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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the participants from the countries of Asia to the Asian Round Table Productivity Conference recognized the desirability and necessity of improving the living standards and conditions of their people ;

WHEREAS increased production of goods and services is prerequisite to increased consumption and the realization of improved standards of living;

WHEREAS the participants from the countries of Asia to the Asian Round Table Productivity Conference determined that increased production can and shall be obtained through increased productivity;

WHEREAS increased productivity depends essentially upon the adoption of new and progressive attitudes of mind and new productivity techniques;

WHEREAS these new attitudes and techniques can best be obtained through a concerted productivity drive by the several Asian countries, cooperating on a multilateral basis to strengthen and improve their national productivity efforts; and

WHEREAS such multilateral cooperation will foster mutual help and understanding in the countries of Asian region and thus promote the full utilization of expanded productive capacity;

The Governments Parties to this Convention hereby establish the Asian Productivity Organization (hereinafter referred to as " the Organization ").

PART I. OBJECTIVE AND GENERAL CHARACTER

Article 1

The objective of the Organization is, by mutual cooperation, to increase productivity in the countries of Asia.

¹ Came into force on 11 May 1961, the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the Asian Productivity Organization of the fifth notice of acceptance, in accordance with the provisions of article 45. Following is the list of States which accepted the Convention and the dates of receipt of their notices of acceptance :

Nepal	25 April 1961	Philippines	11 May 1961
Japan	28 April 1961	Republic of Korea	15 May 1961
Pakistan	1 May 1961	Thailand	16 May 1961
India	9 May 1961	Republic of China	18 May 1961

Article 2

The Organization, a productivity organization of Asian countries, shall be non-political, non-profit making, and non-discriminatory in character.

PART II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

(1) The Governments which have become the Parties to this Convention in accordance with Article 45 (1) shall be the first Members of the Organization.

(2) Other Asian Governments may be admitted to membership by becoming the Parties to this Convention in accordance with Article 46.

Article 4

Governments outside the Asian region may become Associate Members of the Organization subject to approval of two-thirds of the Directors of the Governing Body. Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in all meetings and activities of the Organization and its organs.

Article 5

International and national organizations, governmental agencies and other organizations may be associated with the Organization in accordance with Articles 38 and 39. The nature and extent of the rights and obligations of these organizations and agencies shall be determined by the Governing Body.

PART III. ACTIVITIES

Article 6

- (1) In the fulfilment of its objective the Organization may :
- (a) institute programs for the adequate development of productivity on the knowledge, experience and constitutions of other organizations and specialized agencies;
 - (b) furnish, on application by a Member, information and advice without reserve for implementing productivity programs initiated or proposed by that Member;
 - (c) periodically survey and assess the progress made on the various productivity programs of Members and promote cooperative research and studies for solving the productivity problems of Members;
 - (d) assist Members to establish, strengthen and constantly improve their respective national productivity programs; and

- (e) establish and maintain or assist to establish and maintain Regional Centers on specialized aspect on productivity as its budget will permit.
- (2) In its program of work and budget appropriations the Organization shall act impartially and accord to each of its Members fair and equal treatment.

PART IV. ORGANS

Article 7

The Organization shall have a Governing Body, an Executive Board, and Secretariat.

PART V. GOVERNING BODY

Article 8

The Governing Body shall be the supreme organ of the Organization, and be composed of such number of Directors as is provided in Article 9.

Article 9

- (1) Each Member shall duly designate and authorize one representative to serve as Director in the Organization, and each such Director shall be a member of the Governing Body. A Director may be replaced at any time by another Director designated and authorized by that Member.
- (2) Each Member shall be entitled to designate by name previously notified to the Secretary-General, an alternate Director as its representative with authority to exercise, in the absence of the Director to whom he is alternate, all the powers of that Director.

Article 10

The Governing Body shall elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen. The Directors appointed as first Chairman and Vice-Chairmen shall hold office for two years, every subsequent appointment shall be for one year.

Article 11

The term of office of all Directors shall be two years. A Director shall be eligible for redesignation by the Member concerned.

Article 12

The Governing Body shall make decision on such matters as the program and budget of the Organization, finances, admission and withdrawal of Members,

activities of the Secretary-General in the fulfilment of his duties, agreements which may be entered into between the Organization and other Governments, international organizations and private institutions, and any other matters within the limits of this Convention.

Article 13

The Chairman, or in his absence, either of the two Vice-Chairmen, shall preside over the meetings of the Governing Body. In the event of the demise or total incapacity of the Chairman, one of the Vice-Chairmen designated by the Governing Body for this purpose shall exercise all powers of the Chairman during the remaining period of the term.

Article 14

A majority of the Directors of the Organization shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Governing Body.

PART VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 15

The Executive Board shall be formed by decision of the Governing Body when required. The Executive Board shall consist of five Directors. The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Governing Body shall also be Chairman and Vice-Chairmen respectively of the Executive Board. The remaining two members shall be elected from among the Governing Body. The Executive Board shall exercise on behalf of the Organization such powers as are delegated to it by the Governing Body.

Article 16

Three Directors shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Executive Board.

Article 17

The term of office of all the Directors of the first Executive Board shall be two years and thereafter the Directors of the Executive Board except the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen shall be elected annually. The Member, through its Director, shall be eligible for one re-election.

PART VII. SECRETARIAT

Article 18

The Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Governing Body, on such terms and conditions as it may determine.