

No. 13679. AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE ASIAN RICE TRADE FUND. DRAWN UP AT BANGKOK ON 16 MARCH 1973<sup>1</sup>

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENTS<sup>2</sup> to article 1 (i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement

Considering the recommendations of the Expert Group meeting to study the Feasibility of the Asian Rice Trade Fund which was held in Bangkok from 3 to 15 July 1978 and decision of the Board of Directors at its second session held in Bangkok on 3 March 1977, the Board of Directors decided at its third session held in Manila on 19 and 20 October 1978 to amend article 1 (i) and (iii) of the Agreement as follows:

*Article 1 (i)*

"Membership in the Rice Fund shall be open to developing countries that are members or associate members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and are exporters or importers of rice."

is amended to be read:

"Membership in the Rice Fund shall be open to all members or associate members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific that are exporters or importers of rice."

*Article 1 (iii)*

"Other eligible developing countries as specified in clause (i) above may apply for membership of the Rice Fund and may become members on the unanimous decision of all of the existing members of the Rice Fund and by accession to this Agreement."

is amended to be read:

"Other eligible countries as specified in clause (i) above may apply for membership of the Rice Fund and may become members on the sponsorship of one of the existing members and by accession to this Agreement."

*Authentic text of the amendments: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 15 December 1981.*

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 955, p. 195, and annex A in volume 960.

<sup>2</sup> The said amendments came into force on 15 December 1981 upon acceptance by all Member States, in accordance with article 13 of the Agreement:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of acceptance</i>	
Bangladesh.....	14 June	1979
India.....	24 June	1980
Philippines.....	15 December	1981
Sri Lanka.....	1 June	1979