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Agreement for the establishment of a commission for controlling the desert locust in the eastern region of its distribution area in South-West Asia. Approved on 3 December 1963 by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its twelfth session (Rome, 16 November-3 December 1963)

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Accord portant création d'une commission de lutte contre le criquet pèlerin dans la partie orientale de l'aire de répartition de cet acridien en Asie du Sud-Ouest. Approuvé le 3 décembre 1963 par la Conférence de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture à sa douzième session (Rome, 16 novembre-3 décembre 1963)

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No. 7663. AGREEMENT¹ FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE EASTERN REGION OF ITS DISTRIBUTION AREA IN SOUTH-WEST ASIA. APPROVED ON 3 DECEMBER 1963 BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION² (ROME, 16 NOVEMBER-3 DECEMBER 1963)

PREAMBLE

The Contracting Governments, having regard to the urgent necessity of preventing losses to agriculture in certain countries of central and western Asia caused by the Desert Locust, hereby establish within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization") a Commission to be known as the "Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Eastern Region of its Distribution Area in South-West Asia", whose object shall be to promote national and international research and action with respect to the control of the Desert Locust in that Region. The Region is defined as consisting of the territories of Afghanistan, India, Iran and Pakistan and any territories adjacent to the above countries.

Article I

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Members of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Eastern Region of its Distribution Area in South-West Asia (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be such Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization situated in the Region defined in the Preamble as accept this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of this Agreement.
2. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, admit to membership such other Nations situated in the Region that are Members of the United Nations as have submitted an application for membership of the Commission

¹ In accordance with article XX (1), the Agreement came into force on 15 December 1964, in respect of the following States, on behalf of which the instruments of acceptance were deposited with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the dates indicated:

Afghanistan	14 July	1964
Iran	19 November	1964
India	15 December	1964

² See Resolution 44/63, Report of the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 16 November-5 December 1963, p. 92.

and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept this Agreement as in force at the time of admission.

Article II

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS REGARDING NATIONAL POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE CONTROL OF THE DESERT LOCUST

1. Members undertake to maintain through the Secretary of the Commission a regular exchange of information on the current locust situation and the progress of control campaigns within their countries, and also to transmit such information regularly to the Desert Locust Information Service in London, in the light of the Agreement between the Organization and the Anti-Locust Research Centre.

2. Members undertake to carry out all possible measures to control plagues of the Desert Locust within their countries and to reduce crop damage by adopting at least the following essential procedures :

- (a) Maintaining a permanent locust information and reporting service ;
- (b) Maintaining an adequate permanent locust control service ;
- (c) Holding reserves of insecticides and application equipment ;
- (d) Encouraging and supporting such training, survey and research work, including where appropriate the maintenance of national research stations for the study of the Desert Locust, as may be considered desirable by the Commission and as are compatible with the resources of the country ;
- (e) Participating in the implementation of any common policy of locust control or prevention which may be approved by the Commission ;
- (f) Facilitating the storage of any items of anti-locust equipment and insecticides held by the Commission and permitting the duty-free import or export without hindrance of such goods and equipment as well as the free movement within the country of such goods and equipment ;
- (g) Providing the Commission with any information it may request to carry out its functions effectively.

3. Members undertake to submit to the Commission periodic reports on the action taken to fulfil the obligations specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

Article III

SEAT OF THE COMMISSION

1. The seat of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission.

2. Sessions of the Commission shall normally be held at its seat. Sessions may, however, be convened elsewhere, in consultation with the Director-General of the Organization, in pursuance of a decision of the Commission at a previous session, or, in exceptional circumstances, of a decision by the Executive Committee.

Article IV

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The following shall be the functions of the Commission :

1. *Joint action and assistance*

The Commission shall :

- (a) plan and implement joint action for the survey and control of the Desert Locust in the Region wherever required and, to this effect, arrange means whereby adequate resources can be made available ;
- (b) assist and promote, in any manner which it considers appropriate, any national, regional or international action relating to the control or survey of the Desert Locust ;
- (c) determine, in consultation with the Members concerned, the nature and extent of assistance needed by such Members for implementing their national programs and for supporting regional programs ;
- (d) assist, at the request of any Member whose territory is faced with Desert Locust situations beyond the capacity of its national services to control and survey, in any measures jointly agreed to that may become necessary ;
- (e) maintain at strategic localities determined by the Commission, in consultation with the Members concerned, reserves of anti-locust equipment, insecticides and other supplies, to be used in cases of emergency in accordance with decisions of the Executive Committee including supplementing of the national resources of any Member.

2. *Information and co-ordination*

The Commission shall :

- (a) ensure that all Members are provided with current information in regard to Desert Locust infestations, and collect and disseminate information on experience gained, research conducted and programs adopted on the national, regional and international levels in connection with the control of the Desert Locust ;

- (b) assist the national research organizations of Members and co-ordinate research in the Region by arranging visits of research and survey units and other appropriate means.

3. *Co-operation*

The Commission may :

- (a) enter into arrangements or agreements, through the Director-General of the Organization, with nations in the Region that are not Members of the United Nations, for common action in connection with survey and control of locusts in the Region ;
- (b) enter into or encourage arrangements, through the Director-General, with other United Nations Specialized Agencies or other international organizations concerned, for common action on the study and control of locusts and for the mutual exchange of information on problems concerning locusts.

4. *Administrative matters*

The Commission shall :

- (a) consider and approve the report of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Commission, the Program and Budget of the Commission for the ensuing financial period, and the annual accounts ;
- (b) keep the Director-General of the Organization fully informed of its activities and transmit to him the accounts, the Program and the Budget of the Commission, the latter for submission to the Council of the Organization prior to implementation ;
- (c) transmit to the Director-General the reports and recommendations of the Commission, for such action by the Council or Conference of the Organization as may be appropriate.

Article V

SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION

1. Each Member of the Commission shall be represented at Sessions of the Commission by a delegate who may be accompanied by an alternate and by experts and advisers. Alternates, experts and advisers may take part in the proceedings of the Commission but may not vote unless authorized by the delegate to substitute for him.
2. A majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Each Member shall have one vote. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast except otherwise provided for in this Agreement.