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## AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE ON INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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A Conference of Plenipotentiaries, which met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 29 July 1978, adopted the aforementioned Agreement setting up, outside the framework of FAO, the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific.

In accordance with paragraph 2, Article XII, the Agreement was open for signature in Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 4 August 1978 and thereafter at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

In accordance with paragraph 4, Article XII, the Agreement entered into force on **23 May 1979**. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 14 June 1979 under No. 17852.

At its Sixth Regular Session held in Islamabad, Pakistan, in December 1987, the Governing Council of the Centre, acting under the powers conferred on it, adopted amendments to Articles V, VII and X of the Agreement. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article XIII of the Agreement, the amendments took effect with respect to all contracting parties on the thirtieth day after their adoption by the Governing Council, i.e. on 9 January 1988.

At its Seventh Regular Session held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in December 1989, the Governing Council of the Centre adopted amendments to Articles V, VI, VIII and X and to Section I, Part B of Annex II of the Agreement. The amendments took effect with respect to all contracting parties on 7 January 1990.

### Parties to the Agreement

The following are the participants that signed the Constitution or deposited an instrument of acceptance on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Ratification	Accession
Afghanistan			20 May 1996
Bangladesh	1 Aug 1978	11 Oct 1978	
Fiji			14 Jun 2010
India	1 Aug 1978	5 Feb 1979	
Indonesia	1 Aug 1978	<b>23 May 1979</b>	
Iran, Islamic Republic of			17 Feb 2004
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1 Aug 1978	26 Feb 1980	
Malaysia	1 Aug 1978	14 Nov 1979	
Myanmar			9 May 1995
Nepal	1 Aug 1978	25 Jun 1979	
Pakistan	1 Aug 1978	9 Apr 1979	
Philippines	1 Aug 1978	1 Mar 1979	

Sri Lanka			31 Jul 1980
Thailand	11 Feb 1982	24 May 1982	
Viet Nam	1 Aug 1978	20 Feb 1979	