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Dear Esteemed members of APRACA,

Re: Postponement of Regional Policy Forum on 'Financial Services to Transform Local Economy and Competitiveness of Community Business Entity' and 72nd EXCOM of APRACA

Warm Greetings from APRACA Secretariat, Bangkok and trust this letter will find you and all staff members of your esteemed organization healthy and safe.

This is to bring your kind attention that the spread of COVID-19 across the Asia-Pacific region and other parts of the world has been one of the biggest public health concerns in modern times and declared as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). Most of the countries in the region restricted the travel of their citizens and advised them to avoid joining the conferences and seminars till the situation improves.

Keeping the above situation in view and detailed discussions with the host organization (Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives) of the 72nd EXCOM meeting and the regional forum, it was decided to postpone this event till 2nd week of September 2020. This decision of postponement was taken after careful consideration and as a precautionary measure in response to the growing concern regarding spread of COVID-19 across the Asia-Pacific Region and to ensure the continued safety of all esteemed participants of the event.

It was also agreed by BAAC to review the situation in 1st half of July 2020 and finalize the dates which will be notified in due course. We fully understand the inconveniences caused due to this postponement and we apologies for this unwarranted delay in holding 72nd EXCOM which eventually will lead to delay in holding 73rd EXCOM and 22nd General Assembly.

We would like to assure that APRACA secretariat will provide all the services during this period to all APRACA members. Please do not hesitate to write us back in case you have any queries.

We also wish you safe and healthy days ahead.

With kind regards,

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Secretary General

