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ARTICLE (1)

PREAMBLE

- 1.1 The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage is established as a Scientific, Technical, Professional, and Voluntary Not-for-profit Non-Governmental International Organization (NGO-ONG), dedicated, inter alia, to enhance the world-wide supply of food and fibre for all people by improving water and land management, and the productivity of irrigated and drained lands through the appropriate management of water, environment and the application of irrigation, drainage and flood control techniques.
- 1.2 In the text of this Constitution, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage is referred to as the Commission or as ICID (CIID in the French version) and among international authorities, as ICID (CIID).

ARTICLE (2)

OBJECTS

Mission

- 2.1 The **Mission** of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage is to stimulate and promote the development of the arts, sciences and techniques of engineering, agriculture, economics, ecology and social science in managing water and land resources for irrigation, drainage, flood control and river training applications, including research and development and capacity building, adopting comprehensive approaches and up-to-date techniques for sustainable agriculture in the world.

Scope

- 2.2 The Commission in achieving its mission may consider the following objectives :
 - (a) Planning, financing, socio-economic and environmental aspects of irrigation, drainage, flood control and undertakings for the reclamation and improvement of lands as well as the design, construction and operation of appurtenant engineering works including dams, reservoirs, canals, drains and other related infrastructure for storage, conveyance, distribution, collection and disposal of water.
 - (b) Planning, financing, socio-economic and environmental aspects of schemes for river training and behaviour, flood control and protection

against sea water intrusion of agricultural lands as well as the design, construction and operation of appurtenant works, except such matters as relate to the design and construction of large dams, navigation works and basic hydrology;

- (c) Research and development, training and capacity building in areas related to basic and applied science, technology, management, design, operation and maintenance of irrigation, drainage, flood control, river training improvement and land reclamation.
- (d) Facilitation of international inputs required by the developing countries, particularly the low income countries lagging in the development of irrigation and drainage;
- (e) Promotion of the development and systematic management of sustained irrigation and drainage systems;
- (f) Pooling of international knowledge on the topics related to irrigation, drainage and flood control and making it available worldwide;
- (g) Addressing of international problems and challenges posed by irrigation, drainage and flood control works and promoting evolution of suitable remedial measures;
- (h) Promoting savings in use of water for agriculture;
- (i) Promoting equity including gender equity between users and beneficiaries of irrigation, drainage and flood control systems;
- (j) Promotion of preservation and improvement of soil and water quality of irrigated lands.

2.3 The Commission will accomplish its mission by:

- (a) exchange of information amongst its National Committees;
- (b) holding periodical meetings, sponsoring of conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibits, training and study tours;
- (c) organizing studies and experiments;
- (d) publication of research journals, conference proceedings, reports, guidelines for best practices, books, documents, audiovisual and electronic media materials;

- (e) publishing special or any other publications including newsletters, bulletins, periodicals, pamphlets, posters, magazines, teaching and extension aids and literature for informing the world community at large about the developments associated with irrigation, drainage and flood control;
- (f) cooperating with other national, regional and International Organizations, whose interests and activities are related to the mission of ICID, and
- (g) taking such other measures as may be considered necessary within its field of activities.

ARTICLE (3)

MEMBERSHIP

Basis of Membership

- 3.1 ICID consists of National Committees of Participating Countries, on the basis of one National Committee for each such country. Where no National Committee exists, officers of government or of an institution or institutions effectively representing interests within the scope of the objects of the Commission may participate in ICID activities. In such cases one officer shall be designated as Representative.
- 3.2 Any geographical area independently administered by a sovereign government and having interest in the activities of the Commission shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the Commission. Accordingly, in exceptional cases, the Council may, having regard to the coexistence of separate sovereign geographical areas or countries, accept the representation of the sovereign parts of a country by separate National Committees. In the case of a Federal System of government, or similar set-up, only one National Committee shall be recognized for membership in ICID.

Application for Membership

- 3.3.1 In applying for membership, any constituted National Committee or Representative must unreservedly signify its acceptance of the Constitution and By-laws of the Commission, justify its claim to admissibility and give proof of its representative character by documenting the various disciplines involved in the development and management of irrigation, drainage and flood control.

- 3.3.2 The form in which such application must be made shall be determined by the Council in accordance with the By-laws or rules and/or other provisions of this Constitution.

Acceptance by Council

- 3.4 After the application has been made in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, the International Executive Council shall decide if membership application of the Country is to be accepted and if so, shall determine the name of the National Committee as well as its annual subscription.

Non-Member Participation

- 3.5 The Commission may enact By-laws or rules to permit individuals of non-participating countries, and individuals or organizations who are not formally associated with the work of the National Committees of their countries, to derive benefits from its activities.

ARTICLE (4)

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Composition

- 4.1 Each National Committee may be constituted in the manner desired by each country in conformity with the provisions of this Constitution but it is recommended that, as far as possible, each National Committee shall be composed of representatives of officers of government(s), technical and scientific organizations, irrigators, corporations and individuals with interests concerned with, or desirous of promoting and furthering the objects of the Commission so as to fully represent the interdisciplinary characteristics of the activities in irrigation, drainage and flood control. Hereinafter the term National Committee includes the term Representative as used in Article 3.1.

Responsibilities

- 4.2 Each National Committee shall cooperate with, and assist the Commission in promoting its objects. It shall also encourage the collaboration or cooperation of allied disciplines and institutions within the country to promote the objects of the Commission in a manner best suited to the circumstances of each country.

- 4.3 Each National Committee shall transmit a copy of its constitution and of modifications made thereto from time to time to the Central Office of ICID.

ARTICLE (5)

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Definition

- 5.1 The International Executive Council, hereinafter called the Council, the Executive Council or the IEC is vested with the management of the affairs of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

Role

- 5.2 The Council shall consider all matters of policy which may be initiated or sponsored by any member National Committee or Office-Bearer or by the Management Board and may itself initiate and determine or otherwise advise and lay down any matter of policy. The Central Office of ICID shall act as an instrument for carrying into effect all decisions taken by the Council. The Council shall also consider what action, if any, need be taken on the recommendations or conclusions of the studies, experiments or discussions organized by the Commission. All matters affecting the executive or administrative functions and financial liabilities of ICID must come up before the Council and its decision shall be conclusive.

Composition

- 5.3 The Council shall consist of the Office-Bearers, as hereinafter mentioned, and one duly appointed representative from each National Committee. Each National Committee acting autonomously may change its representative at any time it may desire. The appointed representatives of National Committees, and the Office-bearers attending a meeting shall constitute the membership of the Council for that meeting.
- 5.4 Any National Committee may send more than one representative to a meeting of the Council, but each country or National Committee shall be entitled to one vote only. No Office-Bearer (past or present) unless acting as the representative of a National Committee shall have any vote except that the President shall have a casting vote. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of those present and voting, except when otherwise specified in this Constitution.
- 5.5 Any National Committee which will have no representative at a meeting of Council may submit any matter in writing to the Secretary-General for consideration by the Council; this shall be read at the meeting but shall

not be deemed to constitute a vote at the meeting except when the Council may decide in any particular case.

- 5.6 Former Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries-General of the Commission are respectively called Presidents Honoraire, Vice-Presidents Honoraire, and Secretaries-General Honoraire. They shall be privileged to take part in the meetings of the Council after their terms of office have expired, but will not be eligible to vote in addition to their respective National Committees.
- 5.7 The Council shall set up such committees, work groups, task forces, and other work bodies as it may consider necessary for the performance of such functions or implementation of such of its policies or decisions as it may desire and may make such specific delegation of its powers to each of them as it may deem desirable.

Membership : Admission and Cessation

- 5.8 The Council shall consider applications for admission to membership of ICID received in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. It reserves the right to accept or reject any such application for admission without assigning any reason therefor. In case of non-payment of annual subscription by a National Committee, for a period of time which the Council may, in its discretion, consider appropriate in the particular case, the Council may decide that National Committee is deemed to have withdrawn its membership of ICID, provided that before reaching such decision the Council shall have given an opportunity to the National Committee to clear the arrears of subscription by a date to be specified. Any National Committee which has not paid its annual subscription for two consecutive years shall cease to be eligible thereafter from holding any office - whether it be as Office-Bearer or as Member of an ICID work body until such time as the arrears be paid. Furthermore, any National Committee which is in arrears of annual subscriptions for three years or more shall, in addition, cease to be eligible to receive any document or report of the Commission and shall have no right of voting at a meeting of the Council and shall be deemed to have withdrawn from membership of ICID, unless the Council in exceptional circumstances decides by simple majority vote to waive or postpone the application of these sanctions. Such a decision shall be taken strictly in conformity with the special procedure stipulated in the By-laws by a majority of the members in good standing present at the Council meeting, and who are not in arrears of payment of subscription.
- 5.9 In the interest of furthering the objects of the Commission, the Council may take all such action as it may consider necessary within the framework of this Constitution.

Annual Meeting

- 5.10 An ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held at least once every year, at such place as may be determined by the Council for the transaction of the business of the Commission, including approval of annual (calendar year) budget estimates of receipts and expenditure and for the election of Office-Bearers. Preference shall be given to the invitations from those participating countries where an annual meeting or conference of ICID has not been held before. The Council may make By-laws for the holding of special or other meetings.
- 5.11 At ordinary meetings of the Council, in between two Congresses, advantage may be taken by the host National Committee, should it so desire, to hold a discussion, on any specific technical subject of its choice and falling within the scope of activities of the Commission. No papers shall be invited for this discussion from other National Committees but the host National Committee shall provide to other National Committees and the Central Office two months before the meeting, a report on the subject, bringing out clearly the issues on which it would invite discussion.

ARTICLE (6)**OFFICE-BEARERS*****Composition***

- 6.1 The Office-Bearers of ICID shall be :

One President and, Nine Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office in an honorary capacity (without remuneration), and one Secretary-General.

Election of President and Vice-Presidents

- 6.2.1 Election of Office-Bearers with the exception of the Secretary-General, shall be by majority vote of the members of the Council present when the election takes place. The Council shall frame such By-laws as it may deem necessary laying down the procedure for the elections, including that for determining the relative seniority of Vice-Presidents.
- 6.2.2 Not more than one of the ten offices (One President and nine Vice-Presidents) shall be held by any one country at one time.
- 6.2.3 Except as provided in Article 6.5.2, the President shall be elected at the Council meeting taking place concurrently with a Congress and shall

take office at the conclusion of the Congress and its adjunct study tours. The term of office of the President shall be three years, which period, for the purpose of this Article, shall be the period from the end of one Congress to the end of the next Congress.

- 6.2.4 The term of office of each of the nine Vice-Presidents shall be for a duration of three years. For the purpose of this Article, a term shall commence at the conclusion of the Executive Council meeting and its appurtenant study tours during which the election was held and terminate at the conclusion of the third ordinary Executive Council meeting and its appurtenant study tours. In case this third Executive Council meeting is held at the time of the Congress, then the term of office shall expire at the conclusion of the Congress and its appurtenant study tours. A special meeting of the Council shall not affect the term of office.
- 6.2.5 A President or a Vice-President shall hold office for only one full term of three years, not counting for this purpose any appointment and its term under Article 6.5 for part of a term. This rule shall not, however, come in the way of election as President of any person who may be Vice-President or has held this office at any time earlier.

Appointment of Secretary-General

- 6.3.1 **Nomination:** The Secretary-General shall be nominated by the President, acting as Chairperson of the Management Board, and appointed by Council.
- 6.3.2 **Term of Office:** The term of office of the Secretary-General shall normally be three years unless otherwise specified by the Council and shall normally commence at the beginning of the calendar year, or otherwise expressly stated in the appointment letter. As far as possible, the term of the office of the Secretary-General shall be such that it shall not end at the same time as the term of the President.

The incumbent Secretary-General may be renominated for reappointment to a second consecutive term. Only under special circumstances may the Secretary-General be renominated to a third term.

- 6.3.3 **Conditions of Appointment:** The conditions and terms of appointment of the Secretary-General shall be defined by the President, acting as Chairperson of the Management Board.

The President, acting as the Chairperson of the Management Board shall make arrangements for the continuance of functions should the Secretary-General be unable to perform his duties.

Irregularity of Appointment

- 6.4 Any irregularity in the appointment or continuance in the office/offices of President and Vice-Presidents will not vitiate any decisions or resolutions that have been passed at the meeting/meetings of the International Executive Council.

President Incapacitated

- 6.5.1 In the event of the President being temporarily incapacitated, the most senior Vice-President shall perform the functions of the President during the continuance of such incapacity until the next ensuing meeting of the Council when the position shall be reviewed by the Council.
- 6.5.2 Should the President die, become permanently incapacitated or resign during his period of office, the first Vice-President, failing whom the second Vice-President, failing whom the third Vice President, and so on in order of seniority, shall perform the functions of the President until the next ensuing meeting of the Council when the Council shall fill such vacancy, the person so appointed to serve for the unexpired portion of the period of office of the President whose place he is taking.

Vice-President Vacancies

- 6.6 In the event of vacancy occurring from any cause whatever, in any of the offices of Vice-President, the Council shall fill such vacancy at its next meeting, the person so appointed to serve for the unexpired portion of the period of office of the Vice-President whose place he is taking.

Secretary-General Incapacitated

- 6.7.1 Should the Secretary-General become temporarily incapacitated during his term of office, the President, acting as Chairperson of the Management Board, shall arrange for the carrying out of the functions of the Secretary-General during the continuance of such incapacity until the next ensuing meeting of Council when the position shall be reviewed by the Council.
- 6.7.2 Should the Secretary-General become permanently incapacitated, resign or die during his term of office, the President, acting as the Chairperson of the Management Board, shall arrange for the carrying out of the functions of the Secretary-General until a new Secretary-General is appointed by Council.

Notification to Banks

6.8 Information about the exigency mentioned in Articles 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 occurring will be given to the Banks by the President, in order to enable the continuance of operations on the accounts of the Commission by a designated employee until the recovery of the Secretary-General or the appointment of the new Secretary-General as the case may be. The Banks shall also be informed that instead of the Secretary-General, until further notice, the President, shall act as the First Trustee of the ICID Contributory Provident fund.

Delegation of Powers by Council

6.9.1 The Council may delegate, from time to time, such specific function, or functions and/or powers and rights, as it may find expedient, to the President of the Commission. In addition to these the President shall have the normal duties pertaining to such office, and he shall be the Presiding Officer at a Congress and at all meetings of the Council. The Management Board may suggest an appropriate person to the host National Committee to conduct the different technical sessions organized in conjunction with a Congress, conference or annual meeting of Council.

6.9.2 The Council may delegate such of its powers to the Secretary-General, or to a serving Vice-President, as it may deem desirable from time to time.

Absence of President

6.10 Except as provided in Articles 6.9.1 and 6.9.2, the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority in office shall be presiding officers of meetings of the Commission in the absence of the President; for the Opening and Closing Sessions of a Congress, however, in the absence of the President, the presiding officers shall be from among the Vice-Presidents present as may be decided at a meeting of Office-Bearers preceding the Congress.

The President : Responsibilities

6.11 The President is the highest officer of ICID elected by the International Executive Council. The duties of the President shall include, but not be limited to the following duties subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws :

- Chair meetings of the Council

- Chair the Management Board
- Chair the Office-Bearers Committee
- Chair the Staff Committee of the Central Office
- Nominate the Secretary-General
- Nominate / Appoint the Chairpersons of Permanent Committees
- Designate specific duties to the Vice-Presidents
- Invite nomination from National Committees for the position of President and Vice Presidents.
- Represent ICID in international fora
- Review the finances and budgets of ICID
- Promote ICID internationally
- Undertake any other duties assigned by the Council

Secretary-General : Responsibilities

- 6.12.1 The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the conduct of all administrative and financial business of ICID, for the preparation of the agenda of all meetings of the Council and for the record of minutes thereof. He shall exercise overall supervision of all activities connected with the Congresses and other meetings of ICID and also such other powers and rights as may be delegated to him by the Council and/or the President in the interest of the Commission.
- 6.12.2 The Secretary-General shall also be the Treasurer of ICID and shall report annually, and at such other times as the Council may direct, on the accounts of the Commission. He/she shall also prepare and submit to the Council, for its approval, annual (calendar year) budget estimates of the receipts and expenditure.
- 6.12.3 In addition to other duties outlined herein, the Secretary-General shall be directly responsible for the promotion of ICID, for the development and maintenance of relationships with international organizations, and for carrying out studies and promoting good policies for irrigation and drainage practices worldwide. The Secretary-General shall exercise overall supervision of all activities connected with the Congresses and other meetings of ICID and also such powers and rights as may be delegated to him by the Council.

ARTICLE (7)

MANAGEMENT

Management Board

- 7.1 The Council shall be assisted in the management of the affairs of the Commission by a Management Board composed of the President of ICID, who shall be the Chairperson, immediate past President of ICID (one year only), Chairpersons of the Permanent Technical Activities Committee, Permanent Finance Committee and Permanent Committee on Strategic Planning and Membership and the Secretary-General.

Central Office in New Delhi

- 7.2 The Central Office of the Commission shall be located in New Delhi, India, and shall be maintained under the general supervision of the Council and under the immediate direction of the President.

Administration of Central Office

- 7.3 A Staff Committee headed by the President, and with other members as designated by the Management Board, shall review and reformulate the work procedures and the staff structure in the Central Office in keeping with the changing requirements of the Commission and advise the Secretary-General on the functioning of the Central Office.

Attached to the Central Office, shall be a Secretary-General of ICID, a Secretary and such staff as may be approved by the Staff Committee to carry out the work of the Central Office (staff appointed on a temporary basis for a duration of not more than six months need not be approved by the Staff Committee).

The Secretary-General shall appoint and supervise the staff of the Central Office within the budget provision and in keeping with the directions issued by the Staff Committee from time to time.

The Secretary-General shall establish such rules, including ICID Contributory Provident Fund Rules, and procedures as may be considered necessary, for governing the staff and for the proper functioning of the Central Office in consultation with the Staff Committee. He/she shall also establish rules for delegation of such powers as may be deemed desirable in the interest of ICID and bring them to the notice of the Staff Committee.

Financial Management

- 7.3.1 The Secretary-General shall instruct the Central Office staff on all matters concerning the current business, funds and accounts of the Commission, and shall incur within limits of the approved budget all expenditure on behalf of the Commission.
- 7.3.2 The Secretary-General shall select, with the approval of the Council, a Bank or Banks for depositing the funds of the Commission. He shall receive all subscriptions and other monies due to the Commission.
- 7.3.3 Each year the Council will approve the budget for the following fiscal year. The fiscal year of ICID shall be determined by the Management Board.
- 7.3.4. If a Council meeting is not held in a given year, the Secretary-General may incur expenditure required for the day to day functioning of the Central Office based on the budget for the previous year. For any expenditure on other items, the Secretary-General must obtain prior approval of the Management Board.
- 7.3.5 If the Council meeting is not due to be held before March 31, the Secretary-General shall, by the end of February, submit to the Chairperson of the Management Board for approval, budget proposals for the year and may incur expenditure for the year from April 1, in accordance therewith, or as may be modified by the Management Board.
- 7.3.6 The accounts of ICID shall be audited regularly in a manner to be determined by the Council.

Documents

- 7.4.1 The Central Office shall issue a Journal, or Bulletins and Newsletters and such other periodic communications containing news about, and short articles on: projects; technical articles; and information on new research findings and about new practices, in the field of activities of ICID. The Central Office shall also issue such other periodicals, pamphlets, magazines, and/or special publications as may be desired or approved by the Council. The arrangements for financing the periodicals and special publications shall be determined by the Council.
- 7.4.2 The Central Office shall compile information, develop documents, and publish an annual report on the work of the Commission. It shall also carry out studies, tests, surveys, research, and experimental work as may be approved by the Council, and reports there on shall be distributed

to National Committees. The Central Office shall also prepare the agenda and the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and the Management Board, the Permanent committees of the Commission and the Staff Committee.

- 7.4.3 The Central Office shall arrange interchange of documents and other information among National Committees, and do all such acts as may be directed or approved by the Council to promote the objects of the Commission.

Library

- 7.5 The Central Office shall maintain a Technical Library of literature pertaining to the field of activities of the Commission or allied matters. The library will, inter alia, help in preparing bibliographical bulletins, worldwide surveys on different subjects and special publications. The Central Office shall also maintain the records, reports, and documents of the Commission.

Civil Matter Representation

- 7.6 In any civil matter pertaining to ICID, the Secretary-General or any person so designated by him shall represent ICID. In case the matter is of sufficient importance, the Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, bring the matter to the notice of the President and if necessary, of the Council.

ARTICLE (8)

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Congress

- 8.1.1 The Council shall from time to time arrange Congresses, Conferences and/or workshops and meetings, including Special Sessions, Symposia and Seminars, for the presentation of papers or reports and for general discussion of matters within the scope of activities of the Commission. In these meetings, nationals of participating countries and, subject to such financial and other conditions as may be laid down by the Council, nationals of non-participating countries, may take part.
- 8.1.2 A Congress, including, if desired, Special Sessions, Symposia or Seminars shall be held at such a place and date as may be determined by the Council.

- 8.1.3 The Council shall determine the questions or themes for discussion at a Congress. The Council shall enact By-laws or rules covering the presentation of papers to, participation at, and conduct of, Technical Sessions.

Resolutions at Congress

- 8.2 Resolutions may be presented and adopted at a Congress or any other Technical Session but shall be considered as advisory only and shall not be deemed to represent the views of the Commission unless separately presented to, and approved by the Council. No matters affecting the executive functions of the Council shall be discussed at any Congress or at other Technical Sessions of the Commission.

Working Languages

- 8.3 The working languages of ICID will normally be English and French. Translations shall be provided as determined by the Council keeping in view the requirements of countries. For reaching a wider community of interests in irrigation and drainage matters, the Council may also determine the arrangements to be made for translation to be provided in other international languages.

Transactions and Proceedings

- 8.4 The Transactions of any Congress and Proceedings of other Technical Sessions will be published as soon as practicable after termination of the Congress or Session. The Transactions and Proceedings shall be published by the Central Office with the assistance of the host country. The Council shall lay down the obligations of the host country in the matter and also decide to what extent, the National Committees shall contribute to the cost of printing papers, Transactions and Proceedings of any Technical Session.

Regional Meetings

- 8.5 The Council may accord approval to any of its National Committees for organizing technical meetings or conferences of regional interest by direct collaboration among National Committees of the same geographical region.

ARTICLE (9)

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Participation in ICID

- 9.1 In consultation with the Management Board, the Central Office may invite representatives of such other interested international or regional organizations as it may deem fit to its Congresses, Symposia, Special Sessions, Seminars, and Committees dealing with technical matters. In addition, the Council may decide to grant the status of Permanent Observer to the representatives of international organizations, scientific societies, development agencies, international financial institutions and U.N. agencies for the meetings of the International Executive Council of ICID and/or for the meetings of its regional groups and Permanent Committees. Representatives of international organizations may also be invited, with the approval of the Council, to work as members of the temporary work bodies established by the Commission. The concessions or facilities to be given to these representatives, if any, shall be determined by Council.

Joint Meetings

- 9.2 The Council may arrange with other international organizations to hold joint meetings, conferences and deliberations or to carry out jointly with them activities, studies, surveys and investigations, on subjects within the scope of activities of ICID. The financial and other arrangements for these joint activities shall be as may be agreed upon between representatives of ICID and the international organizations and approved by the Management Board. The Commission may, with the approval of the Council, enter into formal memorandum of understandings with other international organizations to develop collaborative arrangements for international work. The Commission may also participate in the work of the prestigious international bodies, which may be established for more comprehensive management of water resources, other natural resources and the environment.

Work at Cost

- 9.3 The Commission may undertake work for any other organization, at the cost of that organization, the actual arrangements for carrying out the work shall be as approved by the Management Board in each individual case.

ARTICLE (10)

DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FUNDS

Annual Subscriptions

10.1 In order to defray the cost of the activities of the Commission or for special purposes, the National Committees or representative organizations of participating countries shall regularly pay to the order of the Secretary-General annual subscriptions (in as near the beginning of each calendar year as may be possible) on the basis pre-determined by the Council and taking into consideration, inter alia, the interest and the capacity to pay of the participating country. National Committees or representative organizations of participating countries shall also pay such other special subscriptions as may be determined by the Council.

Registration Fees

10.2 For each Congress, regional conference, technical session, international workshop or such other international activity, the Council may, in consultation with the National Committee of the host country, fix individual registration fees, or fees for participating organizations. In addition, the portion of the proceeds that should accrue to the budget of the Central Office of the Commission from such events shall also be determined by the Council.

Funds

10.3 The Central Office shall be authorized to receive and to handle as funds of the Commission, any subscription, subvention or gift that may be made in the general interests of the objects of the Commission, or for specific research, special investigation or experimental work; and it may arrange, under general authority given by the Council, cooperative research, investigations or experimental work with other international organizations, properly qualified institutions, governmental or private, or with technical societies or associations.

ICID is Not-for-Profit

10.4 ICID is not a profit-sharing or profit-seeking body nor a commercial organization. The income and property of ICID shall be applied solely to the promotion of the non-profit objects of ICID as set forth above and no

portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however, by way of profit to members of the Council or any of them provided that nothing shall prevent or preclude:

- (a) payment of compensation to the full time Secretary-General as may be determined by the President, acting as Chairperson of the Management Board.
- (b) payment of remuneration to the Secretary and staff of ICID for services rendered;
- (c) reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by any Office-Bearer at the specific request, or under a standing approval, of the Management Board;
- (d) reimbursement of expenditure incurred by any individual or organization on a specific request made by ICID relating to activities, and/or for furthering the causes of the Commission; and
- (e) payment of honorarium to any individual(s) for duly authorized services rendered to the Commission relating to the activities, and/or furthering the cause, of the Commission.

No Claims by Member after Withdrawal

10.5 Any participating country which has withdrawn from, or otherwise ceased to participate in ICID shall not have any claim on its funds, assets or services.

Rejoining Payment

10.6 Any country which is deemed to have withdrawn from, or ceased to be a member of, ICID because of non-payment of its annual subscriptions may rejoin on payment of its outstanding debts, or such sum as the Council may decide.

ARTICLE (11)

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Amendment to Constitution

11.1.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any National Committee or by the Secretary-General, provided that these proposals shall be made in writing and shall be referred to a Special Committee to

be appointed pursuant to the Constitution. And in course of consideration of these proposals the Special Committee may also suggest further modifications as deemed necessary.

- 11.1.2 The delegated officers of the Special Committee shall prepare a report to be circulated by Central office to the National Committees at least two months prior to that meeting of the Council on the agenda of which the amendment(s) to the Constitution proposed by it is/are to be placed. Adoption of an amendment to the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the Council meeting.
- 11.1.3 Whilst considering/processing any such amendments, if the said Committee feel necessary to amend/modify/alter, add or revoke any By-laws, then the Special Committee shall, on consulting the President or the Secretary-General, take appropriate steps in this regard in the light of Article 11.2 thereof.

By-Laws Enactment

- 11.2 For the due implementation of the provisions of the Constitution, the Council shall enact such By-laws as it may deem fit.

By-Laws Adoption and Amendment

- 11.3 The By-laws shall be adopted and any modification, addition, alteration or revocation of any of them or insertion of any new By-laws shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at the Council meeting. Provided always that before any such amendments/modifications or replacements/insertions are effected, the proposals in this regard should be presented in writing by the National Committee or by the Secretary-General and referred, if numerous or substantial, to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Council in pursuance of Article 5.7 of the Constitution. And in the course of consideration of these proposals, the Special Committee may also suggest further modifications as deemed necessary. And further, the said proposals shall be circulated by the Central Office of the ICID to the National Committees and Office-Bearers of ICID at least two months prior to the meeting of the Council to be convened for considering or accepting/adopting any such revocation, amendments or new By-laws.

ARTICLE (12)

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Dissolution

- 12.1 ICID may be declared dissolved only by a decision to be reached at a regular or a special meeting of the Council and provided that at least two-thirds of the total number of participating countries, whether represented at such a meeting of the Council or not, vote for dissolution.

Liquidation

- 12.2 If upon winding up, or on the dissolution of the Commission there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among, the members of the Council or the participating countries; but in so far as effect can be given the surplus assets of the Commission, except the Central Office building, shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Commission to be determined by the Council at or before the dissolution and in default thereof by such court as may have jurisdiction in the matter. In respect of the Central Office building, the provision of the PERPETUAL LEASE (Indenture dated 3rd January, 1972) between the President of India (Lessor) and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (Lessee) shall prevail.