Meeting of the Governing Body held on 3rd March 2007

The meeting will be held at 1.00 pm, on Saturday 3rd March at the ERG in Gulshan-1. The following members of the ERG Governing body are expected to be present:

- 1. Wahiduddin Mahmud
- 2. Syed Mainul Ahsan
- 3. Sajjad Zohir
- 4. A.K. Enamul Haque
- 5. Ainun Nishat
- 6. Fahad Khalil

Agenda with Brief Descriptions:

A. Updates on Research

A.1 Sponsored Studies

- 1. A contract to study 'Assessment of the macroeconomic impact of rising oil prices' sponsored by UNDP-Bangkok, has been signed on 08.12.2006. A.K. Enamul Haque will lead the research, with supports from other associates. The study will be expected to complete by the end of March 2007. Total value of the contract is US \$ 10,000 (Ten thousand US dollars only). Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead charge receivable by ERG is US\$ 1,000.00
- 2. A country study of PRS in Bangladesh will look into implementation of pro(chronic) poor policies, has been undertaken. The study will be expected to
 complete at the end of March 2007. Sajjad Zohir is the lead researcher, with
 supports from several associates. Total value of the contract is GBP 20,000.
 Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead
 charge receivable by ERG is GBP 2,000.00
- 3. CBFM 2 paper published as an ERG occasional paper, the cost will be borne out of the project fund by reallocating some honorarium to printing purpose.
- 4. A draft report on Exclusion was submitted to the RED, BRAC; the revised paper will be submitted by early April 2007.
- 5. MC Book the progress has been very slow would like till mid-2007 for completion.

Training Program

1. A course on 'impact analysis' is being planned for February-March 2007, with Akhter Ahmed of IFPRI as the core instructor, with additional lectures from Sajjad Zohir and KAS Murshid.

Accounts/Administration/Logistics

1. New procurements: Printer

Meeting of the Governing Body held on 2nd June 2007

The meeting will be held at 1.00 pm, on Saturday 2nd June at the ERG in Gulshan. The following members of the ERG Governing body are expected to be present:

- 1. Wahiduddin Mahmud
- 2. Syed Mainul Ahsan
- 3. Sajjad Zohir
- 4. A.K. Enamul Haque
- 5. Ainun Nishat
- 6. Fahad Khalil

Agenda with Brief Descriptions:

A. Updates on Research

A.1 Sponsored Studies

- 1. A contract to study 'Assessment of the macroeconomic impact of rising oil prices' sponsored by UNDP-Bangkok, has been signed on 08.12.2006. A.K. Enamul Haque will lead the research, with supports from other associates. The study has completed. Total value of the contract was US \$ 10,000 (Ten thousand US dollars only). Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead charge receivable by ERG is US\$ 1,000.00
- 2. A country study of PRS in Bangladesh will look into implementation of pro-(chronic) poor policies, has been undertaken. The study will be expected to complete by the END of July 2007. Sajjad Zohir is the lead researcher, with supports from several associates. Total value of the contract is GBP 20,000. We have received 7000 GBP and 13000 GBP is due. Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead charge receivable by ERG is GBP 2,000.00
- 3. CBFM 2 paper will be published as an ERG occasional paper, the cost will be borne out of the project fund by reallocating some honorarium to printing purpose.
- 4. The final report on Exclusion was submitted to the RED, BRAC.
- 5. MC Book the progress has been very slow.

Training and Seminar

1. A certificate course on 'impact analysis' was held March 2007, organized by Economic Research Group, International Food Policy Research Institute and MDS Program, BRAC University, Budget Enclosed.

Logistics

1. New procurements: Printer & Furniture

New Activities

1. Radio Program

Resolutions of the Meeting of the Economic Research Group Governing Body, held on 14th August 2007

The ERG Governing Body meeting was held at a local restaurant in Dhaka. The meeting was attended by the following members of the ERG Governing Body:

- 1. Wahiduddin Mahmud
- 2. Anis Chowdhury
- 3. Sajjad Zohir
- 4. Ainun Nishat
- 5. A. K. Enamul Haque
- 6. Fahad Khalil

The meeting commenced at 7 pm. and was chaired by ERG Chairman Wahiduddin Mahmud. The Meeting adopted the following resolutions.

- 1. At the request of the out-going Executive Director, the Meeting elected A.K. Enamul Haque as the new Executive Director for a period of three years.
- 2. The Meeting also elected Sajjad Zohir to act as the Treasurer for the next three years.
- 3. The Meeting was informed of a proposal submitted by Sajjad Zohir to WFP, which if funded, will involve faculty members at Chittagong University, SUST in Sylhet and Rajshahi University.
- 4. The Meeting was also informed of two proposals submitted by members and/or associates of ERG to MoFDM/USAID Fund.
- 5. The Meeting agreed in principle submitting a proposal on food security in collaboration with IUCN for EU sponsorship.
- 6. The Meeting was informed of several papers under revisions for possible publication as ERG Occasional Papers. These include, a paper on Exclusion, ODI Report on Policy Implementation, SANEI Arsenic Paper, CBFM Paper, PREM Paper, a paper on arsenic with SANDEE support.

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Emergency Meeting of the Governing Body of the Economic Research Group

October 8, 2007

An emergency meeting of the Governing Body of the Economic Research Group was held on 8 October 2007 at 11am in the Residence of the Chair, ERG related to the project funded by FAO, Dhaka Office titled *Food Security for the Poor: Exploring policy options under alternative price regimes*.

The following members were present

1. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Chair

2. Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Treasurer

3. Dr. Fahad Khalila Member

4. Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque, Executive Director

Agenda 1: As the terms of agreement, ERG is required to open a current account in a reputed bank which shall include the Principal Investigator as a signatory:

Decision: The Governing Body resolved that a bank account (current) be opened with the Prime Bank, Gulshan Branch. The name of the account shall be: ERG-POAPR. The signatories shall include:

a. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Chair, ERG

b. Dr A.K. Enamul Haque, Executive Director, ERG

c. Dr Sajjad Zohir, Treasurer, ERG

d. Dr. Rushad Faridi, PI, POAPR project

It further resolved that any two persons from above can operate the account.

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