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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
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1184 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 94-001

**T O : ALL AREA COOPERATIVE DIRECTORS, DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS,  
DIVISION HEADS, AND TECHNICAL OPERATING STAFF**

**SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COOPERATIVE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND CHAMBER OF FISHERIES AND  
AQUATIC RESOURCES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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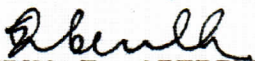
The Cooperative Development Authority as the lead agency in promoting and developing cooperative, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Chamber of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Philippines.

Under the said Memorandum of Agreement, the parties agreed to jointly convert and develop fishing associations into cooperatives. The parties will conduct field visits/evaluation in order to ascertain the viability of fishing cooperatives: encourage formation of federation of existing fishing cooperatives and conversion of associations into cooperatives.

In view of the foregoing and for the interest of public service, all concerned officers and staff of the Cooperative Development Authority are hereby instructed to cooperate in this joint effort and provide necessary technical assistance to the Chamber for effective implementation of the MOA.

Enclosed is a copy of the CDA-CFAR Memorandum of Agreement for your perusal and implementation. Please make the necessary coordination with your counterpart in your respective area of jurisdiction.

For immediate compliance.

  
**EDNA E. ABERILLA**  
Chairperson

cc: Chairman, CFAR

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into by and between:

The COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a government agency created under RA 6939 and operating under the Office of the President, with principal office address at the 5th Floor, Ben-Lor Building, 1184 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, herein represented by its Chairperson EDNA E. ABERILLA, and hereinafter referred to as CDA;

- and -

The CHAMBER OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, a duly registered non-profit organization, with principal office address at Suite 1094-1095 V. V. Soliven Shopping Complex, EDSA, San Juan, Metro Manila, herein represented by its Chairman EDGARDO G. SARROSA and hereinafter referred to as CFAR.

WITNESSETH

Whereas, the CDA is created to promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development;

Whereas, the CDA is mandated to support the voluntary organization and activities that promote cooperative movements and provide assistance towards upgrading managerial and technical expertise;

Whereas, the CFAR is created primarily to promote the welfare of fisherfolk nationwide;

Whereas, both CDA and CFAR share in the vision of the President's program, the Philippines 2000;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises and the mutual covenants herein below set forth, the parties do hereby agree to the following:

A. Responsibilities of the CDA:

The CDA shall be responsible under this Agreement to perform the following:

1. To assist the CFAR in the conversion and registration of fishery associations into cooperatives in accordance with RA 6938;
2. To extend technical assistance in the conduct of management and training programs which will provide the cooperative members the entrepreneurial capabilities, managerial expertise and technical skills;

*Edgardo G. Sarrosa*  
*Edna E. Aberilla*

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3. To assist in arranging financial and other assistance to strengthen their viability and autonomy;
4. To provide information materials for cooperatives and other marginal fishermen to enhance their knowledge on cooperative development.

B. Responsibilities of the CFAR

The CFAR shall likewise be responsible under this Agreement to perform the following:

1. To launch an information drive in the countryside for the purpose of having meaningful and reliable fishery statistics covering sources, kinds and areas of fisheries, harvest or catches, fisheries or aquatic sanctuaries for purpose of protection and propagation of the different species of fishes;
2. To assist in institutionalizing a training program for small fishermen for deployment abroad in cooperation with POEA, BFAR, DA;
3. To organize regional convention for the educational training of small fishermen under the joint sponsorship of CFAR and CDA;
4. To prepare and initiate livelihood projects adoptable to each area for small fishermen under the joint sponsorship of CFAR and CDA;
5. To assist in organizing Provincial, Regional, National Federations of Fishermen's Cooperatives and grant to the National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives a seat in the Board of CFAR; and
6. To assist in project studies on the livelihood of the cooperative members, help in their marketing effort and assist in the amendment of the Fisheries Code.

C. Formation of Committee

A coordinating committee will be formed and to be composed of two representatives each of CDA & CFAR and one from the fishery associations.

The committee will primarily be responsible for the monitoring, evaluation and recommendations for activities undertaken under this MOA.

This agreement may be amended or modified only through another written instrument likewise signed by the parties herein. This agreement takes effect immediately until terminated by both parties subject to thirty (30) days written notice.

*Edy Jim*

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In witness hereof we hereunto affix our signatures  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1993 at

COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY

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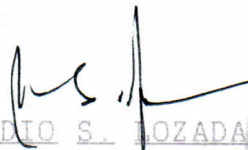
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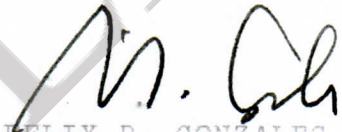
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EDNA E. ABERILLA  
Chairperson

  
EDUARDO C. SARROSA  
Chairman

Signed in the presence of:

  
ARCADIO S. LOZADA

  
DIR. FELIX R. GONZALES (Ret.)