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To,

All Office Bearers and EC members
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Thailand

Dear Sirs,

APSA has been formed in 1994 with the support of FAO to nurture the seed industry of the Asia and Pacific regions and to provide a platform for the regional industry to interact and prosper ultimately for the benefit of the agriculture and the farmers of the regions. The members from India like Dr RB Singh, Dr KR Chopra played a big role in the formative years of APSA. As many Indian companies were not willing to take the membership due to the high annual fee compared to the business revenues of the members, the leaders of the seed industry from India persuaded the members to take up the membership to strengthen this regional association and continue as members despite such odds.

The members of the National Association of India (NSAI) and the seed industry in general are very much disappointed and disillusioned with the direction into which the APSA is moving over the past 4 years.

Any association has to uphold the principles of democracy which is briefly defined as 'by the members' and 'for the members'. It appears, some of the influential members of APSA are of the opinion that they know better than the majority of the members of the Association. With their wrong belief and arrogance, they are trying to capture the APSA into a cage, restrict the entry of intelligent, hardworking and independent thinking members into the EC so that they can continue to play their own selfish role in managing and running the Association for their own benefit rather than that of entire industry.

The following steps taken by APSA in the last 4 years are proofs of this statement.

1. While the Association is progressing and prospering smoothly, there was no need for a new constitution. A body was created and mock meetings were held across the region in the member countries but no suggestions that were given and are debated were considered in the new constitution. The constitution was passed in the GAMs in a shocking and deceitful way suppressing debate and with undue haste. As a result, the new constitution happens to be a creation of few influential members of APSA who wanted to somehow hold on to their games, at the cost of the principles of democracy which must have been followed in governing of an Association of this stature.
2. Post implementation of new constitution, the **selection of EC members** (contrary to the promises given, that the Nomination Committee will only scrutinize the applications like an Election Commission) is a proof of the mischief in the minds of few members who want to sabotage the functioning of the

