Resolution on Peace
(submitted by the
Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union)

The Centennial Congress of the ICA, at its meeting in Manchester in September 1995, reaffirming its own efforts for world peace:

RECALLS that the ICA Rules call upon member organisations to "contribute to international peace and security", and that it is now 50 years since the end of the Second World War, which brought the greatest destruction in the history of mankind;

EXPRESSES GRIEF over the fact that armed conflicts in numerous parts of the world still sacrifice a large number of people, including innocent women and children;

EXPRESSES CONCERN about their hindering effects on economic and social progress, not only in those areas but also in the whole world, thus jeopardising global peace and the environment;

DECLARES the will of co-operators worldwide to make efforts to create a peaceful world, and their prayers for early solutions to these problems;

SUPPORTS the Resolution adopted by the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in March 1995, on the "20/20" initiatives for reducing the growing gaps between rich and poor nations;

CONFIRMS the actual contributions which the co-operative movement is making to promote the increased participation of women at the 4th World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing in September 1995, and to support the development of affordable housing at the UN Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II), to be held in Istanbul in June 1996;

RECOGNISES the importance of following up on the themes of these Conferences in each country, and to this end the necessity of disarmament, protection of human rights, and elimination of disparity and discrimination of all kinds;
WELCOMES a series of peace initiatives taken by the UN General Assembly, including the Resolution adopted on 2 November 1994 concerning the convening of the 4th UN Special Session on Disarmament, and the Resolution adopted on 15 December 1994 requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

URGES co-operators in the world to make efforts by various means for the success of the UN Special Session on Disarmament towards overall disarmament, the early elimination of nuclear weapons, and the establishment of a non-violent world; and

FURTHER ASKS member organisations to disseminate the abovementioned ICA peace initiatives in each country, and to contribute to creating a climate for world peace through the mobilisation of public opinion.