

June 5, 1985

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Meetings of GM AKRSP with Secretaries General, EAD, officials of the Dutch Embassy and the UNICEF Representative, Islamabad.

Mr. Weert Mostert and the Second Secretary of the Dutch Embassy made the following observations/proposals:

- (i) The grant to AKRSP was approved at bilateral talks held recently in Holland between the Governments of the Netherlands and Pakistan;
- (ii) The Dutch authorities are awaiting a letter from EAD authorising disbursement of the grant to AKRSP through AKF channels;
- (iii) The Embassy would require an operational document spelling out organizational and financial responsibilities. The format of the document is under preparation and would be sent to AKRSP within the next two weeks; and
- (iv) Ms Turksma is expected to visit Gilgit for two weeks at the end of June beginning of July to ascertain her possible inputs in the women's programme. Ms Fatima Malik, who has recently been recruited by the embassy as a national Women's Programme Officer, is likely to accompany or precede Ms Turksma's visit.

In the meeting with the Secretary General EDA, Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Naik, the GM again thanked the Secretary General for all his help in getting the grant to AKRSP approved and requested for the issuance of a letter authorising the Dutch authorities to release the grant to AKF. The Secretary General promised to do so and observed that the fulfilment by AKRSP of the accounting and reporting requirements laid down by the donor, would also meet Government of Pakistan requirements.

As desired by the Chairman, AKRSP BOD, the GM inquired from the Secretary General if he would be willing to accept membership of the AKRSP Board of Directors which Mr. d Ramzan Merchant is the Chairman and M/S Riazuddin Ahmed, Dr. Amir Mohammad, Bill Spioelberch, Bob Shaw and others are members. The Secretary General gave his consent subject to approval by the Government of Pakistan, as required under the rules.

Mr. Naik agreed to revisit Northern Areas in the month of September.

Subsequently the GM also called on Mr. F.I. Malik, Joint Secretary EAD and apprised him of his discussions with the Dutch embassy officials. He instructed the Deputy Secretary concerned to ascertain from the embassy the nature of letter required because normally the memorandum of agreement of bilateral talks, in the past, had been considered sufficient to initiate action. (The following day on telephone Mr. Mostert confirmed to GM of contact having been made by EAD about the type of letter required. Mr. Mostert has accordingly briefed EAD on the subject).

The meeting with the UNICEFD Representative Dr. Caryl Schonmyer was to ascertain the likely dates for his postponed visit to the Northern Areas. As he was proceeding on medical leave, it was agreed to schedule the visit on his return. He expressed keen interest in collaboration between UNICEF and AKRSP and also introduced the GM to Mr. dan O'dell who would officiate as the Representative during Schonmyer's absence. He also gave the information about appointment of Mr. Manou Assadi as Director of Personnel, UNICEF Headquarters, New York.

