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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A FOOD AND FERTILISER TECHNOLOGY CENTRE FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION

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THE CONTRACTING PARTIES being members or observers of the ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNCIL (hereinafter called the "Council"),

RECOGNIZING that the Governments and peoples of the Asian and Pacific Region have a common interest in strengthening their existing bonds of solidarity and co-operation,

BEING convinced that the increasing of agricultural food production and the raising of farmers' incomes are of primary importance for the development of the Region and that the promotion of wider and more effective use of chemical fertilisers and the adoption of related modern farming methods will greatly facilitate the achievement of these ends,

DESIRING to give effect to the decision of the Ministerial Meeting of the Council at its Fourth Session held at Kawana, Japan, from 9th to 11th June, 1969, that a Food and Fertiliser Technology Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region should be established,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOOD AND FERTILISER TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

1. There is hereby established a Food and Fertiliser Technology Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region (hereinafter called the "Centre").
2. The Centre shall be located at Taipei, Republic of China, and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Centre is to promote, among and in the countries of member governments of the Centre (hereinafter called "Members"), the exchange and dissemination of technical information and experience on agricultural food production and in particular, on the use of chemical fertilisers and the adoption of related modern farming methods, so as to achieve an increased output and higher incomes for farmers in the Asian and Pacific Region.

ARTICLE III

FUNCTIONS

In order to achieve the above purpose, the Centre may, in close coordination with the programmes of Members and other international organizations operating within

and outside the Asian and Pacific Region;

- i. make recommendations on measures for achieving closer cooperation between Members in regard to the increase of food production;
- ii. collect and disseminate technical information in regard to the increase of food production through the application of chemical fertilisers and other related measures;
- iii. collect and disseminate information on activities being undertaken in the countries of Members as well as by other international organisations in fields related to the Centre's functions;
- iv. collect and disseminate information on the present status and future potentialities of the production of food and chemical fertilisers in the countries of Members;
- v. collect and disseminate information on techniques of educating farmers by means of demonstration projects and agricultural extension programmes;
- vi. collect and disseminate information on the role of farmers' organisations in promoting farmers' training through their participation in extension programmes aimed at improving farm profitability;
- vii. conduct pilot demonstration projects in the countries of Members by agreement and in cooperation with the Members concerned;
- viii. conduct training courses for extension workers and seminars for specialists from the countries of Members;
- ix. dispatch field demonstration and extension workers to the countries of Members by agreement and in cooperation with the Members concerned;
- x. arrange technical consultation services for Members in fields related to the Centre's functions, including, in particular, those on farmers' organisations and their role in fertiliser distribution and related services needed by farmers; and
- xi. encourage and, as appropriate, undertake investigations on food production and other related matters.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. Governments which are members or observers of the Council shall be entitled to membership in the Centre and shall become Members by signing this Agreement.
2. Governments which are neither members nor observers of the Council may be admitted to membership in the Centre upon the approval of the Council and the subsequent deposit of an instrument of accession to this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL

The Council shall have the power to determine the general policies of the Centre.

ARTICLE VI

ORGANISATION

The Centre shall have an Executive Board (hereinafter called the "Board") and a Secretariat.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Board shall be composed of representatives of Members. Each Member shall designate one representative.

2. The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

i. To adopt the Work Programme and the annual budget of revenue and expenditure of the Centre;

ii. To approve the annual report on the operation and the annual financial report on revenue and expenditure of the Centre, submitted by the Director;

iii. To report to the Council on the Work Programme, budget and activities of the Centre;

iv. To appoint the Director of the Centre;

v. To arrange for the auditing of the accounts of the Centre;

vi. To make recommendations referred to in Article III(i) of this Agreement;

vii. To approve agreements referred to in Article III(viii) and (ix) of this Agreement;

viii. To approve agreements and arrangements referred to in Article XI of this Agreement;

ix. To receive assistance referred to in Article XII of this Agreement; and

x. To exercise such other functions as are appropriate under this Agreement.

3. The Board shall establish its own rules of procedure.

4. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in Taipei and such other meeting as may be required in accordance with its rules of procedure.

5. The Board shall elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with its rules of procedure.

6. The representative of each Member shall have one vote in the Board. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all matters before the Board shall be decided by a majority of the representatives present and voting. The Work Programme referred to in paragraph 2(i) and recommendations referred to in paragraph 2(vi) of

this Article shall be decided by a unanimous vote of the representatives of Members present and voting.

7. A quorum for the meetings of the Board shall be a majority of the representatives of Members.

8. The inaugural meeting of the Board shall be called by the Government of the Republic of China within six months after the coming into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

SECRETARIAT

1. The Secretariat shall consist of a Director and a supporting staff of which the composition shall be approved by the Board.

2. The Director shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of a Member for a term of three years under such conditions as the Board may determine. He shall be eligible for reappointment. His appointment shall not, however, exceed two consecutive terms.

3. The Director shall assist the Board, to which he shall be responsible, and, for this purpose, shall, in addition to the powers assigned to him expressly by this Agreement, exercise all the powers delegated to him by the Board.

4. The Director shall be the legal representative of the Centre.

5. The Director shall participate, without voting rights, in meetings of the Board and may be invited to attend meetings of the Council.

6. The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Secretariat. He shall be responsible to the Board for the formulation of the Work Programme and budget estimates and for carrying out the work of the Centre.

7. The Director shall appoint the staff of the Secretariat in accordance with staff regulations to be approved by the Board. In appointing the professional staff, the Director, shall, subject to the need to secure the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and technical competence, pay due regard to their recruitment on as wide as regional geographical basis as possible.

8. The Director and the members of the staff of the Centre, in the discharge of their offices, owe their duty entirely to the Centre and to no other authority. They shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Centre.

9. Rules and regulations governing the administration, organisation and financial affairs of the Centre shall be determined by the Director with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

WORKING AND FISCAL YEAR

The working and fiscal year of the Centre shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

ARTICLE X