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ICOLD KNOWLEDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY

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ICOLD has already achieved significant work in spreading dam technology and helping the development of future generations of dams worldwide. As dams are still important structures with millions of people and jobs at stake, it is the world's best technology and know-how based source of dam safety and reliability.

We believe that there is an unmet need in improving the development of the dam sector through regulatory, operation and hydroelectricity. In many countries, there is a need for advice on the dam. Taking into account that dam safety is an ongoing process, we have established the International Centre for Dam Safety (ICDS) in the structure of our member countries on the European and Latin American ICOLD committees. It is a member state that we can help the member countries will apply the knowledge in the Dam Safety Executive Office.

Another area is related to the practice of dam and dam safety records and publications, either through ICOLD or Internet.

Moreover, the members of the technical bodies are often language besides the official English and French. In some countries, these bodies have been established in Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. We are working to have committees in Russian and India. Moreover, we have the technical qualified from other languages, we will be working to have large proportion of the population of the world. In a meeting with representatives of other member countries on improving dam safety, that is, get the relevant contribution of several experienced engineers. ICOLD could help the organization of "The Dam Safety Executive Office" that could provide work the situation of high level, as for instance, related to the safety of dams.

You have not been in a position to contribute to capacity building in the developing countries.

I have visited to several people and countries about creating a school in Brazil to train dam safety engineers. Brazil could be an ideal location because there is enough knowledge to be transferred and the cost of living is cheap. Many National Committees of ICOLD have been approved in parallel meetings, regular biennial. Furthermore, we should establish an agreement of ICOLD with the Turkish Committee (TICOLD) and the Chinese Committee (CICOLD) in the City of Madrid. Implementing all these actions will certainly make ICOLD a significant contribution to the well-being of the world and become an essential one in our world since it is needed.

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