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**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure
of the Commission, including the work of the regional
institutions: trade and investment**
**Report of the Governing Council of the Centre for
Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization on its eleventh session**
Summary

The Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization reviewed reports of the Centre covering its work in 2015 and its administrative and financial status, and endorsed the Centre's workplan for 2016 at its eleventh session. It further endorsed the revisions to the statute of the Centre as per Commission resolution 71/1. It also reviewed and adopted the annual report of the Centre to be submitted to the Commission at its seventy-second session.

The Commission may wish to review the report of the Governing Council and provide the secretariat with guidance on the future work of the Centre.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

1. The Governing Council adopted the revised statute of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization at its eleventh session in Manila on 10 December 2015.
2. The Governing Council requests the Centre to consider enlargement of the Governing Council so as to broaden representation of member States in the official structure of the Centre.
3. The Governing Council requests the Commission and member States to continue to strengthen support to the work of the Centre.
4. The Governing Council requests the Centre to set up an effective mechanism to continue engagement with technical experts from the region to support the work of the Centre.

II. Summary of proceedings

A. Report on the 2015 activities of the Centre and its financial status (Agenda item 4)

5. The Governing Council thanked the host country, China, for its continued support to the operation of the Centre, and expressed deep appreciation to the Centre's focal points in member countries, particularly the Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Engineering Research and Development of the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, the Agricultural Machinery Testing Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture of China, and the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, for their valuable in-kind contribution and assistance in organizing programme activities of the Centre in 2015.

6. The Governing Council was informed that, for the year, as at early December 2015, the following countries had made voluntary financial contributions totalling \$118,980 to the Centre: Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; India; Indonesia; Republic of Korea; Sri Lanka; and Thailand.

7. The Governing Council also was informed that, since its tenth session, the following activities, inter alia, had been conducted:

(a) Training on agricultural mechanization for the Korean Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Beijing, 31 March-21 April 2015;

(b) The 1st meeting of the Technical Working Group of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery, Serpong, Indonesia, 4-7 May 2015;

(c) Inception workshop for the integrated rural economic and social development programme for livelihoods improvement in the dry zone of Myanmar (LIFT), Yangon, Myanmar, 5 May 2015;

(d) Regional training of trainers programme on test codes of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery, Nanjing, China, 23-27 June 2015;

(e) Training and study tour for agricultural machinery distributors in Asia and the Pacific, Beijing, 27 July-4 August 2015;

(f) The 1st member meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations, Qingdao, China, 26-28 October, 2015;

(g) Knowledge-sharing workshop on enabling environment for custom hiring of agricultural machinery in the dry zone of Myanmar, Mandalay, Myanmar, 30 November and 1 December 2015;

(h) The 2nd annual meeting of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery, New Delhi, 3-5 December 2015;

(i) The 3rd regional forum on sustainable agricultural mechanization, Manila, 9-11 December 2015;

(j) Issuance of a publication titled *Agricultural Mechanization and Testing of Agricultural Machinery in Asia and the Pacific*, and quarterly issuance of e-newsletters and policy briefs.

8. The Governing Council commended the work of the Centre in 2015 and approved the report on its work for 2015.

B. Discussion of the proposed workplan of the Centre for 2016 (Agenda item 5)

9. The Governing Council approved the Centre's workplan for 2016. It requested the Centre to consider developing a regional platform such as a regional association of societies of agricultural engineers to promote knowledge- and information-sharing among professionals. To that end, the Centre's website should provide a human-resources database, offering a roster of experts on agricultural engineering in the region. The Governing Council stressed the importance of the Centre's collaboration with international research institutes to leverage professional expertise and other resources. In addition to the proposed programme activities, the Governing Council emphasized the need for the Centre to design more tailored capacity-building programmes which would assist member countries in their national efforts to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization. The Centre should also help

member countries design project proposals to engage donors, and become a collaborating partner in project implementation. The Governing Council further suggested that renewable sources of energy should be incorporated into future agricultural mechanization projects. On financial contributions to the Centre, the Governing Council suggested that future official communication from the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to member countries should indicate a threshold, to help member countries persuade relevant authorities to consider increasing contributions. The Governing Council requested the Commission and member States to continue to strengthen support to the Centre's work.

C. Implementation of Commission resolution 71/1 and revisions to the statute of the Centre

(Agenda item 6)

10. The Governing Council adopted the revised statute of the Centre to facilitate implementation of Commission resolution 71/1. The Governing Council stressed the important role that the Technical Committee had played over the years in the Centre's work. The Governing Council requested the Centre to set up an effective mechanism to continue engagement with technical experts from the region to support its work.

11. The Governing Council also requested the Centre to consider enlarging the Governing Council so as to broaden representation of member States in the official structure of the Centre after abolishment of the Technical Committee.

D. Review of the draft annual report of the Centre for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session

(Agenda item 7)

12. The Governing Council approved the draft annual report of the Centre for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session.

E. Date and venue of the twelfth session of the Governing Council

(Agenda item 8)

13. The Governing Council agreed in principle to hold its twelfth session in Bangkok in December 2016.

F. Other matters

(Agenda item 9)

14. No other matters were discussed.

G. Adoption of the report

(Agenda item 10)

15. The Governing Council adopted the present report on 10 December 2015.

III. Organization of the session

A. Opening, duration and organization

16. The eleventh session of the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization was held in Manila, on 10 December 2015.

17. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP addressed the Governing Council at the opening of the session.

B. Attendance

18. The session was attended by representatives of all nine members of the Governing Council: Bangladesh; Cambodia; China; India; Indonesia; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Thailand; and Viet Nam.

C. Election of officers

19. The Governing Council elected the following officers:

Chair: Mr. Nadeem Amjad (Pakistan)

Vice-Chair: Mr. Chan Saruth (Cambodia)

D. Adoption of the agenda

20. The Governing Council adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Report on the 2015 activities of the Centre and its financial status.
5. Discussion of the proposed workplan for 2016.
6. Review and adoption of the draft annual report of the Centre to the Commission at its seventy-second session.
7. Date and venue of the twelfth session of the Governing Council of the Centre.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.

Annex I**List of documents**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
N/A	Agenda and annotated agenda of the eleventh session of the Governing Council	3
N/A	Programme of the eleventh session of the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization	
N/A	List of participants	2
N/A	Work report for 2015 and workplan for 2016	4, 5
N/A	Revised statute of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization	

Annex II

**Financial statement of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural
Mechanization for the year ended 31 December 2015**
(United States dollars)

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Income</i>		
Contributions	120 403	375 616
Interest income	594	11 761
Total income	120 997	387 377
<i>Less: Expenditure</i>	685 108	635 204
Net income over expenditure	564 111	(247 827)
Fund balance as at 1 January	1 638 828	1 886 858
<i>Less: Refunds to donors</i>	-	(203)
Fund balance as at 31 December	1 074 717	1 638 828

Annex III

**Financial statement of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization for the year ended 31 December 2015,
by project component**
(United States dollars)

	<i>Joint contributions: capacity development project</i>	<i>Government of China: capacity development project</i>	<i>Establishing regional cooperation mechanisms and platforms for agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific</i>	<i>United Nations regular programme for technical cooperation (section 23)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Income</i>					
Contributions	80 000 ^a	38 980	-	1 423	120 403
Interest income	155	414	25	-	594
Total income	80 155	39 394	25	1 423	120 997
<i>Less: Expenditure</i>	92 419	462 056	129 210	1 423	685 108
Net income over expenditures	(12 264)	(422 662)	(129 185)	0	(564 111)
Fund balance as at 1 January 2015	453 695	1 058 653	126 480	-	1 638 828
<i>Less: Refunds to donors</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance as at 31 December 2015	441 431	635 991	2 705	0	1 074 717

^a Please refer to annex IV for details of the contributions.

Annex IV

**Cash contributions to the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural
Mechanization for Institutional Support Accounts received for the
year ended 31 December 2015**

(United States dollars)

<i>Country/area</i>	<i>Year ended 31 December 2015</i>	<i>Year ended 31 December 2014</i>
Bangladesh	3 000	-
Cambodia	2 000	
China	38 980	20 000
India	15 000	-
Indonesia	30 000	30 000
Republic of Korea	10 000	10 000
Sri Lanka	5 000	5 000
Thailand	15 000	15 000
Viet Nam	-	3 000
Total	118 980	83 000