

11. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission biennially until the end of the Decade on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to submit recommendations to the Commission, as required, on action to maintain the momentum of the Decade.

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22 May 2002*

**58/5. Establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery<sup>5</sup>**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 145 (XXX) of 5 April 1974 and 156 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975 on the establishment of the Asian Centre for Agricultural Machinery in the Philippines,

*Recalling further* that, subsequent to the recommendations made by the preparatory mission undertaken in 1974-1975 by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Commission itself, a project entitled "Regional Network for Agricultural Machinery" was established in April 1977 to provide assistance to participating countries of the region,

*Noting with appreciation* that the Regional Network, whose name was changed in 2000 to "Regional Network for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery", provides very useful services to participating countries,

*Recognizing* the need to expand the scope of the Network to undertake activities related to post-harvest and processing technologies as well as agricultural engineering, consistent with the recommendations made at various meetings of the Network's Governing Body,

*Recalling* its endorsement at its fifty-seventh session of the recommendations of the Governing Body, including the upgrading of the Regional Network for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery from a network to a centre, so that membership and the availability of resources could be expanded,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government of China for its support for the location of the Centre's headquarters at Beijing and for the provision of institutional costs and other operational costs for the Centre,

<sup>5</sup> See paragraphs 181 to 187 above.

1. *Decides* to establish the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery at Beijing;

2. *Adopts* the Statute of the Centre, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as the basis for its operation;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps for the prompt establishment of the Centre at Beijing, including the conclusion of a headquarters agreement between the host country and the United Nations;

4. *Urges* its members and associate members as well as other States to contribute to the institutional costs to develop the institution as a centre of excellence;

5. *Urges* the United Nations and other international organizations and agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations in the field concerned, to provide programme support to the Centre and cooperate in the implementation of its work programme;

6. *Requests* donors to provide adequate programme funds and other support to meet the needs of the developing countries in the region;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to it on the progress made at each of its annual sessions and present a comprehensive review of the Centre's work performance in 2007.

*5th meeting  
22 May 2002*

*Annex*

**STATUTE OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC  
CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL  
ENGINEERING AND MACHINERY**

**Establishment**

1. The Regional Network for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (hereinafter referred to as "RNAEM"), a special project established in 1977 pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as "ESCAP") resolutions 145 (XXX) of 5 April 1974 and 156 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975, shall, pursuant to Commission resolution 58/5 of 22 May 2002, continue in existence under the title "Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery" (hereinafter referred to as "APCAEM"), under the terms of the present Statute.

**Objectives**

2. The objectives of APCAEM are to enhance the technical cooperation among the members and associate members of ESCAP as well as other interested States Members of the United Nations, through extensive

exchange of information, prototype exchange and technology-sharing, and to promote research and development and extension of agricultural engineering/machinery technologies in the region.

### Membership

3. Participating members of RNAEM at the time of adoption of the present Statute (as listed in the appendix) shall, ipso facto, be members of APCAEM. Any other members and associate members of ESCAP or any States Members of the United Nations that wish to become members of APCAEM shall send a written notification to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, who shall immediately inform the Director of APCAEM in writing. The latter shall, in turn, inform all the members in writing. Such membership shall start from the date on which members are notified.

### Functions

4. In pursuance of the objectives stated in paragraph 2, APCAEM shall have the following functions:

(a) To provide assistance to its members by disseminating information on the improvement of agricultural products and other achievements, including agricultural mechanization, automation, sustainable rural development, biotechnology and genetic engineering;

(b) To assist in capacity-building through the promotion of research and development collaboration, establishment of data banks and information-sharing, including the utilization of information technologies in those areas, and the adaptation of agricultural and agro-related engineering technologies based on farm products, including exchanges of prototypes and expertise;

(c) To provide assistance to members through the organization of training on the above-mentioned areas and the organization of events for the commercialization and market expansion of suitable technologies;

(d) To assist in poverty alleviation and rural development through demonstration and pilot projects, implementation of proven practices and empowerment of rural women through their integration into mechanization and production activities, including on-farm agroprocessing;

(e) To assist in the formulation of policies and strategies for appropriate agricultural engineering and mechanization in order to keep up with the trends of globalization and technological advancements;

(f) To provide agro-engineering and agro-technical services to promote trade in agro-machinery products and technologies and training on adaptation to ISO and ISO 9000 standards and environmental management standards (ISO 14000) for agro-based products.

5. In pursuance of the functions stated in paragraph 4, APCAEM shall:

(a) Collect, analyse and disseminate information;

(b) Organize technical seminars, exhibitions and tours, exchanges of information and experience, including the organization of networks of appropriate institutions engaged in specific activities, such as the networks on green food and agro-related machinery;

(c) Organize training for appropriate personnel engaged in the development and adaptation of agro-related engineering and machinery technologies;

(d) Assist in exchanges of prototypes and expertise;

(e) Provide consultancy and advisory services.

### Status and organization

6. APCAEM shall have the status of a subsidiary body of ESCAP and be subject to the financial and staff regulations and rules of the United Nations.

7. APCAEM shall have a Governing Board, a Director and professional and support staff, and a Technical Advisory Committee.

8. The headquarters of APCAEM shall be at Beijing.

9. A host country headquarters agreement with respect to APCAEM shall be concluded between the Government of the host country in which the headquarters of APCAEM is located and the United Nations.

### Governing Board

10. APCAEM shall have a Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of one representative designated by the Government of the host country and no fewer than eight representatives nominated by other members or associate members of ESCAP. The representatives to be elected by ESCAP shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election.

11. The Director of APCAEM shall serve as the Secretary of the Board.

12. If a member of the Board is unable to serve for the full term, the vacancy shall be filled by the Government of the representative who is unable to complete his/her full term of office.

13. Representatives of (a) States that are not members of the Board, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized or related agencies, (c) such other organizations as the Board may deem appropriate and (d) experts in fields of interest to the Board may be

invited to attend meetings of the Board as observers without the right to vote. One ESCAP representative will be invited to participate in all meetings of the Board as an ex officio member without the right to vote.

14. The inaugural session of the Board shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP as soon as possible after the adoption of the Statute of APCAEM and subsequent regular sessions on an annual basis.

15. The Board shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board shall meet in special session whenever a majority of its members requests the Executive Secretary to convene a special session.

16. A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

17. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions of the Board shall be made by consensus or, where that is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

18. The Board shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Board. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board.

19. The Board shall review and appraise the activities of APCAEM and the extent of the financial resources available to the Centre. The Board shall approve annual and long-term programmes of work for APCAEM and evaluate the implementation of such programmes.

20. The Board shall submit an annual report to ESCAP, to be considered at its annual Commission session, on the activities of APCAEM, the financial resources available to it and its present and proposed programmes of work.

#### **Director and staff**

21. APCAEM shall have a Director and staff to be appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative issuances. The appointment of the Director shall be made after consultation with the Board.

22. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration and financial status of APCAEM and the implementation of its programmes.

23. The Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual report on the administration and financial status of APCAEM and the implementation of its programmes.

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

24. APCAEM shall have a Technical Advisory Committee consisting of technical experts designated by

each member and associate member of ESCAP and representatives of ESCAP, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

25. Representatives of other national and international institutions and of other agencies concerned with agricultural development and such other persons as the Board may deem appropriate may also be invited to participate, as necessary.

26. The Committee shall be responsible for advising the Director on the formulation of the work programmes and on other technical matters concerning the operations of APCAEM.

27. Reports of meetings of the Committee, including the Director's observations on those reports, shall be submitted to the Board at its very next sessions.

28. The Committee shall meet at least once a year and shall be convened by the Director of APCAEM.

29. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee itself at each meeting.

#### **Resources of APCAEM**

30. The financial resources of APCAEM shall be composed of the following:

(a) The voluntary contributions of the members and associate members of ESCAP;

(b) Funds received from other Governments;

(c) Funds received from international and national institutions;

(d) Money received from the sale of publications and for services furnished by APCAEM;

(e) Other funds or moneys received by APCAEM, as considered appropriate by the Board.

31. A trust fund shall be established under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations for the receipt and administration of such financial resources.

32. APCAEM may also receive contributions of a non-financial nature.

33. The Commission shall at each session review the state of the resources of APCAEM on the basis of the report of the Board and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate to ensure that timely and adequate resources are always available to APCAEM and its programmes and that a balance is maintained between resources and expenditure.

34. APCAEM shall be administered on a sound economic and financial basis.

**Relations with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions**

35. APCAEM may establish and maintain such relations as it may deem appropriate with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions.

**Amendments**

36. Amendments to the present Statute shall be adopted by ESCAP. Proposals for amendments shall be communicated to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and to the Director of APCAEM, who shall communicate them to all members at least three months prior to the Commission session on whose agenda they are to be placed. Proposed amendments to such proposals shall be communicated to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and to the Director of APCAEM at least one month prior to the Commission session.

**Withdrawal of members**

37. Any member may give notice of withdrawal from APCAEM at any time after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of adoption of the present Statute. Such notice shall take effect one year after the date on which it was communicated in writing to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. The latter shall inform the Director of APCAEM in writing, and the Director shall, in turn, inform all members in writing.

**Entry into force**

38. The present Statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission.

*Appendix*

**LIST OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF  
THE REGIONAL NETWORK FOR  
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING  
AND MACHINERY  
AS AT 16 MAY 2002**

1. Bangladesh
2. China
3. India
4. Indonesia
5. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
6. Nepal
7. Pakistan
8. Philippines
9. Republic of Korea
10. Sri Lanka
11. Thailand
12. Viet Nam