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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION? WHICH COOPERATION?

In Kaupelan, when people go to the last shopping on the streets festooned with Christmas motifs and they prepare for the holiday season with their families, we are surprised by news from abroad and we realize, ultimately, the discontent of two countries, Dhram Phá and Khusqaikama, with the direction of FICT. According to the newspaper *Aśxa*, of Khusqaikama, leaders of both countries met secretly in China to exchange confidences and covertly criticise some countries, which have blocked their efforts in FICT, not mentioning them by name, criticising also the lack of progress by the organization. Nothing was mentioned explicitly. We are astonished with this, mainly because the leadership of FICT is exactly in the hands of one of them, the ambassador of Dhram Phá. The organization began to operate effectively only three months ago, after the substitution of Mr. Lowok Aralangit, who had served for three months as the transitional chairman of the previous organization, FICTS.

The first proposal to FICT was made by Dhram Phá for a biannual economic conference. It received questions and comments, especially from Kaupelan. It's a healthy and democratic practice, in our point of view. The comments were interpreted by Dhram Phá, as "generally unfavourable response" and the proposal was withdrawn. The second proposal, also made by Dhram Phá, was about the inclusion of Chimor. It was widely accepted by the member states. The Kaupelanese proposal for the elimination of import taxes, made in early November, was also questioned and discussed... mostly by the same two countries. It sounds normal to us.

Proposals for scientific cooperation and the FICT budget for the next year were made by the same two countries a week before the departure of their representatives towards China. Both countries claim the lack of scientific cooperation, major reason for their membership, and the lack of progress of the organization. Would they expect to see their proposals accepted without question in less than a week? Would they expect the unconditional approval of a budget that goes beyond the availability of funds supported by our country, prioritizing the allocation of more than 50% of resources in just one area, without the agreement of all member countries? Would that be the alleged progress? Would that be the absence of blockage to their proposals, if we approve them without discussion?

In our view, FICT indeed lacks of cooperation, but in the broadest sense of the term. Cooperation is working together, based on friendship among member countries for the advancement of their societies, without secrets and with franker and more positive attitude.

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THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

Purikali - The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a note yesterday afternoon about the recent news published by the newspaper *Aśxa* on the secrets revealed at the Khusqaian embassy in China. Minister Jiwa Lawodyen, as soon as received the news, contacted the Prime Minister, Mrs. Aswini Ruikawahi, who was spending the holiday at her home in Beramar.

The Prime Minister said that this type of information, based on rumours about blocking their proposals by "some countries" of FICT does nothing to create a climate of trust and friendship in FICT. She was surprised that these same countries, Dhram Phá and Khusqaikama, which were the most resistant to the Kaupelanese proposal for exemption of import tax, speak now about resistance and disagreement to their proposals. "In my view, this is part of the discussion process before making decisions. Anyway, about this news, the government will wait for an official position of both governments, before issuing our own statement."

કિતે યાજ્ઞ ઢાલ
“C” નીજ સંભાલ

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કે વી સંબાલ
નથી “C” નીજ
“COOPERATION”
જ સંભાલ ની FICT.

- We need to fix the “C” that fell down.
- I don’t know why. Looks like “Cooperation” is no longer used in FICT.