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WISHING YOU A VERY SUCCESSFUL ASSEMBLY, I SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOU, PRESIDENT BARBERINI, AND THE DELEGATES OF MORE THAN EIGHTY COUNTRIES PREPARING AGAIN TO CELEBRATE, IN ITALY, AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICA.

I'LL BE FOLLOWING YOUR MEETING WITH SPECIAL INTEREST, AS IT PROVIDES A VERY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON AND COMPARE THE PRESENT STATE OF COOPERATION IN THE WORLD AND THE ADAPTATION OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN INCREASING EMPLOYMENT.

THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SOCIAL IMPORTANCE AND DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE ACTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE CO-PARTICIPATION IN THE FOUNDATION AND LIFE OF A COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE, A PRECIOUS BUT DEMANDING INHERITANCE OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT, CAN AND MUST BE, STILL TODAY, AN ESSENTIAL POINT OF REFERENCE IN RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION, AND ALSO IN RISING TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS FOR BETTER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND A RENEWED NEED FOR SOLIDARITY.

HOPING THAT THE OUTCOME OF YOUR ASSEMBLY WILL RESULT IN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT, MY VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

GIORGIO NAPOLITANO