

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOOPS FORUM

I. PREFATORY STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Cooperative Leaders present at a meeting held last March 7, 1991, at which existing national cooperative federations and unions were represented, have, by a consensus, agreed to the formation of a Cooperative Advisory Group, henceforth to be known as "KOOPS FORUM".
- 1.2 These cooperative leaders, by the same consensus, have agreed to meet once a month, to discuss issues and concerns affecting cooperatives, to advise the Cooperative Development Authority on sectoral developments, to generally act as an unstructured consultative body for cooperative development.
- 1.3 It was further agreed that the agenda for the said meetings shall be prepared by the Cooperative Development Authority on the basis of the following:
  - o CDA issuances, programs and projects
  - o Issues and concerns raised by the cooperatives
  - o Coop-related matters presented by other sectors.

II. STATEMENT OF UNDERTAKING

- 2.1 The Cooperative Development Authority, cognizant of:
  - o The need for a continuing partnership between the cooperatives and the government agency tasked with the promotion and development of this sector;
  - o The need for regular and substantive consultation and exchange of information between the cooperatives and the CDA.
  - o The need for an unstructured but representative group to ventilate issues and concerns of the cooperative sector;hereby recognizes the establishment of the KOOPS FORUM.
- 2.2 The Cooperative Development Authority hereby undertakes:
  - o the consideration of the issues and concerns raised during the meetings of said KOOPS FORUM.

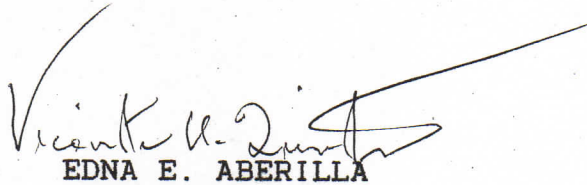
o the study, for possible adoption, of recommendations presented and agreed upon during such KOOPS FORUM.

2.3 The Cooperative Development Authority shall lend technical support and assistance in the conduct of the regular meetings of said KOOPS FORUM.

### III. EFFECTIVITY

The foregoing shall take effect upon the signing hereof.

SIGNED this 10th day of March, 1991 at Manila, Philippines



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Chairman

Cooperative Development Authority