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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 untapped role in improving the development of the dam sector through regulatory, operation and hydroelectricity. In many instances, there is a need to address the dam. Taking into account the critical nature of the dam, the ICOLD has been established in the management of ICOLD. One of them is the creation of new member countries in the European and Latin America ICOLD membership. It is important that we can expand the membership countries will apply the knowledge in the Dam Safety Executive Office.

As the dam is a critical structure of any and every country, we should be able to make it safer through ICOLD's network.

Moreover, the members of the technical bodies are often language barriers in the global dam and dam safety. In some instances, some bodies have been established in Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. We are looking to have member states from India, Pakistan, etc. In the future, we should have other languages, so that we can bring together 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 each represented region. ICOLD could help the organization of "The Dam Safety Executive Office" that could provide the structure of high level, as the dam is a critical structure.

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

I have visited in several parts and countries about creating a school in Brazil to train dam safety experts. 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 meeting, regular biennial. Regulators have already reached an agreement of ICOLD with the Turkish Committee (TICOLD) and the Chinese Committee (CICOLD) in the City of Madrid. Implementing all these will certainly make ICOLD make a significant contribution to the well-being of the world and become an essential one in the world dam safety.

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