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AGENDA 5: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report of the President To the 66th Board of Directors' Meeting of ACCU on April 21-23, 2009, Emerald Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

I welcome the Board members to the 66th Board-Meeting. It is my privilege to present a brief report for the period covering September 2008 to April 2009. First of all, I would like to inform that I am very much committed to consolidate the credit unions in Asia.

WOCCU had sent a letter on November 25, 2008 indicating that its Board rejected our offer to pay US\$ 25,000 and that ACCU has to pay US\$ 50,000 starting 2009 (letter attached). The 27th General Meeting decided to follow what has been decided in the 26th General Meeting wherein Asia can only afford US\$ 25,000 for WOCCU dues. Interpreting these scenarios, ACCU will no longer be a member of WOCCU starting 2009.

I am seeking the board's views and approval whether it necessary to attend the WOCCU World Credit Union Conference 2009 in Spain. In the past, ACCU President and CEO represented the Asian credit union movement in the World Credit Union Conference.

The strategic plan of ACCU in 2004 to 2009 is winding up in July 2009. The plan has served as model architecture for credit union development. The three goals and nine strategies are all valid for our national federations and credit unions. Based on the inputs of members and analytical assessment of our environment and internal challenges of credit unions across Asia, the management has put together the framework of ACCU Road Map for 2009 to 2014 following the Balanced Scorecard. I would appreciate your inputs and finally approval.

ICA has informed the change of ACCU membership status from Regular to Associate as well as the increase on dues from CHF 3,000 to CHF 7,000 effective January 2009. The CEO sent the attached response letter. ACCU has been a Regular Member of ICA since 1992. ACCU did not receive any services from ICA's Head office or Regional Office in Asia and Pacific other than receiving annual reports and newsletters. However, we do understand that paying the dues to ICA is the demonstration of our solidarity to the worldwide cooperative movement. ACCU needs to decide whether we shall continue membership of ICA or not.

ACCU will organize the 4th Credit Union Regulators Conference in collaboration with the Cooperative Promotion Department, Credit Union League of Thailand and the Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives of Thailand on April 23 to 26, 2009. This conference will provide an opportunity for us to lobby with regulators for enabling policy environment for Asian credit unions.

I would appreciate your active participation in this meeting. Thanks for your cooperation and assistance.



Oh-man Kwon
President



ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF CREDIT UNIONS

Our Ref: 201

October 9, 2008

Mr. Iain MacDonald
Director General
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Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Iain MacDonald:

This refers to the letter of ICA on October 8 regarding the Membership status of ACCU. As you may aware, ACCU is a regional cooperative organization of savings and credit cooperatives in Asia. ACCU is not a business organization but a trade and development organization for credit unions. It provides trainings and opportunities for learning to our member organization.

ACCU has been a regular member of ICA since 1992. Frankly, being a member, ACCU did not receive any services from ICA's Head office or Regional Office in Asia and Pacific other than receiving annual reports and newsletters. However, we do understand that paying the dues to ICA is the demonstration of our solidarity to the worldwide cooperative movement.

We are surprised to hear that ICA has changed membership status of ACCU from Regular to Associate Member as well as increased our dues from CHF 3,000 to CHF 7,000.

Your letter will be presented to ACCU board meeting in April 2009. We will inform you of the Board's decision on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ranjith Hettiarachchi
Chief Executive Officer

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World Council of Credit Unions, Inc.

November 25, 2008

Mr. Ranjith Hettiarachchi
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Asian Confederation of Credit Unions
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RE: ACCU Full Membership of WOCCU

Dear Mr. Ranjith:

This letter is in reference to your communication dated October 21, 2008 outlining the Asian Confederation of Credit Union's (ACCU) plan to pay US \$25,000 for Full Membership in the World Council of Credit Unions for five years, beginning in 2008. Specifically, I am writing to apprise you of the World Council of Credit Union's (WOCCU) Board of Directors' decision regarding this matter.

At the last meeting of the WOCCU Board of Directors, the Board voted to reject the plan offered by ACCU. Beginning January 01, 2009, ACCU's membership in WOCCU will require full dues payment in direct accordance with WOCCU Bylaws. Currently, that amount is \$50,000 per annum.

The Board asked that I convey to you that the membership of ACCU in the World Council of Credit Unions is a long and valued relationship. While it regrets having to take this action, this is only appropriate and fair - given the long period of time that ACCU has been allowed to pay reduced dues.

If you have any questions regarding the Board's decision, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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