work. The institute might contract with the FAO for services such as collection missions, information activities, and other tasks that the FAO could perform well. The FAO for its part might contract with the institute for technical inputs required by the FAO itself or by the commission. In this way, collaboration in both directions would be established, the FAO would be helped to maintain a genetic resources capability of its own, but overlapping functions would be avoided.



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14 October 1985

Dear Sirs,

I should be grateful if you would keep my name on the mailing list for publications produced by your Center.

The Regional Office for Europe, which I have headed since the beginning of this year, sponsors a series of cooperative networks on research and development in agriculture, rural energy and socioeconomics: more than 500 national institutions in developed and developing countries are involved.

My new address is as follows: A. Bozzini, Regional Representative for Europe, REUR - F412, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome Italy.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

faithfully, Yours Bozzini Α.

Regional Representative for Europe

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Attention: Curtis Farrar

We have obtained five FAO Associate Experts until they recently decided that they would give no more to IARCs.

 Obtained through direct contact with AGCD - Belgium. Direct contact with SDC - Switzerland All these donors used the FAO system for convenience.
 to 5) These were obtained in last eight months as a result of my visit to the FAO Office Rome in early 1984. I was shown a list of CVs to choose from. There was no direct CIP/donor involvement in these cases. Two are Italian and one Dutch.

Alternative methods, we would prefer to receive associate experts directly from donors as we do with Dutch, Canadian and Spanish associates. This gives us the opportunity to interview and select candidates which is difficult with FAO system. Have discussed this with AGCD, they don't appear to have resolved the bureaucratic problems. Regards,

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FOR C. FARRAR

WE HAVE HAD ASSOCIATES FROM METHERLANDS AND BELGIUM. WE NOW HAVE AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAMME OUTSIDE FAO AND HOPE TO EXTEND TO OTHER INTERESTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

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C. FARRAR EXEC. SECRETARY CGIAR SECRETARIAT

DENMARK AND BELGIUM HAS PROVIDED ONE AND TWO ASSOCIATE EXPERTS RESPECTIVELY. BELGIUM HAS CONTINUED THE PROGRAM THROUGH DIRECT FUNDING BY BELGIUM TECHNICAL AID. THEY PROVIDE TWO SCIENTISTS TO ILRAD THROUGH THEIR BILATERAL AID PROGRAM TO KENYA. WE HAVE NOT TRIED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO SUPPORT THIS KIND OF FUNDING FOR THE CENTRE BECAUSE OF INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN SELECTING STAFF. THIS SORT OF SUPPORT TENDS TO COMPLICATE THE STAFF SELECTION PROCESS AND MAKES THE WHOLE EXERCISE NOT WORTHWHILE.

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June 28, 1985

Note for Mr. Husain:

Two thoughts about the attached draft letter to Bommer. We could just wait until the meeting in October, when we will have a regular co-sponsors dinner, and plan the future meeting then. However, Bommer did suggest a meeting in the fall, and given his sensitivity, there might be some advantage in telling him that no meeting will be scheduled in the time when he suggested it be done.

The other thought is that having Bommer come back will undoubtedly be noticed by Mashler who was not similarly invited. Bill will likely complain, which does not really matter. I do think the first such meeting would be more effective, however, if someone with Bommer's memory were present.

Curtis Farrar

cc: Don Plucknett

(Don, please follow up depending on Mr. Husain's action and Bommer's reply, if any)

## INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK CENTRE FOR AFRICA

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24 May 1985

Dr. C. Farrar Executive Secretary of the CGIAR.

Dear Curt,

Subj: Recruitment or Secondment of FAO Associate Professional Officers to the CGIAR.

Recently Koen Geerts (Head of Administration) went on a mission to Belgium and the FAO. He met in Belgium with Mr. D'HAYERE and in Rome with Mr. MARTINEZ (Division of Associate Experts).

The information he obtained is that:

The FAO Director General has given strict instructions to the FAO that Associate Experts (now called: Associate Professional Officers) could only be posted in programmes which are directly executed by the FAO, thereby excluding secondment to the CGIAR system.

The reason for this seems to be a complaint from Columbian authorities to Dr. Saouma that the FAO was requesting the approval of secondment of three APO's to CIAT, where they had been refused a few weeks earlier a request for APO's for their national programmes. This then resulted in the decision of Dr. Saouma. Geerts has discussed this with the Belgians who indicated that they could change their procedures by paying the cost of the APO's directly to the concerned Centres rather than through the FAO. But what about the other countries who are financing APO's?

Would it be possible for the Secretariat to investigate this matter with potential Donors and to inform the Centres how to handle this subject?

With best personal regards,

P. J. Brumby Director General

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May 1, 1985

Dr. Dieter F. R. Bommer Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100 Italy

Dear Dieter:

I have read the exchange of letters between Dr. Kahre and yourself concerning the management of the IBPGR during the period while the external review recommendations are being considered by the CGIAR. While I agree that maintaining morale and keeping the program in operation is the responsibility of the board and the executive secretary, that task is clearly made more difficult if all the staff of the secretariat are facing unemployment at the end of the year.

I am also sure that if any change is made, the members of the Group would move with deliberation and not in haste, and particularly not in such a way as to leave the FAO with an unexpected charge on its budget.

Is there some form of assurance that the FAO would need from the Group or the donors in order to permit a return to a more normal procedure while the issues are being resolved? That resolution is not likely to occur until well into 1986 as things are now moving, so some action will need to be taken whatever the outcome.

Unless something needs to be done earlier, I suggest that we discuss this at the co-sponsors meeting in Tokyo and consult with donors there are necessary.

Sincerely yours,

S. Shahid Husain Chairman

c.c. Dr. Kahre, Dr. Williams

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To: Mr. S. Shahid Husain

From: Curtis Farrar

Date: April 30, 1985

Subject: IBPGR - Future Funding

I am sending herewith a proposed letter from you to Bommer in connection with an exchange of correspondence between Kahre and Bommer on the issue of morale in the IBPGR secretariat. Kahre wrote to complain about poor morale caused by FAO terminating all the secretariat employees as of the end of 1985, and Bommer replied that it was all the IBPGR's fault. The chemistry between these two seems to be bad enough to prevent serious attention to common operational problems.

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The issue seems to be that the FAO, not being sure that CGIAR funds will be contributed to the trust fund for the IBPGR in 1986, has moved to protect itself against loss by extending annual contracts for IBPGR staff only until the money presently in hand runs out. This has had a serious impact on the staff, and the better ones will probably be looking for jobs.

Copies of both letters were sent to you, and Kahre suggests that the CGIAR might be able to help. I suppose that he has in mind some indication that funds will not be cut off abruptly leaving the FAO holding the bag.

The letter I have drafted asks Bommer whether some sort of assurance about the availability of funds in 1986 is needed by the FAO from the Group, and if so requests him to be prepared to discuss it in Tokyo. There will have to be an accomodation of some kind, since no decisions can be made and implemented within this year in any case. It will have to be carefully done if donors are involved, since many of them have difficulty making binding forward commitments.

If you prefer, I could handle this by telephone in the first instance.

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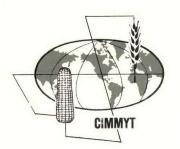
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: C. Farrar

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FROM

TO

Curt, thank you for your note dated April 4 in which you commented on your meeting with Mr. Bonte-Friedheim, Director of the Agricultural Operations Division of FAO.

I shall circulate a copy to our directing staff in order that they will be aware of his interest and your suggestion of the need to develop a mutual confidence and an ability to work together.

Dr. Abdel Rahim Hashin Shehata 38 Mobyel - Dean Abul - Ezz Str. Dokki, Cairo Egypt

Dear Dr. Shebata:

Dr. Dieter Bosmer, Assistant Director General of the FAO, has advised me that Egypt has been elected to serve as a fixed term member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and that you have been nominated to represent Egypt.

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With warm regards,

S. Shahid Hussin Chairman, CGIAR

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Dr. M. Jose Vicente de Carvalho Cardoso Director Estacao Agronomica Macional Quinta Do Marques, 2780 Ceiras Portugal

Dear Dr. Cardoso:

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S. Shahid Husain Chairman, CGIAR

Dr. Gua N'Diaye c/o Mr. G.M. Laurent PO Box 633 Conakry, Guinea

Dear Dr. N'Diaye:

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January 8, 1985

Mr. S.A. Risopoulos Senior Officer Science and Technology Research and Technology Development Division Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Risopoulos:

Mr. Husain has asked me to respond to your thoughtful letter of December 18 about the frequency of meetings in the CGIAR. It is a pleasure to be in touch after a long time. Your constructive suggestion is very welcome. However, the weight and number of matters on the CGIAR agenda make an early reduction in the number of meetings unlikely. The donors are very anxious to complete work on the strategic considerations exercise and the impact study. To do this, both TAC and the Group must meet frequently in the coming months. Once that crunch is over, however, it may well be possible to cut back on the number of meetings. In fact, this should be one of the steps considered by the third review of the system, the timing and scope of which are now being considered. One meeting every two years might be a bit too infrequent for the system, given the turnover in donor representatives and the need to provide them an opportunity to immerse themselves in the system and thus learn about it quickly.

Thanks very much for making your suggestion. My colleagues and I all hope that you are well and send you our very best wishes for 1985.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

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18 December 1984

Dear sir,

I have been with the TAC Secretariat from 1978 to 1983, lastly as Deputy Executive Secretary, and have continued to follow the work of the CGIAR with great interest. I feel considerable empathy with the tenor of the speech you made at the last Centres week.

The way to greater effectiveness in the support of CGIAR donors to the system is barred by interconnected issues which look like a combination lock.

Among the unfortunate results of the last CGIAR Review were the strengthening of both CGIAR Secretariat and TAC (in the near permanent position of the latter's chairman) and greater frequencies of CGIAR and TAC meetings. I doubt that any research system is improved by increasing its overall administration weight, considering that, in the case of IARCs, they already have their normal complement of management mechanisms such as Board of Trustees, Programme Committee, internal reviews, etc... These mechanisms, by their establishment and use, reflect the international character of each centre.

The top management of the system should therefore be light and selective in its work. One would submit that one CGIAR/centres week meeting every two years would go some way in reducing administrative cost; the managers of the IARCs would spend less time travelling to and from meetings; and substantive issues could be discussed in

Mr. Shahid Hussein Chairman of the CGIAR World Bank 1818 G Street Nr. Washington DC 20433 U.S.A. some depth. Naturally a biennial meeting would last longer than is presently the case for the two yearly ones, and donor delegations (not always impressive in the past) would have to include some reputable scientists.

The above changes would in turn hopefully lead to biennial pledges by donors, thereby ensuring greater financial stability and easing out research planning and budget control.

All in all, a leaf could be taken from UN organizations: their major Governing Bodies (the conference in the case of FAO) generally meet every two years and pledges are made on a biennial basis. Important Member States still consider it useful to send large size delegations to a conference which lasts about a month. If this can be done for the political/technical side of agriculture and development, why not for the more scientific one.

In between the biennial CGIAR meetings, smaller conferences could take place, possibly of a regional or commonproblem nature, in one or the other continent.

TAC would meet once a year instead of three times a year and every other year its meeting will precede the CG one in Washington. Here again fewer meetings of longer duration will economize the valuable time of high-level scientists and give them the opportunity to prepare seriously for each meeting.

The notches in the combination lock would be: stability of funding, time lost in travel for CG administrators and managers, quality meetings, possibilities of regional collaborations between centres and between donors, and active involvement of donors and recipient countries in the discussion of region-wide issues. The problem is to press on the notches of the combination lock in the right sequence.

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# INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT

The Programme was actively involved in the organization of two international meetings in the second half of 1984 and this Information Note is devoted to a report on them. The first was the Expert Consultation on Irrigation Water Management, Indonesia and the second was the Workshop on Small-scale Swamp Development, Sierra Leone.

THE EXPERT CONSULTATION ON IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT - YOGJAKARTA AND BALI, INDONESIA, 16-22 JULY 1984

## THE MEETING

The Consultation was hosted by the Government of Indonesia and sponsored jointly by FAO and USAID. It brought together some 65 administrators and specialists in water management from 15 countries, primarily from the Asian Region, but including some from Africa and from international and donor agencies. They came to examine current efforts to improve irrigation water management through increased farmer participation. More specifically, the meeting provided an opportunity to:

- learn, through the examination of specific cases from five countries, how farmer participation can contribute toward improved water management in agency-operated as well as in communityoperated, irrigation systems;
- identify the common elements of successful approaches to promoting greater farmer participation as well as the factors which enhance or hinder efforts to broaden farmer participation in irrigation;
- specify the roles that national and local institutions need to play in improving water management;
- identify the forms of external assistance which would be required to support national and rural initiatives; and
- formulate specific guidelines and recommendations addressed to national governments, international organizations and donor agencies for the promotion of effective management of irrigation water.

#### DISCUSSION FOCUS

The Meeting's programme consisted of a number of plenary and small group discus-

sions, and field visits to four irrigation systems in Central Java and to three Subak systems in Bali. The discussions focussed on experiences gained in farmer mobilization, participation and organization, and the lessons learned in seven case studies from five Asian countries:

- Case I Water Users' Associations in Indonesia, by Budiman Notoatmodjo
- Case II Analysis of Technical Constraints Influencing Farmers' Participation in Water Management at the Tertiary Level in Indonesia, by Suprodjo Pusposutardjo, Harsono and Muchjidin Mawardi
- Case III Farmers' Involvement in Irrigation Development in the Philippines, by Benjamin U. Bagadion
- Case IV Involvement of Farmers in Water Management in Gal Oya, Sri Lanka, by C.M. Wijayaratna
- Case V Involvement of Farmers in Water Management: Alternative Approach at Minipe, Sri Lanka, by N.G.R. de Silva
- Case VI China's Responsibility System and Farmer Participation in Water Management: The Example of Yucheng County, Shandong, by Ren Hongzun and James E. Nickum
- Case VII Farmers' Associations in the Pochampad Irrigation Project, India, by K.K. Singh

During the last day of the Consultation, the participants dealt with action that government agencies could take to promote farmer involvement in water management, and to increase their capacity to deal adequately with participatory approaches. They also exchanged views on what external donor agencies and international organizations could do to support government programmes.

KEY ISSUES AND LESSONS LEARNED

#### Participation

The reason for promoting farmer participation stems from the realization that government, given its limited resources, cannot provide for the needs of rural people indefinitely. The public sector will not be able to sustain the rates of expansion in coverage and scope which have been achieved in past years. Given current economic conditions, irrigation agencies in many developing countries are finding it is increasingly difficult to continue expanding irrigated acreage and to accept the associated responsibilities for system management. The emerging view is that the farmers themselves should be regarded as the prime actors in irrigation development.

Farmer participation implies a significant role for water users in decision making, a role that goes beyond mere consultation. To that end, the water users need to evolve appropriate forms of local organizations. Participation is considered most effective when it takes place from the initial stages of project development, including the stages of planning and design. The Meeting recognized that there are situations where farmer involvement may not be possible or practical, for instance where there are frequent conflicts between different groups of farmers.

## The Roles of Farmers and Government Agencies

These were defined and listed and, for the farmers, they include:

- participation in decision making on matters where farmers have recognized competence, or a direct interest;
- provision of labour for construction;
- securing rights of way;
- assistance in planning the system operation schedule;
- participation in the system maintenance;
- assistance in fee collection;
- assistance in monitoring of system operation.

Government roles were seen to include specifically:

facilitation of farmer participation

including support for the use of change agents;

- promotion and strengthening of water users' organizations;
- provision of training for farmers and agency personnel;
- provision of technical assistance and inputs for farmers.

#### Impact of Farmer Participation

The following impacts were identified:

- increased crop production due to expansion of irrigated areas and greater cropping intensity;
- improved relations and a reduction in conflict between government officers and farmers, and among farmers;
- increased collection of loan amortizations and contributions of labour and materials from the community;
- improved water distribution and agricultural management;
- willingness of farmers to accept responsibility for system operation and maintenance;
- improved system design and construction.

Thus the benefits derived from promoting farmer participation go beyond the immediate interests of both farmers and agency officials. The impacts not only cover the concerns for improved water management but also address the broader, more critical need for harnessing the full potential of rural communities and for building local capacities for self-reliant and selfsustaining development.

# Situations which are Conducive to Farmer Participation

There are some situations which are more conducive to farmer participation than others. Those attending considered that participation is most likely to be useful and effective where the system needs improvement, where new systems are to be constructed in areas that already have a farming community, where problems of poor management and inequitable water distribution are particularly prominent at lower levels of the system, or where group action is necessary to secure a water supply. Furthermore, the mobilization and organization of farmers is easier to accomplish where groups are relatively small and homogeneous, where farmers share a common interest and need, where there are clear and common incentives for farmers to become involved, and where the benefits to governments are also clear and substantial.

# Elements of Successful Efforts to Promote Farmer Participation

On the basis of the case studies, the following elements were considered important to success: high level government commitment to the principle of farmer participation; the use of catalysts or community organizers; a clear incentive for farmer participation; the close integration of technical and institutional activities; a multidisciplinary approach; and the learning process approach. To enhance these efforts there should be dynamic and inventive leadership, external technical assistance, flexible funding, a receptive community and a clear policy of system ownership by farmers.

# Factors Constraining Efforts to Promote Farmer Participation

These include:

- traditional bureaucratic patterns and attitudes of government agencies, associated with resistance to change;
- limited time available for social preparation and organization of the water users' associations;
- a preoccupation with physical structures rather than with system performance;
- organizational structures and systems that are not responsive to farmers' needs;
- frequent transfers of government officers;
- dependence on a few key individuals;
- rapid turn over of community organizers;
- lack of knowledge and skills to implement programmes for farmer involvement;
- site specific social and geographic impediments such as those associated with land tenure patterns and cultural differences between ethnic groups.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on an analysis of the conditions and factors listed above, the participants formulated a number of recommendations to both government agencies and donor institutions. The latter include multi and bilateral development and funding institutions, private foundations and international organizations.

#### to Government Agencies:

- Governments should take steps to ensure the commitment of agencies and agency personnel to farmers' participation.
  - The irrigation agency should undergo a process of building its own internal capacity to promote and sustain farmer participation actively. This process requires the establishment of pilot projects to experiment with alternative approaches for involving farmers. Also, the formulation of a multidisciplinary working group composed of committed individuals within the agency, supported by specialists from external institutions. Finally, it requires a review and revision of government policies or laws, as well as agency procedures or regulations, in order to ensure that they are consistent with the participatory thrust, and to enable water users' associations to have a legal standing.
  - The coordination of government agencies involved in irrigation development should be improved.
  - Programmes and courses to orient and train agency personnel in the application of the participatory strategy should be held at all levels of the organization. Farmers should also undergo training to develop the special skills required for their effective involvement in system construction and management. The design and conduct of training programmes should, as far as possible, also be managed in a participatory manner.

#### to Donor Institutions:

Financial and technical assistance from donor institutions is considered an important element in national programmes to increase farmer participation. Donor assistance can be of particular value in building up an agency's capacity to undertake the participatory approach. In this context

- it was recommended that donor agencies:
- provide support within a framework of promoting an integrated approach to irrigation development;
- be willing to provide long-term support for national programmes which develop participatory capacities and skills in irrigation agencies;
- support the dissemination of information and the transfer of experience between countries;
- promote effective cooperation among national agencies and among researchers and practitioners involved in irrigation development;

- encourage the establishment of national policies that support active farmer involvement in irrigation development;
- examine and pursue increased consultation and collaborative efforts among donors;
- allow for flexibility in funding arrangements, in programming procedures and in project implementation schedules;
- simplify approval procedures and attempt to reduce the time required for processing the requests for assistance.

# WORKSHOP ON SMALL-SCALE SWAMP DEVELOPMENT, FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, 26-30 NOVEMBER 1984

The Workshop was organized primarily for the five anglophone West African countries - Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Participants also came from Senegal and two from Uganda. In addition, there were about 20 special participants from institutes and organizations interested in the subject matter including IFAD, IITA and WARDA. There were also about 20 national observers selected by the Government of Sierra Leone.

In addition to country papers, six consultants' papers were presented, covering the following subjects:

- Small-scale swamp development
   Approaches to swamp development
- The role of farmer organizations in small-scale swamp development
- The role of women in swamp rice development in West Africa
- Constraints in inland valley swamp development
- The integration of swamp rice cultivation within small-holder farming systems: a Sierra Leone case study
- Impact on health of the development of swamp rice projects in West Africa.

After presentation of the papers and general discussion in plenary, the Workshop

divided into small working groups to discuss in depth the following six subjects:

- Swamp development for rice: Policy issues
- Inland valley swamps development: technical aspects
- Social and related issues in swamp development
- The role of farmers' organizations and local NGOs
- The roles of governments, international donors (bilateral and multilateral) and international NGOs
- Manpower and training requirements.

One day was then spent on a field trip visiting swamps under various stages of development. On the final day, the reports of the working groups and the draft conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop were discussed in plenary. The Workshop report is now in preparation and is expected to be ready early in 1985.

Further information can be obtained from: The International Support Programme for Irrigation Water Management Land and Water Development Division FAO 00100 Rome, Italy

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23 November 1984

Invitation to the Eighth Session of the Committee on Agriculture Rome, 18 - 27 March 1985

Reply requested by 31 January 1985

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to extend an invitation to observers to attend the Eighth Session of the Committee on Agriculture which will be held at FAO Headquarters in Rome from 18 to 27 March 1985. The opening meeting will begin at 09.30 hours on Monday 18 March.

This Session is being convened in accordance with Article V-6 of the FAO Constitution, and is open to members of the Committee and to observers.

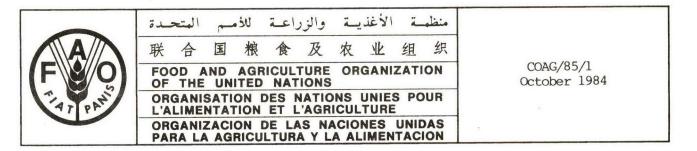
The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish.

The Provisional Annotated Agenda and Proposed Timetable are enclosed. Further documents will be forwarded as soon as available.

The Director-General would appreciate receiving by <u>31 January 1985</u> the names, official titles and addresses of the observers designated to attend.

Since visas for entry into Italy are not issued on arrival, participants requiring visas should be advised to obtain them in advance.  $\square$ 

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### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

# Eighth Session

#### Rome, 18-27 March 1985

#### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

# 1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

# REVIEW OF FAO'S PROGRAMME OF WORK IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

# 3. Implementation of the Programme of Work 1984-85

The Committee on Agriculture, in line with its expanded terms of reference, is to review the implementation of the biennial Programme of Work of the Organization within its field of competence (Rule XXXII.6(c)).

The background document will deal with activities implemented during the three years 1982-84 under Major Programme 2.1 Agriculture, covering the work of the Agriculture and Economic and Social Policy Departments. The presentation will comprise a short statement of objectives, a review of progress and achievements programme by programme and will identify issues for consideration which are common to several or all of the prorammes.

# 4. Medium- and Long-Term Outlook for Food and Agricultural Development

The Committee on Agriculture shall advise the Council on the overall medium- and long-term programme of work of the Organization in the field of food and agriculture with emphasis on the integration of all social, technical, economic, institutional and structural aspects related to agricultural and rural development in general (Rule XXXII.6(b)).

The background document will provide a short review of long-term goals and strategies for agricultural development, followed by a presentation of the mediumterm outlook for the eight programmes of Major Programme 2.1 Agriculture. Within each programme it will provide an indication of priority action quantified to the degree feasible and related to the various sub-programmes. It is expected to form the basis for the Committee to appraise the proposals in the Summary Programme of Work and Budget for the 1986-87 biennium.

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# 5. Summary Programme of Work and Budget 1986-87

The Committee on Agriculture, in line with the expanded terms of reference endorsed by the Eighteenth Session of the Conference (November 1975), is to review the biennial programmes of work of the Organization, within its field of competence, with emphasis on the integration of all social, technical, economic, institutional and structural aspects related to agricultural and rural development in general (Rule XXXII.6(c)).

The background paper will be an extract of the Director-General's Summary Programme of Work and Budget to be submitted to the 87th Session of the Council (June 1985). It will deal with the priorities and proposed programme increases for Major Programme 2.1 Agriculture, covering the Agricultural and Economic and Social Policy Departments.

The Council at its 66th Session (June 1975) agreed that in considering the Summary Programme of Work and Budget, the Committee should continue to focus on the general lines of work and the broad aspects of agricultural development rather than on a comprehensive review of the various specific activities.

## FOOD AND NUTRITION

# 6. The Role of Minor Crops in Nutrition and Food Security

Minor crops provide essential nutrients for the diet, especially for vulnerable groups, and make an important contribution to the stability of food supplies at the household level. Among poor people they can provide significant amounts of food supplies, especially during pre-harvest seasonal shortages and droughts. The non-staple crops have been neglected by policy makers and research and extension workers but have potential if rationally developed within a food security framework. The paper proposes means for their development in terms of required agricultural strategies, improved processing and handling, and the requirements for training and education.

## SELECTED DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS

# 7. Processing of Food and Non-Food Agricultural Products

The document will give an overall account of agricultural processing in developing countries and of related FAO activities. It will emphasize the key importance of this sector both for agricultural development and for industrialization, particularly in rural areas.

A brief review will be made of experiences with large and small-scale projects and the factors which have chiefly led to their success or, on occasion, their failure. An assessment of perspectives and opportunities for agro-based industries in developing countries will be concluded by consideration of FAO's future role in this multidisciplinary field as seen by the Director-General.

# 8. Agricultural Price Policies

The background document is a substantive progress report on the study of food and agricultural price policies being undertaken by the Director-General. Quantitative analysis of a special assembly of data for almost 40 developing countries on price behaviour is followed by a review of major issues and options open to Governments in the formulation and implementation of price policies, including implications of developed countries' policies for the international framework of national price policies. The role of FAO in assisting governments in the field of price policy and price information is outlined. After revision and expansion to take account of the views of the Committee and of work still in hand, the document will be presented to the next Session of the Conference.

# 9. International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides

The draft Code has been prepared at the request of the Second Government Consultation on International Harmonization of Pesticide Registration Requirements (Rome, 15-18 October 1982), endorsed by the 83rd Session of the FAO Council (June, 1983), in consultation with UN and other international organizations concerned. It incorporates the comments of Member Nations, consolidated at the national level and submitted to FAO. The basic objective of this comprehensive Code is to identify potential hazards in the manufacture, distribution and use of pesticides and the respective responsibilities of governments, the pesticide industry, traders and users for the promotion of safe and effective practices.

The Code also refers to internationally acepted guidelines on testing, regulation, registration, quality control, labelling, packaging and disposal which provide adequate guidance for all countries to install effective controls. The Code seeks the full support of governments and industry in order to reduce the possibility of adverse effects to the maximum extent possible, and it is hoped that it will be adopted by the governments of all countries which import or export pesticides in order to increase public confidence in the measures designed to protect human health and the environment.

The Code is a highly technical document which has received detailed attention by experts throughout the world and already includes a consensus of the comments submitted by Member Nations.

#### OTHER MATTERS

10. Other Business

11. Date and Place of Next Session

## REPORT

12. Adoption of the Report



Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Eighth Session

Rome, 18-27 March 1985, Green Room

## PROPOSED TIMETABLE

MONDAY, 18	MARCH		
09.30	1	Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen	÷ 1
	2	Adoption of the Agenda	COAG/85/1,2
	3	Implementation of the Programme of Work 1984-85	COAG/85/3
14.30	3	Implementation of the Programme of Work 1984-85 (concluded)	COAG/85/3
TUESDAY, 19	MARCH		
09.30	4	Medium and Long-Term Outlook for Food and Agricultural Development, and	COAG/85/4
	5	Summary Programme of Work and Budget 1986-87	COAG/85/5
14.30	4	Medium and Long-Term Outlook for Food and Agricultural Development, and	COAG/85/4
	5	Summary Programme of Work and Budget 1986-87	COAG/85/5
WEDNESDAY,	20 MARCH		
09.30	4	Medium and Long-Term Outlook for Food and Agricultural Development, and	COAG/85/4
	5	Summary Programme of Work and Budget 1986-87 (concluded)	COAG/85/5
14.30	6	The Role of Minor Crops in Nutrition and Food Security	COAG/85/6

Time	Agenda Item	Title	Document
THURSDAY,	, 21 MARCH		
09.30	6	The Role of Minor Crops in Nutrition and Food Security (concluded)	COAG/85/6
14.30	7	Processing of Food and Non-Food Agricultural Products	COAG/85/7
FRIDAY, 2	22 MARCH		
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November 20, 1984

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Dr. Dieter Bommer Technical Advisory Committee, CGIAR Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

Dear Dr. Bommer,

For reference purposes, I enclose a complete set of the verbatim reports of the CGIAR's International Centers Week meetings from November 5 to 9, last. We shall also be putting these reports on microfiches and would be happy to make a set available to you, should you require one.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Doreen E. Calvo Senior Programme Officer

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The Director-General

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Dear Mr. Husain,

Thank you for your letter of 29 June which has been awaiting consideration during my prolonged duty travel in the last few weeks to FAO Regional Conferences and other meetings.

I appreciate your kind sentiments about the CGIAR meeting on 23 May and in particular your reflections on the comments I made in my opening address to the meeting.

I am particularly pleased to learn that the CGIAR will be intensifying its African programmes. In this connection, I have of course read with great interest the Bank Report on Africa, which is deservedly now obtaining a lot of attention.

I would certainly welcome close cooperation with the Bank and with the CGIAR concerning Africa's problems and the role therein of the CGIAR.

I look forward very much to seeing you again in Rome in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely, Edouard Saouna

Mr. S. Shahid Husain Chairman, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research 1818 H St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433 U.S.A.



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Dr. Donald L. Plucknett Scientific Adviser C.G.I.A.R. 1818 H St., N.W. Washington DC 20433 <u>U.S.A.</u>

Heverlee, October 4, 1984

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Dear Don,

Thank you for your kind letter of September 26. I very much enjoyed our cooperation during my years with FAO and I hope that there will be opportunities to work together, also in my new position.

I have now been entrusted with lectures on soil geography and tropical soils at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the Catholic University of Louvain. This will enable me to pursue the technical aspects of my earlier work.

The WB invited me to participate and to make a presentation, together with Graham Higgins, at their fifth Agricultural Sector Symposium, on January 7 and 8, 1985. Should you be in Washington at that time I should appreciate having a short visit with you.

Looking forward to keeping in touch.

Sincerely yours,

R. DUDAL

Associate Professor Soil Geography and Soils of the Tropics

September 11, 1984

Dr. Nyle C. Brady Development Support Bureau Agency for International Development Department of State Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Nyle:

Curt told me of your interest in the centers' responses to the FAO international Germplasm Undertaking. Here are the letters that I have on hand. I understand IRRI also responded, but I don't have a copy of that letter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald L. Plucknett Scientific Adviser

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# THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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- DATE September 11, 1984
  - <sup>TO</sup> Mr. Herbert Langer, LOAD2, I5-107

FROM Hennie Deboeck-De Zutter, CGR

EXTENSION 48025

SUBJECT Transfer of Funds from CGIAR Review Fund to Special Activities Account

1. We would appreciate your transferring US\$21,825 from the Review Fund to the Special Activities Account.

2. The amount of \$16,825 is earmarked for the Financial Studies category, while the balance, \$5,000, is for Participation.

3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

cc: Mr. G. Whiticker, LOAD2

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# THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE July 3, 1984

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TO Mr. George Whiticker, LOAD2 I5-222 FROM Hennie Deboeck-De Zutter, CGR K1055

EXTENSION 48025

SUBJECT Contribution to FAO

1. We would appreciate your forwarding \$6,333 to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for expenditures they are incurring in relation to "LDC Representation in the CGIAR Meetings".

2. \$1,303 (equivalent of Gulden 4,000) was contributed by the Netherlands for participation. The balance, \$5,030, should be charged against contributions from the Review Fund.

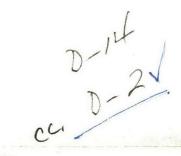
3. Please send a check, by FAO pouch, to:

Dr. Dieter Bommer Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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July 3, 1984

Mr. Louis Caudron
Chef du Departement Recherche
 en Cooperation
Ministere de la Recherche
 et d l'Industrie
1, rue Descartes
75005 Paris, France

Dear Mr. Caudron:

During my recent visit to France, and again in Rome, we discussed the possible uses of the balance remaining from the French contribution to the fund for the Second Review of the CGIAR. After settlement of the accounts for this review, the sum of \$5,030 remains from the original French contribution. As you instructed me, this balance has now been transferred to the FAO trust fund for the payment of travel costs for fixed-term representatives chosen to represent developing countries in the CGIAR by the regional conferences of the FAO.

Let me express the appreciation of the Group for the continued support of the French Government.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

cc: Dr. M. Zehni, FAO

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been them.

After 29 years of service with FAO I will be retiring from the Organization at the end of July 1984. I will be joining my Alma Mater in Leuven, Belgium, where I have been entrusted by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, with lectures on soils in the tropics, soil geography and land use.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for the close cooperation we have had over the years. I hope that my new duties will afford further opportunities for collaboration and for keeping in touch with you.

Effective 1 August my mailing address will be:

c/o Faculty of Agricultural Sciences K.U. Leuven 92 Kardinaal Mercierlaan B-3030 Leuven Belgium

I wish you every success in your activities and am looking forward to meeting you again.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

R. Dudal

June 5, 1984

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Dr. Dieter F.R. Bosser Assistant Director-General Agriculture Department Food & Agriculture Organization of the U.N. Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100 Italy

Dear Dieter:

In the rush of the meeting - which I thought went very well - I failed to mention to you one point on which I think you could be of help. As you know, we are experimenting with the use of computer based messaging systems in the CGIAR. To make the experiment valid, we need a certain critical mass of participation, and had counted on both the IBPGR and the TAC Secretariat to help make up that mass. Since they are both located within the area of easy international communications, and located in the FAO which has been in the forefront of using such communications, we thought this would be easy to accomplish.

Both offices have the equipment they need to use the electronic mail system, but neither has so far been able to secure the necessary connection to the ITALCABLE system. I am not sure whether the delay is within the FAO or in the Italian Government. But since our experiment is nearing the end of its first phase, I wonder if you could possibly ask one of your associates to look into the matter, and if it makes sense, hurry things along a bit.

I apologise for seeking your intervention on a procedural matter, but this is one case where important program substance does depend on the relatively small matter of a connection to the international communication system. So I hope that as usual you would come to the rescue.

Alex Von Der Osten and Trevor Williams should have the necessary detailed information. If we can provide anything further from here, please let me know.

Many thanks for everything you and your organization did for us in Rome. We are most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

cc: G.Lindsey S.Ozgediz

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May 23, 1984

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Dr. Shiro Okabe Director ESCAP CGPRT Centre United Nations Makrosom Jalan Merdeka 99 Bogor, Indonesia

Dear Dr. Okabe:

Thank you very much for inviting us to attend the Workshop on the Future Potential of Cassava in Asia on June 5-8, 1984. The meeting is of great interest to the CGIAR and should be very important to Asia in planning cassava research in the region. We would like to attend, but unfortunately the workshop occurs just after the May meeting of the CGIAR in Rome and just before the TAC meeting in Ethiopia later in June. Our staff time is completely committed to supporting these two meetings, so we must regretfully decline your invitation.

We will be most interested in obtaining publications and documents emanating from this meeting.

Best wishes for a most successful workshop.

Yours sincerely,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

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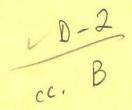
FROM: Donald L. Plucknett

SUBJECT: FAO "contribution" to IBPGR

At the National Plant Genetic Resources Board meeting on May 10 at USDA, Quentin Jones came up with a very interesting comment. He said Dieter Bommer told them (I assume the Board of IBPGR) that FAO contributed about \$800,000 per annum to IBPGR, but that all but \$280,000 of this was from interest earned on the IBPGR Trust Fund. Why should interest on CGIAR money be considered as an FAO contribution? Also, could this interest be seen by FAO as a source of funds to support the work of the Commission?

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Mr. George Whiticker, LOAD2 15-222



Peter Greening, CGR

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Contribution to FAO

We would appreciate your forwarding \$10,000 to the Food 1. and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for expenditures they are incurring in relation to "LDC Representation in the CGIAR Rome Meeting". The payment should be debited to "unrestricted contributions" in the CGIAR Special Activities Account and should be done by check to be sent by FAO pouch to:

Dr. Dieter Bommer Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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May 17, 1984

Mr. D. C. McLean Chief, Accounts Branch Financial Services Division Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla 00100 Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. McLean:

This is to inform you that we have today instructed the World Bank's accounting department to arrange for the transfer of \$225,000 to the Banca Commerciale Italiana. This amount represents the first installment for 1984 of the World Bank's share towards the cost of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

Sincerely yours.

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Hennie Deboeck-De Zutter Financial Officer

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Dr. M. S. Swaminathan c/o Aspen Institute Wye Plantation P. O. Box 222 Queenstown, Maryland 21658

Dear Swami:

Shortly after you left I found my copy of the statement that Dieter Bommer read to the TAC. He asked me not to distribute it because he is going to use it again at the CGIAR in Rome.

You will note at the end of the first paragraph that he seems to say not that the IARCs will be asked to adhere to the undertaking. This would, of course, prevent the kind of reply you were suggesting, but you will see why I have the impression that I mentioned to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

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FROM: The Secretariat

CG/84/08 April 25, 1984

#### Consultative Group Meeting Rome, May 23-25, 1984

Agenda Item 12

Attached is a copy of a paper entitled "International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources." This paper is being circulated as background material for discussion by the Group under Agenda Item 12 at the May 23-25 meeting of the Group in Rome.

Distribution:

CG Members Center Board Chairmen Center Directors TAC Members TAC Secretariat TAC Chairman IBPGR Board Members

[Extract from the Report of the 22nd Session of the FAO Conference] (Rome, 5-23 November 1983)

#### Resolution 9/83

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES 1/

#### THE CONFERENCE,

Having <u>adopted</u> Resolution 8/83 "International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources" which includes the text of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources (hereinafter referred to as "the Undertaking") as an Annex to that Resolution, and

Having <u>noted</u> that Article 9.2 of "the Undertaking" states that FAO will establish an intergovernmental body to monitor the operation of the arrangements referred to in Article 7 of "the Undertaking" and take or recommend measures that are necessary or desirable to ensure the comprehensiveness of the global system and the efficiency of its operations in line with "the Undertaking",

<u>Requests</u> the Council to establish at its next session a Commission on Plant Genetic Resources in accordance with Article VI, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, open to all Member Nations and Associate Members, which would meet at the same time as the regular sessions of the Committee on Agriculture. The Terms of Reference of the Commission shall be as follows:

(a) to monitor the operation of the arrangements referred to in Article 7 of "the Undertaking",

(b) to recommend measures that are necessary or desirable in order to ensure the comprehensiveness of the global system and the efficiency of its operation in line with "the Undertaking", and in particular,

(c) to review all matters relating to the policy, programmes and activities of FAO in the field of plant genetic resources, and to give advice to the Committee on Agriculture or, where appropriate, to the Committee on Forestry.

(Adopted 23 November 1983)

<sup>1/</sup> The delegations of Canada, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan. Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America reserved their positions with respect to this Resolution.

## Article 3 - Exploration of Plant Genetic Resources

3.1 Governments adhering to this Undertaking will organize or arrange for missions of exploration, conducted in accordance with recognized scientific standards, to identify potentially valuable plant genetic resources that are in danger of becoming extinct in the country concerned, as well as other plant genetic resources in the country which may be useful for development but whose existence or essential characteristics are at present unknown, in particular:

- (a) known land races or cultivars in danger of becoming extinct due to their abandonment in favour of the cultivation of new cultivars;
- (b) the wild relatives of cultivated plants in areas identified as centres of genetic diversity or natural distribution;
- (c) species which are not actually cultivated but may be used for the benefit of mankind as a source of food or raw materials (such as fibres, chemical compounds, medicine or timber).

3.2 Special efforts will be made, in the context of Article 3.1, where the danger of extinction of plant species is certain, or is likely, having regard to circumstances such as the clearance of vegetation from tropical rain forests and semi-arid lands with a view to the expansion of cultivated areas.

#### Article 4 - Preservation, Evaluation and Documentation of Plant Genetic Resources

4.1 Appropriate legislative and other measures will be maintained and, where necessary, developed and adopted to protect and preserve the plant genetic resources of plants growing in areas of their natural habitat in the major centres of genetic diversity.

4.2 Measures will be taken, if necessary through international cooperation, to ensure the scientific collection and safeguarding of material in areas where important plant genetic resources are in danger of becoming extinct on account of agricultural or other development.

4.3 Appropriate measures will also be taken with respect to plant genetic resources held, outside their natural habitats, in gene banks or living collections of plants. Governments and institutions adhering to this Undertaking will, in particular, ensure that the said resources are conserved and maintained in such a way as to preserve their valuable characteristics for use in scientific research and plant breeding, and are also evaluated and fully documented.

## Article 5 - Availability of Plant Genetic Resources

5. It will be the policy of adhering Governments and institutions having plant genetic resources under their control to allow access to samples of such resources, and to permit their export, where the resources have been requested for the purposes of scientific research, plant breeding or genetic resource conservation. The samples will be made available free of charge, on the basis of mutual exchange or on mutually agreed terms.

### II. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

#### Article 6 - General

- 6. International cooperation will, in particular, be directed to:
- (a) establishing or strengthening the capabilities of developing countries, where appropriate on a national or sub-regional basis, with respect to plant genetic resources activities, including plant survey and identification, plant breeding and seed multiplication and distribution, with the aim of enabling all countries to make full use of plant genetic resources for the benefit of their agricultural development;

- (b) intensifying international activities in preservation, evaluation, documentation, exchange of plant genetic resources, plant breeding, germ plasm maintenance, and seed multiplication. This would include activities carried out by FAO and other concerned agencies in the UN System; it would also include activities of other institutions, including those supported by the CGIAR. The aim would be to progressively cover all plant species that are important for agriculture and other sectors of the economy, in the present and for the future;
- supporting the arrangements outlined in Article 7, including the participation in such arrangements of governments and institutions, where appropriate and feasible;
- (d) considering measures, such as the strengthening or establishment of funding mechanisms, to finance activities relating to plant genetic resources.

#### Article 7 - International Arrangements

7.1 The present international arrangements, being carried out under the auspices of FAO and other organizations in the United Nations System, by national and regional institutions and institutions supported by the CGIAR, in particular the IBPGR, for the exploration, collection, conservation, maintenance, evaluation, documentation, exchange and use of plant genetic resources will be further developed and, where necessary, complemented in order to develop a global system so as to ensure that:

- (a) there develops an internationally coordinated network of national, regional and international centres, including an international network of base collections in gene banks, under the auspices or the jurisdiction of FAO, that have assumed the responsibility to hold, for the benefit of the international community and on the principle of unrestricted exchange, base or active collections of the plant genetic resources of particular plant species;
- (b) the number of such centres will be progressively increased so as to achieve as complete a coverage as necessary, in terms of species and geographical distribution, account also being taken of the need for duplication, of the resources to be safeguarded and preserved;
- (c) the activities of the centres that are related to the exploration, collection, conservation, maintenance, rejuvenation, evaluation and exchange of plant genetic resources will be carried out with due account being taken of scientific standards;
- (d) sufficient support in funds and facilities will be provided, at the national and international levels, to enable the centres to carry out their tasks;
- (e) a global information system, under the coordination of FAO, relating to plant genetic resources maintained in the aforementioned collections, and linked to systems established at the national, sub-regional and regional levels, will be developed on the basis of relevant arrangements that already exist;
- (f) early warning will be given to FAO, or to any institution designated by FAO, of any hazards that threaten the efficient maintenance and operation of a centre, with a view to prompt international action to safeguard the material maintained by the centre;
- (g) the IBPGR pursues and develops its present activities, within its terms of reference, in liaison with FAO;
- (h) (i) the general expansion and improvement of related professional and institutional capability within developing countries, including training within appropriate institutions in both developed and developing countries, is adequately funded; and (ii) the overall activity within the Undertaking ultimately ensures a significant improvement in the capacity of developing countries for the production and distribution of improved crop varieties, as required to support major increases in agricultural production, especially in developing countries.

7.2 Within the context of the global system any Governments or institutions that agree to participate in the Undertaking, may, furthermore, notify the Director-General of FAO that they wish the base collection or collections for which they are responsible to be recognized as part of the international network of base collections in gene banks, under the auspices or the jurisdiction of FAO. The centre concerned will, whenever requested by FAO, make material in the base collection available to participants in the Undertaking, for purposes of scientific research, plant breeding or genetic resource conservation, free of charge, on the basis of mutual exchange or on mutually agreed terms.

#### Article 8 - Financial Security

8.1 Adhering Governments, and financing agencies, will, individually and collectively, consider adopting measures that would place activities relevant to the objective of this Undertaking on a firmer financial basis, with special consideration for the need of developing countries to strengthen their capabilities in genetic resource activities, plant breeding and seed multiplication.

8.2 Adhering Governments, and financing agencies, will, in particular, explore the possibility of establishing mechanisms which would guarantee the availability of funds that could be immediately mobilized to meet situations of the kind referred to in Article 7.1(f).

8.3 Adhering Governments and institutions, and financing agencies, will give special consideration to requests from FAO for extra-budgetary funds, equipment or services needed to meet situations of the kind referred to in Article 7.1(f).

8.4 The funding of the establishment and operation of the international network, insofar as it imposes additional costs on FAO, in the main will be funded from extra-budgetary resources.

#### Article 9 - Monitoring of Activities and Related Action by FAO

9.1 FAO will keep under continuous review the international situation concerning the exploration, collection, conservation, documentation, exchange and use of plant genetic resources.

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9.2 FAO will, in particular, establish an intergovernmental body to monitor the operation of the arrrangements referred to in Article 7, and to take or recommend measures that are necessary or desirable in order to ensure the comprehensiveness of the global system and the efficiency of its operations in line with the Undertaking.

9.3 In the performance of its responsibilities outlined in Part II of this Undertaking, FAO will act in consultation with those Governments that have indicated to FAO their intention to support the arrangements referred to in Article 7.

#### III. OTHER PROVISIONS

#### Article 10 - Phytosanitary Measures

10. This Undertaking is without prejudice to any measures taken by Governments - in line with the provisions of the International Plant Protection Convention, adopted in Rome on 6 December 1951 - to regulate the entry of plant genetic resources with the aim of preventing the introduction or spread of plant pests.

#### Article 11 - Information on the Implementation of this Undertaking

11. At the time of adhering, Governments and institutions will advise the Director-General of FAO of the extent to which they are in a position to give effect to the principles contained in the Undertaking. At yearly intervals, they will provide the Director-General of FAO with information on the measures that they have taken or propose to take to achieve the objective of this Undertaking.



TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE

Rome, 5-23 November 1983

#### Resolution 8/83

#### INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES 1/ 2/

#### THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling its Resolution 6/81 on plant genetic resources,

#### Recognizing that:

(a) plant genetic resources are a heritage of mankind to be preserved, and to be freely available for use, for the benefit of present and future generations;

(b) full advantage can be derived from plant genetic resources through an effective programme of plant breeding, and that, while most such resources in the form of wild plants and old land races are to be found in developing countries, training and facilities for plant survey and identification and plant breeding are insufficient or even not available in many of those countries;

(c) plant genetic resources are indispensable for the genetic improvement of cultivated plants, but have been insufficiently explored and are in danger of erosion and loss;

#### Considering that:

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(a) the international community should adopt a concrete set of principles designed to promote the exploration, preservation, documentation, availability and full use of relevant plant genetic resources essential to agricultural development;

(b) it is the responsibility of governments to undertake such activities as are needed to ensure the exploration, collection, conservation, maintenance, evaluation, documentation and exchange of plant genetic resources in the interest of all mankind; to provide financial and technological support to institutions engaged in such activities; and to ensure the equitable and unrestricted distribution of the benefits of plant breeding;

(c) progress in plant breeding is essential to the present and future development of agriculture; and the establishment or strengthening of plant breeding and seed production capabilities, at the national, sub-regional and regional levels, is a prerequisite to making efficient use of international cooperation in the exploration, collection, conservation, maintenance, evaluation, documentation and exchange of plant genetic resources;

1. Adopts the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources attached hereto;

2. <u>Requests</u> the Director-General to transmit this Resolution and the attached International Undertaking to Member Nations of FAO, to non-Member Nations which are members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to autonomous international institutions having responsibilities with respect to plant genetic resources, and to invite them to inform him whether or not they are interested in the Undertaking and to what extent they are in a position to give effect to the principles contained in the Undertaking;

1/ The delegation of New Zealand reserved its position on the text of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources because there was no provision which took account of plant breeders' rights.

The delegations of Canada, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan, Switzerland, 2/ United Kingdom and the United States of America reserved their positions with respect to the Resolution and the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources.

3. <u>Urges</u> Governments and the aforesaid institutions to give effect to the principles of the Undertaking and to support and participate in the international arrangements outlined therein;

4. <u>Endorses</u> the Director-General's proposal for the establishment as soon as possible, within the framework of FAO, of an intergovernmental committee or other body on plant genetic resources open to all States interested in the Undertaking.

#### (Adopted 23 November 1983)

#### Annex to Resolution 8/83

#### INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

#### I. GENERAL

#### Article 1 - Objective

1. The objective of this Undertaking is to ensure that plant genetic resources of economic and/or social interest, particularly for agriculture, will be explored, preserved, evaluated and made available for plant breeding and scientific purposes. This Undertaking is based on the universally accepted principle that plant genetic resources are a heritage of mankind and consequently should be avilable without restriction.

#### Article 2 - Definitions and Scope

2.1 In this Undertaking:

- (a) "plant genetic resources" means the reproductive or vegetative propagating material of the following categories of plants:
  - (i) cultivated varieties (cultivars) in current use and newly developed varieties;
  - (ii) obsolete cultivars;
  - (iii) primitive cultivars (land races);
  - (iv) wild and weed species, near relatives of cultivated varieties;
  - (v) special genetic stocks (including elite and current breeders' lines and mutants);
- (b) "base collection of plant genetic resources" means a collection of seed stock or vegetative propagating material (ranging from tissue cultures to whole plants) held for long-term security in order to preserve the genetic variation for scientific purposes and as a basis for plant breeding;
- (c) "active collection" means a collection which complements a base collection, and is a collection from which seed samples are drawn for distribution, exchange and other purposes such as multiplication and evaluation;
- (d) "institution" means an entity established at the international or national level, with or without legal personality, for purposes related to the exploration, collection, conservation, maintenance, evaluation or exchange of plant genetic resources;
- (e) "centre" means an institution holding a base or active collection of plant genetic resources, as described in Article 7.

2.2 This Undertaking relates to the plant genetic resources described in para. 2.1(a), of all species of economic and/or social interest, particularly for agriculture at present or in the future, and has particular reference to food crops.

#### International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources

The 22nd Conference of the FAO passed two resolutions on the subject of plant genetic resources (8/83 and 9/83). Members will recall that the consideration of this subject in the FAO has been reported to the Group and discussed at several meetings, most recently during International Centers Week in 1983. Given the high level of interest in this topic within the system, it has been placed on the agenda for the group meeting at the FAO in Rome in May 1984.

To assist members in preparing themselves for that discussion, texts of the two resolutions are attached, as is a copy of FAO Document C 83/25, the Director General's report to the conference.

At the 33rd meeting of TAC in March 1984, the TAC heard a report from Dr. Bommer on behalf of FAO, and comments from Dr. Kahre, Chairman of the IBPGR. Dr Bommer summarized the provisions of the two resolutions with particular reference to those portions relevant to the CGIAR. He said that the proposed arrangements would strengthen and further develop existing ones. The network proposed to be organized would be based on that nearing completion under IBPGR scientific leadership, and the additional work to be undertaken would complement that of the IBPGR. The planned information system would make full use of the experience of the IBPGR.

The whole field of plant genetic resources, previously reviewed within the FAO by the Committee on Agriculture, would now be monitored by a new commission reporting to the Director General. The commission would be serviced by FAO from other resources, but the IBPGR would be invited to attend its meetings as an observer. The Commission on Plant Genetic Resources will meet at the same time as the Committee on Agriculture; its first session will be March 13 to 15, 1985.

Dr Bommer told TAC that the Director General of the FAO has transmitted the text of Resolution 8/83 to the member governments of FAO, to other countries that are members of the UN but not of FAO, to the Specialized Agencies of the UN and the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the Directors-General of IRRI, ICRISAT, IITA, ILCA, ICARDA, CIMMYT, CIAT, CIP, the Chairman of the IBPGR, the Executive Director of UNEP, and the Director of IUCN. All recipients have been invited to inform the Director General whether or not they are interested in adhering to the undertaking and to what extent they are in a position to give effect to the principles contained in the undertaking. Replies are requested by July 1, 1984.

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Dr. Kahre said the IBPGR wished to underline the principle of free availability of germplasm, the need for a truly global program and the desire of the IBPGR that its activities and those of the FAO should be complementary and avoid polarization. He said that increasing national awareness and the strengthening of national capabilities were essential. Due consideration needed to be given to funding and priorities and to lines of communication between FAO and the IBPGR. Finally, since worldwide activities are constantly changing, continuous monitoring was required.

TAC reaffirmed its commitment to the principle of free exchange of genetic resources, and commended the FAO on its initiative. TAC noted with pleasure that the FAO Conference recognized the leading role of the IBPGR in the scientific and technical aspects, and reaffirmed TAC's confidence in the capability of the IBPGR in those fields. TAC felt it should await more information before making any specific recommendations. It plans to discuss the matter with the Center directors in June, and possibly make a report with recommendations to the CGIAR in November 1984. If necessary, the issue and its implications will be examined in the course of the external program review of IBPGR in early 1985.

Dr. Bommer, Dr. Kahre and Professor Camus will all present their views to the Group as an introduction to the discussion of this topic in May. The Group meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the IBPGR Executive Committee, and a donors meeting which the board has called. The location in Rome also offers a particularly good opportunity to receive additional information from the FAO as required.

Among the issues which may warrant the attention of the Group are the impact which increased activity in the FAO on plant genetic resources may have on the programs and resources of the centers involved, and the responses of the centers to the international undertaking.

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4	AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION PAINT A GRIM PICTURE OF HUNGER AND
5	MALNUTRITION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY SHOW RISING
6	POPULATION AND FOOD DEMAND AND GROWING IMPORTS. WHAT IS THE FOOD
7	OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS? WILL MORE OR FEWER PEOPLE BE
8	GOING HUNGRY THAN IN THE PAST? (2) IN YOUR ESTIMATION, WHAT ARE
9	THE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS TO MATCHING FOOD SUPPLY TO FOOD DEMAND? IS
	IT A PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUSES,
11	OR IS IT A QUESTION OF POVERTY - THAT MANY PEOPLE SIMPLY DO NOT
12	HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY ENOUGH FOOD? (3) WHAT CAN OR SHOULD DEVEL-
13	OPING COUNTRIES BE DOING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CITIZENS HAVE
14	ENOUGH FOOD TO MEET THEIR DAILY MINIMUM CALORIE REQUIREMENTS?
15	(4) THE NEWSPAPERS ARE FILLED WITH THE HEARTRENDING STORIES AND
16	PICTURES OF THE FAMINE IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN THE SAHELIAN
17	COUNTRIES. HOW IS THE FAO RESPONDING TO THIS PROBLEM? (5)
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19	ITS POPULATION GROWTH RATE IS THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD. IS THERE
20	A PRESCRIPTION AT ALL FOR IMPROVING AFRICA'S SERIOUS AGRICULTURAL
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Dr. Roger A. Sorensen
Director, FAO Liaison Office for North America
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
1001 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20437

Dear Dr. Sorensen:

I regret very much that I was absent from town and unable to attend your reception at the end of March. Congratulations on your appointment as the North American Representative of the FAO. While most of the CGIAR's work with FAO runs directly to Rome, I am sure we will have occasion to work together and look forward to that relationship.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Farrar Executive Secretary

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March 21, 1984

Dr. Edouard Saouma Director-General Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

Dear Mr. Director-General:

I am looking forward to chairing my first meeting of the CGIAR in Rome in May. Your invitation to hold the spring meeting at FAO is much appreciated throughout the system. If it is convenient I should like to take the opportunity for a private discussion with you covering both our common interests in the CGIAR and the work of the cooperative programme.

I have set aside May 22nd in Rome essentially to prepare for the Group meeting and could visit you any time that day.

Sincerely

S. Shahid Husain Chairman

cc: Mr. Dieter Bommer, FAO

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March 9, 1984

Dr. Dieter Bommer Assistant Director General Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

Dear Dr. Bommer:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 2nd, concerning the outcome of the deliberations of the 22nd FAO Conference on the matter of Plant Genetic Resources. I understand that you did have full discussions on these matters with representatives of the IBPGR and that the question will be further considered by the TAC at its meeting next week.

It is my hope that any remaining questions concerning the work of the IBPGR can be resolved in such a way as to make that work more effective. I appreciate that this is also your objective and that of the FAO. We will have an opportunity to discuss this matter during the May meeting of the Group in Rome and I look forward to that opportunity.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

S. Shahid Husain Chairman

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END OF TEXT THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT NEITHER MR. HUSAIN NOR I WILL BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT IN ISLAMABAD FOR INAUGURATION CEREMONIES OF NEW NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT END MARCH. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INDEED REPRESENT THE CGIAR AT THESE CEREMONIES. I HAVE JUST SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEX TO DR. AMIR MUHAMMED QUOTE REF. INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER (NARC). VERY MUCH REGRET IMPOSSIBILITY MY OWN AND CGIAR SECRETARIAT MEMBERS' PRESENCE IN ISLAMABAD FOR CEREMONIES. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE HEAVILY COMMITTED TO CGIAR MEETINGS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, DR. BOMMER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, FAO, WILL BE ATTENDING AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS A COSPONSOR WILL REPRESENT THE CGIAR. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THE NARC IS BEING ESTABLISHED AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ROLE IN THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT UNQUOTE. BEST REGARDS, CURTIS FARRAR.

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Dear Dr.

I am attaching herewith the 1954 CGIAR Calendar of Events, just in case you have not yet received a copy. You will notice that the CGIAR will have its Spring Meeting in Rome, 23 - 25 May and the Autumn Meeting in Washington D.C., 5 - 9 November. As you are aware you are welcome and expected to participate in these meetings as one of the Representatives of your Region on the CGIAR.

It is regretted that you were not able to participate at the November 1983 CGIAR Meeting in Washington D.C. It is my hops that you will be able to attend the May Meeting in Rome. It would provide a chance to bring all the representatives of developing regions together to discuss, inter alia, a strategy for serving the developing countries more effectively on the CGIAR.

If you are able and willing to attend the meeting please let me know as soon as possible so that we can reserve suitable accommodation for you before the usual influx of tourists arrive. It is hoped that your government will be able to provide for your travel and living expenses in Rome. In case you experience difficulties in attending, please let me know well in advance in order to explore possible essistence.

We look forward to seeing you in Rome.

Yours sincerely,

D.F.R. Bommer Assistant Director-General Agriculture Department

A similar letter has been sent to the people on the attached list. Paragraph 2 differs for those who attended the November Meeting.

cc: Permanent Representations to FAO in Rome

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Dr. Donald Plucknett (o/r)

Curtis Farrar

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FAO Sessions On Plant Genetic Resources

1. John Coulter has provided a copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Tagoe, of the Bank's investment center in Rome, which provides a very good summary of the discussion and issues involved. The latest version of the official documents that we have is the one which was attached to my note on the meeting as USDA.

2. I am sure there are many aspects of this that need discussion at the Genes Board meeting in February. I note in particular that the Genes Board is not any longer to be responsible for providing secretarial support to the new Commission. That is helpful from a financial workload point of view but may have a downside as well.

3. One issue which I think the board needs to address is the status of its agreements, which may have been damaged by the discussion of their legal standing.

4. The most disturbing point in the formal documents is the suggestion on page 2 of the Conference report in paragraph 4(d) that the inter-governmental committee might concern itself with "the coordination of the support that States may, individually or collectively, be able to provide to overcome problems encountered, especially those related to the conservation network and to conservation and plant breeding activities in developing countries." This point is not picked up in the formal constitution of the Commission. It might, however, be interpreted to give the Commission and other conservation of the work of the CGIAR.

5. One opening that all this discussion might present us would be a chance to talk with the FAO, and other interested parties, about a possible fresh approach to raising funds for genetic resource conservation and use. Again, there seems to be both pluses and minuses in taking this approach.

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#### THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE January 24, 1984

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#### Debriefing at USDA of FAO Genetic Resources Actions

1. I was invited to a meeting in the office of the Director of the Agricultural Research Service, Dr. Kinney, attended by officials from AID and USDA, to talk about the outcome of the FAO conference and next steps, primarily from the point of view of the US Government.

2. It was decided that the US would submit to the National Plant Genetic Resources Board at its meeting in April (date and place not determined) two issues as follows:

- a. Whether the US should subscribe to the proposed undertaking with or without restrictions of conditions.
- b. Whether the US should participate in the meeting of the new FAO Commission, scheduled for March 1985.

3. I think both of these issues are quite open from the US point of view and it is hoped that the board will provide insights into reviews of the US private sector and help form the basis for action.

4. The US will also be interested in the views of the next meeting of the IBPGR. Chuck Murphy, of ARS, will attend that meeting in Rome.

5. The attached documents were distributed and are said to represent the decisions taken.

Attachments

cc: Dr. Plucknett Mr. Greening

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January 5, 1984

Dr. John H. Monyo Chief, Research Development Centre Agriculture Department Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Via delle Terme di Caracalla Rome 00100, Italy

Dear John:

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that a special effort be made to encourage Senegal to attend the next CGIAR meeting in Rome.

In my recent visit to the WARDA Governing Council meeting, I had occasion to meet with Dr. Moctar Toure, who is a member of the WARDA Science and Technology Committee (STC). Dr. Toure is a very impressive person. He is also one of the relatively few West African members of the WARDA Science and Technology Committee who is likely to continue in that capacity for a number of years; most of his colleagues are reaching the six-year limit.

On my return to Washington I found a letter from him responding to a CGIAR circular and realized that he is perhaps the person who would or could represent Senegal at Group meetings.

As you know, the May meeting of the Group in Rome will consider, among other things, the external and program management reviews of WARDA. Dr. Toure could make a significant contribution to this discussion and in addition would benefit greatly as a member of the STC from participation.

This is a roundabout way of saying that I hope we can do everything possible to ensure that Dr. Toure does represent Senegal at the Rome meeting. I have written him to encourage his attendance and enclose a copy of my letter. If there is anything further I can do about this, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

**Curtis Farrar Executive** Secretary

**Enclosure** 

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