

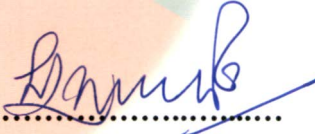
FINAL ACT

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2. The meeting on the Adoption of the Agreement for establishment of the BOBP-IGO was held at Chennai, India on 26 April 2003.
3. The Governments of the following three countries were represented: Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.
4. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was represented by Dr Daniel J Gustafson, Representative in India and Bhutan.
5. The meeting elected Ms Binoo Sen (*India*) as the chairperson.
6. The Agreement referred to in the first paragraph was opened for signatures on 26 April 2003 and is attached to the Final Act.

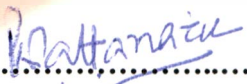
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives whose names appear hereunder have signed the Final Act:

FOR BANGLADESH : Mohd Abdul Huq



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FOR INDIA : P K Pattanaik

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FOR SRI LANKA : G Piyasena

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DONE AT CHENNAI, INDIA this twenty-sixth day of April 2003 in a single copy in the English language. The original texts shall be deposited in the archive of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representative whose name appears hereunder has signed the Final Act:

FOR MALDIVES : Hon. Abdul Rasheed Hussain



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