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KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

JAARGANG 1973 Nr. 1

A. TITEL

*Briefwisseling houdende een overeenkomst tussen de Nederlandse Regering en de Voedsel- en Landbouworganisatie der Verenigde Naties inzake het van 5 tot 13 oktober 1972 te Wageningen te houden overleg van deskundigen inzake grondevaluatie voor landelijke doeleinden;
Rome, 13 april/14 juni 1972*

B. TEKST

Nr. I

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

*Expert Consultation on Land Evaluation for Rural Purposes
Wageningen, The Netherlands, 5-13 October 1972
Reply requested by 15 May 1972*

Apr. 13, 1972

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to letter PV683 of 7 March 1972 from Dr. A. S. Tuinman, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to FAO, offering host facilities for an Expert Consultation on Land Evaluation for Rural Purposes.

I am most grateful for the generous offer made by your Government.

The Consultation is being convened by FAO in Wageningen from 5 to 13 October 1972, and it is my intention to invite between 25 and 30 high level specialists in scientific disciplines relevant to land evaluation, who will be nationals of FAO Member Nations and the USSR.

A similar number of specialist observers may also be invited in consultation with the Host Government.

The total number of participants is expected to be about 55.

The Consultation will be conducted in English.

I should like to draw your attention to the attached Memorandum of Responsibilities which lists the responsibilities to be assumed by FAO and by the Host Government for FAO Consultations. Part II of this Memorandum sets out the responsibilities of the Host Government in regard to privileges and immunities of FAO, and the granting of visas and all necessary facilities to participants.

I should be most grateful to have by 15 May 1972, your Government's written or cabled agreement to the responsibilities outlined in the attached Memorandum, in order that invitations and documents be prepared and issued in good time. This letter and your reply will constitute the Agreement covering the Consultation.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(sd.) A. H. BOERMA

A. H. Boerma
Director-General

H.E. The Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Hague
The Netherlands

*Memorandum of responsibilities to be assumed by FAO and by
the Government of the Netherlands
for the expert consultation on
land evaluation for rural purposes*

The following provisions set out the respective responsibilities to be assumed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, hereinafter referred to as FAO, and by the Government of the Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as the Host Government, to assure the efficient conduct of the Expert Consultation on Land Evaluation for Rural Purposes, hereinafter referred to as the Consultation, which forms part of the Regular Programme of the Organization.

The Consultation will be held in Wageningen, the Netherlands, from 5 to 13 October 1972.

FAO will be responsible for issuing all invitations and circulating the Provisional Agenda.

Invitations will be extended to between 25 and 30 high-level specialists in scientific disciplines relevant to land evaluation, who will be nationals of FAO Member Nations and the USSR.

A similar number of specialist observers may also be invited, in consultation with the Host Government.

The Consultation will be conducted in English.

PART I

Operational responsibilities of FAO

A. *Staff* (at FAO's cost in accordance with FAO regulations)

FAO will:

1. Designate a Technical Secretary for the Consultation.
2. Pay cost of transport (round trip tourist airtickets) and/or subsistence allowance for selected discussion-leaders during their stay in the host country at rates not exceeding those established for the Netherlands by the United Nations.

B. *Facilities, Equipment, Supplies and Services*

FAO will:

3. Prepare the Provisional Agenda for the Consultation.
4. Prepare, in collaboration with a Technical Committee nominated by the Host Government, a principal background document for the Consultation and circulate this to participants in advance.
5. Collaborate with the Host Government in the preparation of a report on the Consultation.

PART II

Responsibilities of the Host Government in regard to privileges and immunities for FAO and participants

The Government of the Netherlands undertakes to:

6. Accord for the purposes of the Consultation, to delegates and observers, and to FAO, its property, funds and assets, as well as to FAO staff, all the privileges and immunities provided for in Article VIII, paragraph 4, and Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the Constitution and Rule XXXIV-4 of the General Rules of the Organization, and specified in the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Immunity of jurisdiction does not apply to road offences, committed by a privileged person, nor to cases of damage caused by a motor

vehicle belonging to or driven by that person, and that no exemption of taxes or duties as to foodstuffs, drinks, tobacco and comparable supplies shall be claimed by FAO.

7. Grant visas and all necessary facilities to delegates, observers and consultants attending the Consultation.

8. Hold FAO and its staff harmless in respect of any claims by delegates and observers or by other third parties arising out of the Consultation, except where it is agreed by the Host Government and the Organization that the claim arises from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such staff.

PART III

Operational responsibilities of the Host government

A. Staff

The Host Government will:

9. Appoint a joint-Technical Secretary for the Consultation.

10. Appoint a Liaison Officer who will be responsible for the coordination of local arrangements and facilities for the Consultation.

11. Make available local stenographers and typists, related assistance and services required for the efficient conduct of the Consultation.

12. Bear all necessary cost of the staff provided, including salaries, subsistence allowances, if required, and travel to and from the Consultation.

B. Facilities, Equipment, Supplies and Services

The Host Government will:

13. Provide one suitably furnished meeting room, seating sixty persons; two offices, and space for duplicating and collating documents.

14. Provide typewriters, duplicating machinery, office supplies and stationery and arrange local duplication of documents needed for the Consultation.

15. Arrange reproduction and prior despatch of working papers for the Consultation, other than the principal background document.

16. Publish a report on the Consultation prepared in collaboration with FAO.

17. Provide telephone, telegraph and postal services within the host country, free of charge, in connection with the work of the Consultation.

18. Provide first-aid facilities for delegates, observers and staff.

C. Transport

The Host Government will:

19. Provide transport for field trips included in the Programme of the Consultation.

20. Provide transport within the host country for delegates, observers and staff as required for the efficient conduct of the Consultation. This may include transport from airport to hotel, hotel to meeting site, etc., depending upon local circumstances and the arrangements for the accommodation of participants made by the Host Government.

Nr. II

PV.1701

14 June, 1972.

Dear Mr Boerma,

*re: Expert Consultation on Land
Evaluation for Rural Purposes
- your ref. LA 2/21*

Referring to your letter on the abovementioned subject, in which you ask for our Government's written agreement to the responsibilities outlined in the attached Memorandum, I am instructed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and also on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, to inform you that the Government of The Netherlands is in agreement with the Memorandum of Responsibilities attached to the abovementioned letter.

The correspondence on this subject between FAO and the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to FAO constitutes an agreement.

Furthermore I wish to inform you that arrangements have been made with the "Internationaal Agrarisch Centrum", in order to ascertain the efficient functioning of the Session with regard to staff, facilities, stationery, services and transport, according to the attached budget estimate.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) A. S. TUINMAN

*A. S. Tuinman
Minister Plenipotentiary*

*Mr. A. H. Boerma
Director General
Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
Rome.*

G. INWERKINGTREDEDING

De bepalingen van de in de brieven vervatte overeenkomst zijn op 14 juni 1972 in werking getreden.

Wat het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden betreft, geldt de overeenkomst alleen voor Nederland.

J. GEGEVENS

Voor het op 16 oktober 1945 te Quebec tot stand gekomen Statuut van de Voedsel- en Landbouworganisatie der Verenigde Naties (FAO) zie laatstelijk *Trb.* 1972, 121.

Voor het op 21 november 1947 te New York tot stand gekomen Verdrag nopens de voorrechten en immuniteiten van de gespecialiseerde organisaties, naar welk Verdrag in het Memorandum wordt verwezen, zie laatstelijk *Trb.* 1969, 233.

Uitgegeven de tiende januari 1973.

De Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken,
W. K. N. SCHMELZER.