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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

Mr. Robert Hewlett
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Executive Secretary, COPAC
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Subject: Grant No. AID/pha G-1160
PIO/T No. 932-0100-73-3279216

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "Grantor"), hereby grants to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO" or "Grantee") the sum of twenty-five thousand U.S. dollars (\$25,000) in support of the Joint Committee for the Promotion of Aid to Cooperatives' (hereinafter referred to as "COPAC") symposium to be held in Wageningen, the Netherlands in March 1977.

The funds contributed under this Grant, along with contributions from other specified donors, will enable FAO to support the COPAC Biennial Symposium to be held March 14 through March 19, 1977 at Wageningen, the Netherlands. It is understood that the purpose of this symposium is to review progress to date in cooperative development and to present and discuss issues of interest and concern to the participants. COPAC will prepare the agenda (Attachment A), issue invitations, coordinate travel

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and housing arrangements of LDC participants and establish parameters for presentations and discussions to promote a meaningful exchange of ideas on cooperative development.

This grant is effective as of the date of this letter and shall continue in effect through May 1, 1977. Funds granted hereunder shall be applied to commitments made by the Grantee in furtherance of the symposium during the period February 1, 1977 through May 1, 1977.

This Grant is made subject to the following conditions:

1. Funds provided by this Grant are to be used exclusively by FAO in support of lesser developed country participants to the 1977 Biennial COPAC Symposium, as indicated in the attached budget (attachment B) and Programme (attachment C). It is understood that A.I.D. funds will support travel and per diem for three (3) participants from the Near East, six (6) participants from the Far East and five (5) participants from Africa. This is to include round-trip travel and per diem for seven (7) days for each A.I.D. supported participant. COPAC is requested, where appropriate, to inform the LDC participants supported by this Grant that A.I.D. was the source of this support.

2. The Grantee will submit a report to A.I.D. within sixty (60) days following completion of the conference, detailing the results/conclusions from the discussions held.

3. A list of participants and an enumeration of transportation and per diem expenses for each participant supported by this Grant shall be prepared and submitted to A.I.D. Copies of the above stated reports and

list shall be submitted to:

Mr. John A. Ulinski, Jr.

Director,

Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation

Bureau of Population and Humanitarian Assistance

Agency for International Development

Washington, D.C. 20523

4. One (1) copy of the aforementioned report and list shall be submitted to the undersigned A.I.D. Grant Officer.

5. If, after expiration of the Grant, there are unexpended funds as they relate to this Grant, the Grantee shall refund to A.I.D. such unexpended funds. Any interest earned on A.I.D. granted funds shall accrue to and be paid to A.I.D.

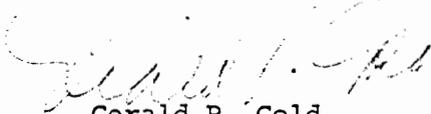
6. Upon depletion of the Grant funds or expiration of this Grant, whichever occurs first, FAO shall execute the Grant Fiscal Report (attachment D).

Upon acceptance of the conditions set forth above, the Agency for International Development will make a cash grant of \$25,000. It is understood that the funds thus obtained will be deposited with COPAC Trust Fund Account No. 9.9100.5577.00, FAO Treasury Office which has been established for this purpose in Rome, Italy.

Please sign the original and six copies of this letter to acknowledge

your understanding of the conditions under which these funds have been granted. Please keep one signed copy for your files returning the original and remaining copies to my office.

Sincerely yours,



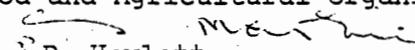
Gerald P. Gold
Grant Officer
Chief, PHA Branch
Central Operations Division
Office of Contract Management

Attachments:

- A - Symposium
- B - Budget
- C - Programme
- D - Fiscal Report

Acknowledged:

Food and Agricultural Organization

By: 
R. Hewlett

Title: Executive Secretary, COPAC

Date: 23 February 1977

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Sirs,

An International Symposium on the Changing Pattern of Cooperative Development, organized by COPAC in collaboration with the International Agricultural Centre, Wageningen, and with the financial support of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Rabobank Foundation, will be held at the International Agricultural Centre, Wageningen, Netherlands, from Monday 14 March to Friday 18 March 1977. The programme is enclosed.

The purpose of the symposium (which follows a series of similar meetings organized over the past ten years by some bilateral agencies and, most recently, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1974) is to permit an exchange of experience and views among the various parties directly concerned with the promotion of cooperatives in the third world. Numerous changes are taking place both in the philosophy of development assistance and in the economic and social context in which such assistance is provided, and these changes are being gradually reflected in new methods. The subjects chosen for discussion at the symposium are among the most important for the success of assistance to cooperative development.

Representatives of international organizations, governments, official bilateral agencies, cooperatives and research or teaching institutions are being invited to attend the symposium. Participants are not expected to take any decisions on behalf of their governments or agencies.

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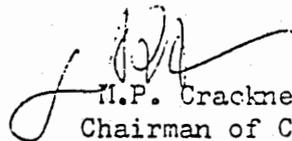
Participants are expected to number about 60, most of whom can be accommodated at the International Agricultural Centre itself. This accommodation will be allocated in priority to participants coming from developing countries, and to others in the order in which information is received by the COPAC Secretariat concerning their attendance. Limited hotel accommodation is available nearby in the town of Wageningen.

The symposium will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

If sufficient interest is shown it would be possible to organize a short visit to a cooperative flower auction on the morning of Saturday 19 March. Please indicate if you would wish to participate.

You are cordially invited to attend the symposium or to nominate a representative whose name, together with an indication of functions occupied, should reach the Secretariat not later than 11 February 1977. Participants should arrive in Wageningen on Sunday 13 March and, unless otherwise requested, accommodation will be reserved for six nights, i.e. up to and including the night of Friday 18 March. Information regarding transport from Schiphol International Airport to Wageningen will be given later.

Yours truly,


H.P. Cracknell
Chairman of COPAC

Summary Budget

Support for fourteen (14) Less Developed Country participants to the COPAC Symposium.

Travel	\$20,000
Per Diem	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$25,000

Note: Adjustment of line items within the budget is allowable.

THE CHANGING PATTERN OF COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

International Agricultural Centre, Wageningen, NL
14 - 18 March, 1977

PROGRAMME

Monday, 14 March

9.00 - 10.00

Opening Plenary

- addresses of welcome
- introductions
- administrative arrangements

10.00 - 10.45

Keynote address

Cooperative enterprise in a new economic order:
a practitioner's view

- Roger Kérinec, President of International
Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

10.45 - 12.00

Discussion in plenary

12.00 - 13.30

Lunch

13.30 - 15.00

Cooperatives in the Netherlands

- J. Mertens, Chairman of Nationale Cooperatieve
Raad

Discussion in plenary

15.00 - 17.00

The new dimensions of development assistance,
with special reference to cooperatives

(Discussion will centre on important policy
decisions taken recently by UNDP, and their bearing
on international assistance to cooperatives.

Attention will also be given to recent statements
by some bilateral agencies outlining their policy
on cooperatives. It is expected that there will
be two main speakers: one from UNDP and one
representing a bilateral agency).

Introduction by main speakers

Discussion in plenary.

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Tuesday, 15 March

The interplay of self-help and government assistance in promoting cooperative development

(The central problem: how to give official support to cooperative enterprises without stifling the initiative of their members and thus destroying the participatory character which constitutes the superiority of the cooperative method. Different types of support will be studied on the basis of recent experience. Speakers will present government and cooperative points of view).

9.00 - 10.00	Introduction by main speakers
10.00 - 12.00	Discussion groups
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Discussion groups cont'd.
15.00 - 15.30	Break
15.30 - 17.30	Discussion in plenary.

Wednesday, 16 March

The involvement of women in development through cooperatives

(Because of their democratic and participatory nature cooperatives should be able to mobilise the energies and talents of women much more fully than has so far been the case. Speakers with direct experience will describe some recent developments and offer their reflections on how to bring about an improvement).

9.00 - 10.00	Introduction by main speakers
10.00 - 12.00	Discussion groups
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch

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13.30 - 15.00 Discussion groups cont'd.
15.00 - 15.30 Break
15.30 - 17.30 Discussion in plenary.

Thursday, 17 March

Problems of coordinating assistance to cooperative development (at national and international levels)
(At international level COPAC has been created for this purpose and a speaker will present his view of its present and future role. But the effectiveness of COPAC may depend on a degree of coordination at national level, in both donor and recipient countries, and this aspect of the matter will also be discussed).

9.00 - 10.00 Introduction by main speakers
10.00 - 12.00 Discussion in plenary
12.00 - 13.30 Lunch
13.30 - 17.30 Preparation of discussion groups' reports (those not involved have afternoon free).

Friday, 18 March

10.00 - 12.00 Presentation of group reports
Questions regarding group reports
12.00 - 13.30 Lunch
13.30 - 15.00 Summing-up by rapporteur and presentation of statement for adoption.
15.00 - 15.30 Break
15.30 - 17.30 Discussion and adoption of statement.

NOTES

1. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available in the plenary session, and in the discussion groups as required.
2. Timings are only indicative.
3. Names of main speakers and rapporteur will be announced later.