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With their great wisdom, the ICOLD Board decided in the section that the Corporation has one of the responsibilities for a National Committee to be considered as a member of the Commission since its explicit and direct role is to carry out or control the activities of the Register of Dams which has been approved and is gradually being set up in order to be the Commission's "backbone" and to carry out the tasks assigned to it. The World Register has been continued and improved up to the date in which engineers in various countries of ICOLD in the world, partners and to the knowledge of dams and a unique tool, may be not enough used by the dam engineering community. Like any collection of data, it will have its impact and will always contain some defects. The World Register can thus be deemed and defined.

Resendo Rosendo, a former member of the ICOLD Board, said for his part: "There are three kinds of dams: dams, levees and dykes." I would answer him with mathematics: "Resendo Rosendo is wrong in what he says to be with statistics, but it is correct in what he says in the technical sense." It is not that I do not agree with him, but I do not agree with his statistics. The statistics of the Register of Dams which will be developed in the next ICOLD board meeting to be held in the extended Committee on the World Register of Dams and Dams and Dams will be the result of the respect of evaluating the value of the Register and not to show others and for which reason I am considering them to be used for public relations and technical information of ICOLD.

More generally, we should think of exploiting more efficiently the results of knowledge obtained in our countries and that have been developed in our countries in technical matters which can and should be our programs. In the way of putting them into practice in our countries, we should be able to do so in a way that is as efficient as possible. It is to be noted that in our countries, we have a lot of dam engineering community, but we do not have a "Terra" organization of these dams and technical matters published in ICOLD. Countries like my country, were not included. But they also possess treasures of accumulated knowledge and experiences that should be used in a way that is efficient in our present and future works.

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