

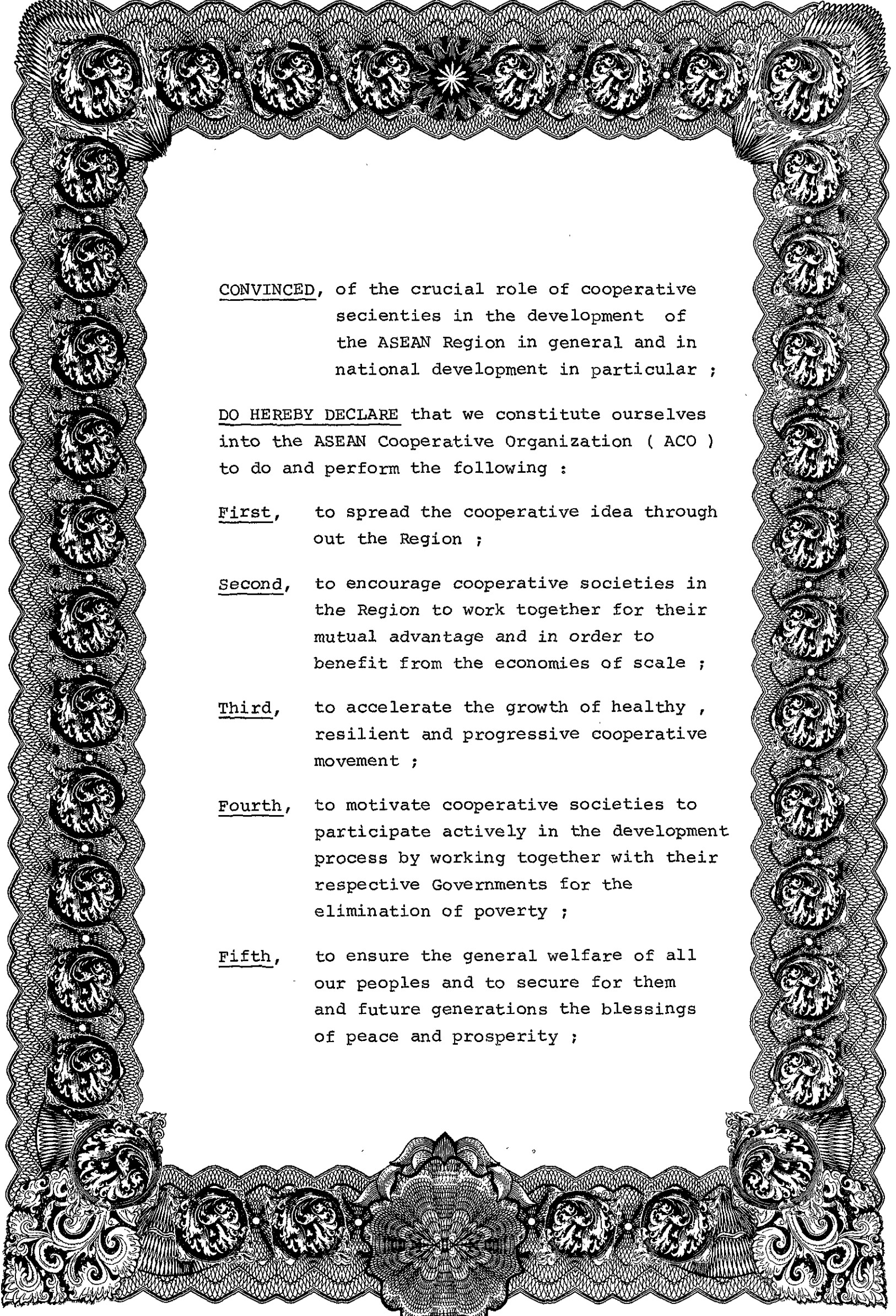
JOINT DECLARATION
OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF ASEAN COOPERATIVE MOVEMENTS

We the representatives of the Cooperative Movements
of the ASEAN countries :

MINDFUL, of the need to propagate the internationally
accepted Principles of Cooperation and the
primary objectives of cooperative movements
in the ASEAN Region in order to promote the
well-being and welfare of all strata of the
people and to create a just and humane
society ;

DESIRING, to bring about better understanding and
an effective collaboration between coope -
rative movements in the ASEAN countries
to establish a firm foundation for common
action and regional endeavours for coope -
rative development ;

AWARE, that joint efforts should be undertaken
to enhance greater solidarity, friendship,
and brotherhood in meeting the challenges
encountered in the national and regional
development of our Cooperative Movements,
at the same time hastening their pace of
growth ;



CONVINCED, of the crucial role of cooperative societies in the development of the ASEAN Region in general and in national development in particular ;

DO HEREBY DECLARE that we constitute ourselves into the ASEAN Cooperative Organization (ACO) to do and perform the following :

First, to spread the cooperative idea throughout the Region ;

Second, to encourage cooperative societies in the Region to work together for their mutual advantage and in order to benefit from the economies of scale ;

Third, to accelerate the growth of healthy , resilient and progressive cooperative movement ;

Fourth, to motivate cooperative societies to participate actively in the development process by working together with their respective Governments for the elimination of poverty ;

Fifth, to ensure the general welfare of all our peoples and to secure for them and future generations the blessings of peace and prosperity ;

DONE in Jakarta on the Sixth day of December
in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Seventy-Seven.

For INDONESIA

On Behalf of the
DEWAN KOPERASI INDONESIA


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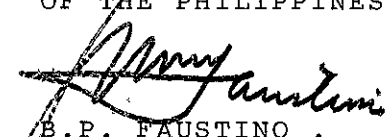
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On Behalf of the
ANGKATAN KERJASAMA KEBANGSAAN
MALAYSIA, BERHAD


PROF. UNGKU A. AZIZ .

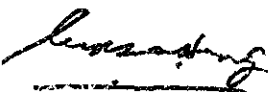
For the
PHILIPPINES

On Behalf of the
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OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC


B.P. FAUSTINO .

For SINGAPORE

On Behalf of the
SINGAPORE NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE
UNION, LTD


MAK KAM HENG .

For THAILAND

On Behalf of the
COOPERATIVE LEAGUE OF THAILAND


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