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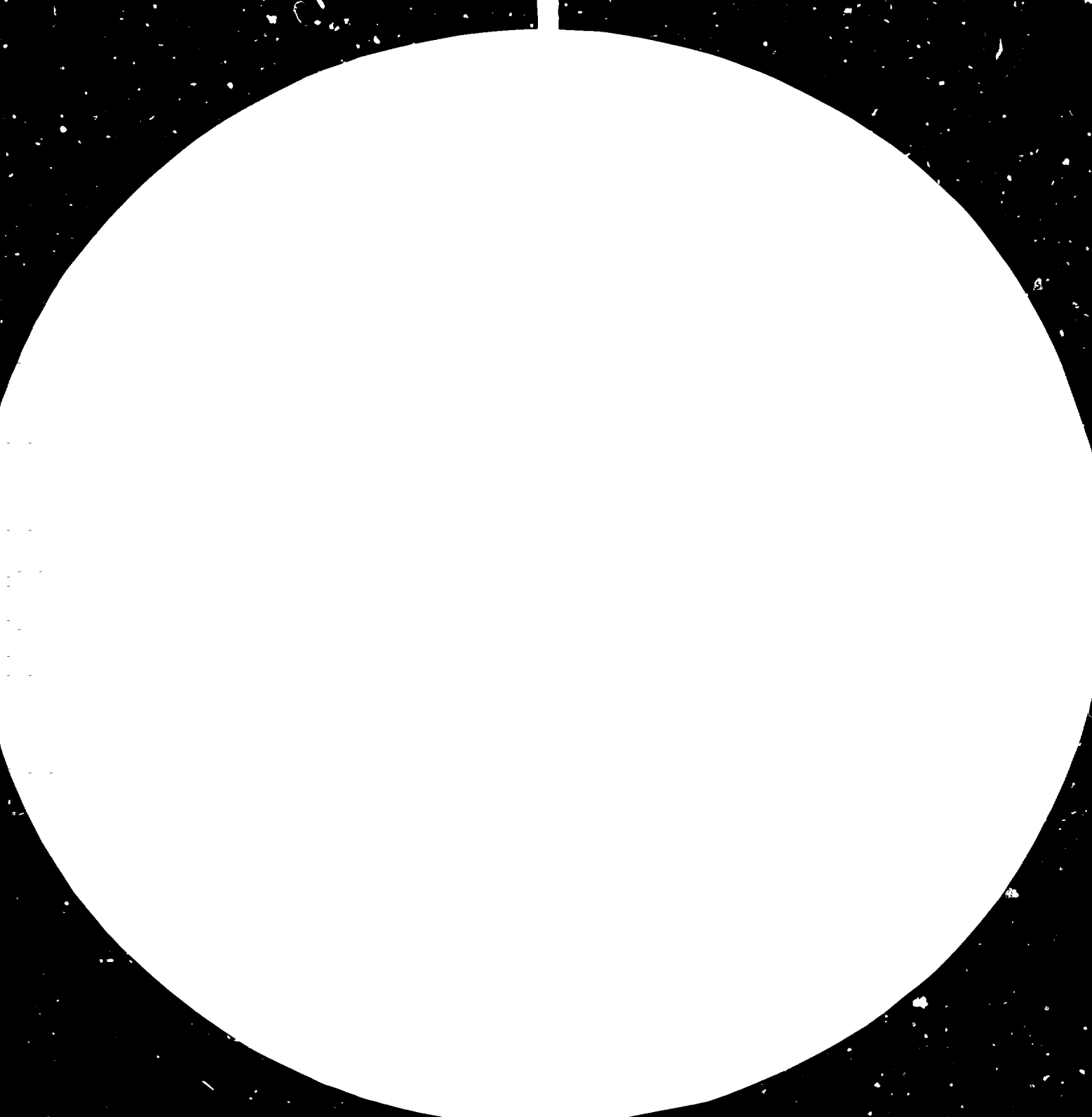
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Meeting on Exchange of Experiences and
Co-operation among Developing Countries in the
Development of Agricultural Machinery Industry

Beijing, China, 20 - 27 October 1980

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ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Date and place

The Meeting on Exchange of Experiences and Co-operation among Developing countries in the Development of Agricultural Machinery Industry will open on Monday, 20 October, at 9.30 in the Great Hall of the People, Beijing, People's Republic of China. The sessions will be held from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 14.30 to 18.00 daily. The programme of visits and detailed description will be provided to the participants by the host country upon arrival.

The attention of the participants is drawn to the fact that during the programme of visits or after the visits, it is envisaged to convene as needed a small working group to discuss practical implementations on the programme agreed upon during 20 to 23 October, if required.

Provisional Agenda

... See Annex I.

List of Participants

A provisional list of participants will be made available on Monday, 20 October, to all participants. Any amendments which the participants wish to have included are to be kindly communicated to Miss Elizabeth Balisi before 22 October. The final list will be issued before the conclusion of the meeting.

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Documents

The participants will receive in their hotel upon arrival a list of documents: one main discussion document, one background paper and Country Papers. As the discussions are intended to be mainly of a practical nature with demonstration visits, the length of the main discussion document has been kept to the minimum and all participants should be in a position to read it before the meeting. The Secretariat apologizes in advance that due to technical difficulties and the geographical distance it was not possible to dispatch the documents before the meeting.

Issuance of Air Tickets for Participants from Developing Countries

All participants will receive travel instructions during the week of 10 October via Wagon-lits Cooks UNIDO through the respective UNDP Resident Representative Offices. Participants who have not received travel instructions by that date are requested to cable Mr. A. Eacini, Head, Negotiations Branch, UNIDO Vienna, Telex Number 135612.

All participants who are flying to the above meeting will travel on CAAC carriers wherever applicable. Only their connecting flights will be authorized on other airlines.

In view of the difficulties to secure confirmation during the month of October on CAAC, the participants are kindly urged to take the flights reserved for them by Wagon-lits Cooks.

Payment of Per Diem and Terminal Fees

Prior to their departure from their countries, the participants will receive four days travel time and stopover entitlements at \$70. In Beijing, the participants will receive in addition to free lodging and their meals 15 Yuans RMB as pocket money i.e. approximately \$10.

Hotel

All participants, unless otherwise indicated due to shortage of accommodation, will stay in the Friendship Hotel, telephone number 690-621. The participants may use, in case of need, before the opening of the meeting the telex of the host country i.e. Foreign Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agricultural Machinery, Beijing, Telex Number 2246 7 AMPRC.

The participants from the Developing Countries will stay at their respective hotels as indicated by UNIDO in the cable confirming travel instructions where their hotel room and three meals per day will be provided free of charge by the host authorities.

Information regarding average local temperature

During the period of the meeting, day-time temperature is 10 to 12°C and night-time temperature is 0 to -6°C. Therefore, the participants are kindly invited to bring winter clothing.

Arrangements for Visa

As nominations are being received, the names of the participants are being conveyed to Beijing through the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. The participants are invited to approach the Embassy in their respective countries; should there not be enough time to obtain the visa, they are invited to telex UNIDO asking for the necessary arrangements to have the visa issued upon arrival.

Transportation

Transportation for all participants from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the Great Hall of the People and back to the hotel will be arranged by the host during their stay in Beijing.



