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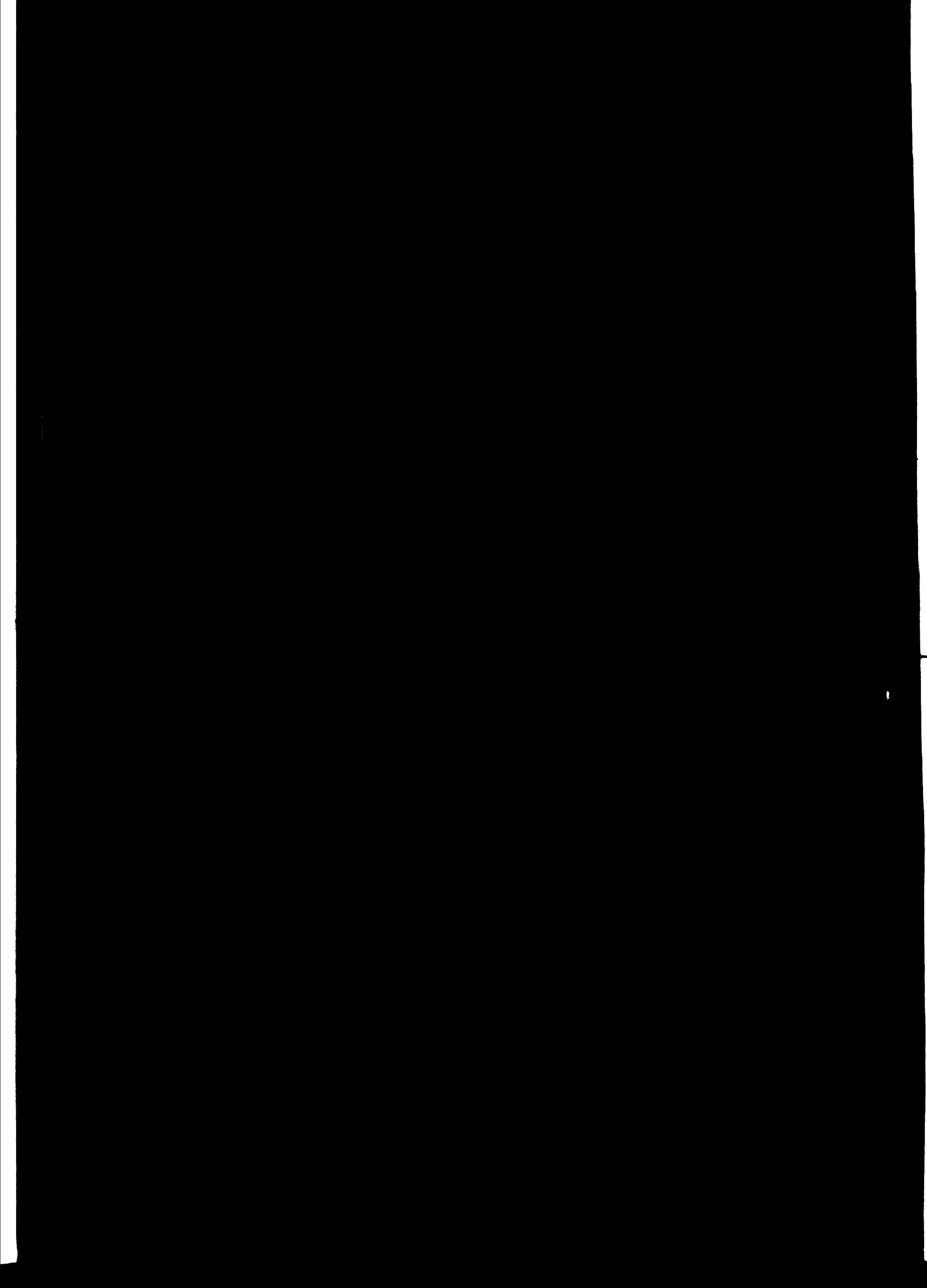
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Ad-hoc Expert Group Meeting on the
Research and Development of a Small-
Scale, Low-Cost Rice Bran Stabilizing Unit
Vienna, Austria, 6 - 10 December 1976

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
3. Presentation of the technological study on the stabilisation of rice bran, prepared by ASRCT (Applied Scientific Research Corporation of Thailand) and discussions and exchange of views of the same.

The presentation by ASRCT will be brief, outlining the main technological findings of the study, which are relevant to the small-scale low-cost stabilization of rice bran.

4. Free exchange of views and discussions on the design and manufacture of a small-scale, low-cost rice bran stabilization unit.

The discussions will be oriented towards the systematic identification of the major parameters and constraints to be taken into account in the design of the unit, e.g. size (or size-range) of the unit, cost, facility for easy integration in existing small capacity rice mills and milling practices etc.. Review and assessment of the data and formulation of alternatives from the technological, economic and socio-economic view points.

5. Scope and form of cooperation among institutions in developing countries on the designing, manufacturing and prototype-testing of the rice bran stabilisation unit, including the possible formulation of Terms of References for the cooperative programme of action.

As the development programme is foreseen to be on a cooperative basis among a few research institutions in the developing countries,

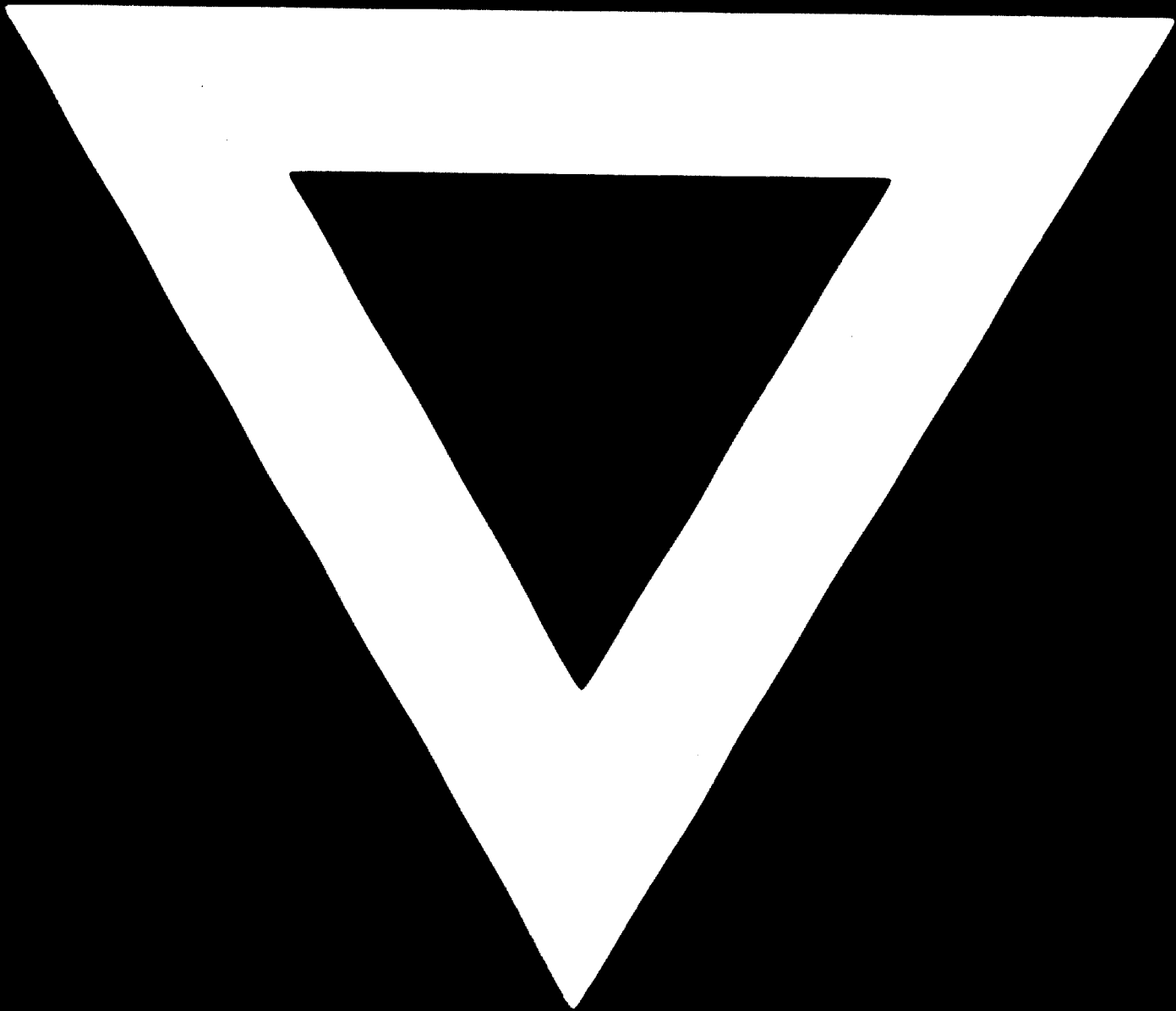
discussions will be carried out to clarify the possible form and division of labour of such cooperative action. The possible needs of inputs of expertise in the form of short-term consultative and advisory services by international experts will also be discussed.

6. Free exchange of views on other matters related to the project, including discussions on the socio-economic aspects of the programme.

Apart from the research and development of the stabilizing unit itself, there are other actions to be taken in parallel by UNIDO such as the socio-economic impact of the stabilizing unit in the rural areas of rice growing and consuming countries, a pilot operation(s) in a selected area or district of a country(ies) to ascertain the technological and economic viability of the unit. The selection of such pilot testing areas and the mode and mechanism of such an activity will have to be defined.

7. Any other business.

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