

Recommendations for the Formation of
an International Organization on Earthquake Engineering

The final recommendations concerning the formation of the Organization are presented herein. This recommendations were presented to the participants of the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering at the General Business Meeting held on 18 July 1960 at Kyoto Kaikan in Kyoto and were adopted unanimously with certain modifications, as described below.

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18 July 1960

The participants at the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan, from July 11 to July 18, 1960,

Considering the importance of earthquake engineering to human life and the welfare of mankind,

Noting that efforts have been made by scientists and engineers of the world for the advancement of earthquake engineering, and

Recognizing that efforts should be continued to achieve greater advancements in this field,

Recommends:

1. That an International Organization on Earthquake Engineering be formed whose object shall be to foster and encourage international cooperation in all aspects of earthquake engineering, including planning of world conferences, dissemination of technical information and results of research, inspection of earthquake damage and preparation of reports, and other pertinent matters;
2. That pending the establishment of such an International Organization, a Preparatory Committee be formed, composed of one member from each interested country;
3. That the tentative members on the Preparatory Committee be selected by the interested countries represented at this Conference.
4. That the Chairman of this committee be selected from the members of the Preparatory Committee who shall coordinate all matters pertaining to the formation of the International Organization through correspondence.
5. That the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee contact known parties in other countries that are not represented at this Conference to inform

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them of this recommendation and invite them to participate by selection of a member from those countries to the Preparatory Committee.

6. That the member from each country on the Preparatory Committee be responsible for contacting all interested and eligible membership groups in his respective country for the formation of an International Organization;

7. That if there exists in most countries the necessary interest and potential membership, the Preparatory Committee shall take steps to form such an International Organization;

8. That the Preparatory Committee continue to function until such an International Organization is formed;

9. That the Preparatory Committee explore the possibilities for future world conferences and, when the time and place of the next conference is decided, cooperate with the organizers in holding such a conference;

10. That the expense of each member on the Preparatory Committee be provided for by sources within the country which he represents on an immediate basis, and on a long-term basis by some form of assessment to be worked out and agreed upon by the countries represented on the Preparatory Committee.

11. That the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee make such arrangements as he deems necessary to further the aims of international cooperation in earthquake engineering.

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Comments:

The Organizing Committee for the Second World Conference on Earthquake Engineering, under the chairmanship of Dr. Kiyoshi Muto, formulated a tentative recommendation for an international organization, primarily to make decisions concerning future World Conferences. This tentative recommendation was sent to a number of individuals in various countries for their study and comments.

The comments received indicated that the organization should have its scope enlarged to include other important and desirable functions than just planning world conferences. As a result, the recommendation for the formation of this organization was revised prior to the Second World Conference. At the beginning of the World Conference, the participants were informed of the proposed International Organization. They selected one member from each country to attend the discussion meetings on the proposed Organization. Three such discussion meetings were held in Tokyo with representatives from 26 countries attending, as listed below:

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GERSHANIK, Simon

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BRAZIL	MAYALL, Henrique C.
CANADA	CHERRY, Sheldon
CHILE	FLORES, Rodrigo
CHINA, REPUBLIC OF	CHENG, Ke-Chieh
FRANCE	DESPEYROUX, Jean
GERMANY	MEISSER, Otto
GHANA	LEVINE, C
GREECE	GALANOPOULOS, Angelos
INDIA	KRISHANA, Jai
INDONESIA	YAP, King Hok
IRAN	AFSHAR, H. K.
JAPAN	MUTO, Kiyoshi
LEBANON	ABOUSSOUAN, A. M.
MEXICO	ROSENBLUETH, Emilio
NEW ZEALAND	JOHNSTON, J. A. R.
PAKISTAN	BEG, Iqbal A.
PERU	de COSSIO, José Luis
PHILIPPINES	KINTANAR, Roman L.
PORTUGAL	BORGES, J. Ferry
RUMANIA	KORCINSKI, Nicolae
TURKEY	YARAR, Rifat
USSR	ZAVRIEV, Kyriac S.
UK	AMBRASEYS, Nicholas
USA	RINNE, John E.
VENEZUELA	OLIVARES, Alberto E.

Also in attendance were:

BUTLER, Don W.	(Advisor to Organizing Committee)
DUZINKEVITCHE, Sergej Y.	(USSR)
KAWASUMI, Hiroshi	(JAPAN)
MINAMI, Kazuo	(JAPAN)
OKAMOTO, Shunzo	(JAPAN)
TAKEYAMA, Kenzaburo	(JAPAN)

Several changes to the original draft of the Recommendations for the formation of the International Organization on Earthquake Engineering resulted from these meetings. There were three important motions made, seconded and approved by the representatives to these business meetings which were to be presented at the General Business Meeting of the full Conference delegates for approval on the last day of the Conference. These three motions were:

1. The proposed Preparatory Committee of the Organization to consist of temporary members from each country who attended the discussion meetings in Tokyo.
2. K. Muto of Japan to serve as the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.
3. A small (steering) committee to be selected from the Preparatory

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Committee members to prepare proposed draft of the International Organization on Earthquake Engineering and that members of the steering committee to be selected by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

The General Business Meeting of all delegates to the World Earthquake Conference on 18 July 1960 was presided by Dr. K. Muto (Japan), as Chairman with Dr. L.S. Jacobsen (USA) as Co-Chairman.

At this meeting the Recommendations and modifications mentioned above were explained. A motion was made for their adoption and was seconded. During the discussion on this motion a suggestion was made that a time limit of two years be placed upon the completion of the work by the Preparatory Committee. It was placed before the meeting as an amendment to the original motion, seconded and carried. The original motion as amended was voted upon and was carried by a unanimous vote.

Delegates from New Zealand, India and Chile expressed the desire to have the Third World Conference on Earthquake Engineering held in their respective countries.

It was agreed that the time and place of the Third World Conference be considered by the Preparatory Committee for the formation of the International Organization on Earthquake Engineering.