

Meeting the members passed the following resolution and expressed their gratitude to the Govt. of Islamic Republic of Iran for their hospitality etc.

During the course of their stay in Iran all the participants spent their some time in the under - construction building of the Iran national Archives Organization and paid visits to some museums and exhibition in Tehran.

## **RESOLUTION**

The participating member countries resolved to place on record their appreciation and thanks to the Govt. of Islamic Republic of Iran and Director General, Iran National Archives Organization and his staff for the Excellent arrangements and hospitality extended to the participants of the member countries.

In connection with the Archives Day which is celebrated by the Iran National Archives Organization on 7th May each year, the president of Islamic republic of Iran Ayatollah Hashmi Rafsanjani, addressed the Archivists and scholars of Iran and participants of the SWARBICA Executive Board meeting on 8th May, 1997, in the president house. He spoke about the importance of archives and preservation of cultural heritage. He assured that the Govt. will give full support to the Iran National Archives Organization in completing it's under construction building and reorganizing it with better future programmes for development.

**Minutes of the Meetings of the SWARBICA Member countries,  
Beijing, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep. 1996**

The first meeting of the representatives of the SWARBICA member countries was held in Beijing on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1996, The following attended the meeting.

1. Dr. K. D. G. Wimalaratni, Director, National Archives, Sri Lanka
2. Mrs. Hashi Siddiky, Director, Department of Archives & Libraries, Bangladesh
3. Mrs. Sani Maiya Rana, Chief of National Archives, Nepal
4. Dr. Kalus Oldenhague, Treasurer, I.C.A.
5. M. Atique Zafar Sheikh, Director General, National Archives of Pakistan, Pakistan

The meeting discussed at length the matters relating to treasury and re-activating the SWARBICA Branch. It was decided that India should be asked to submit full accounts of the period in which the treasury operated in New Delhi.

In order to activate the branch it was considered necessary that meeting of the SWARBICA Executive Board should be held immediately. In this connection it was decided in the first instance that Iran may be requested to convene the meeting. Dr. Kalus Olden Hague suggested that a seminar or symposium may also be combined with this meeting so that it is possible to get FIDA GRANT to support the members for attending this SWABICA meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting was also discussed and it was agreed that the important item of the agenda of the meeting should be

- (1) Election of office Bearers
- (2) Settlement of Account
- (3) Publication of SWARBICA Journal
- (4) Position of the Guide Project in bilateral program between SWARBICA countries

It was also discussed that the new membership drive should be activated whereby Maldives, Bhutan may be persuaded to become members of the SWARBICA.

The 2nd meeting of the SWARBICA representatives in Beijing was held on 3rd September in which the following members attended the meeting:-

1. Seyed Hassan Shahrestani, Director General, Iran National Archives Organization, Tehran.
2. Dr. K.D.G. Wimalaratni, Director, National Archives Sri Lanka.