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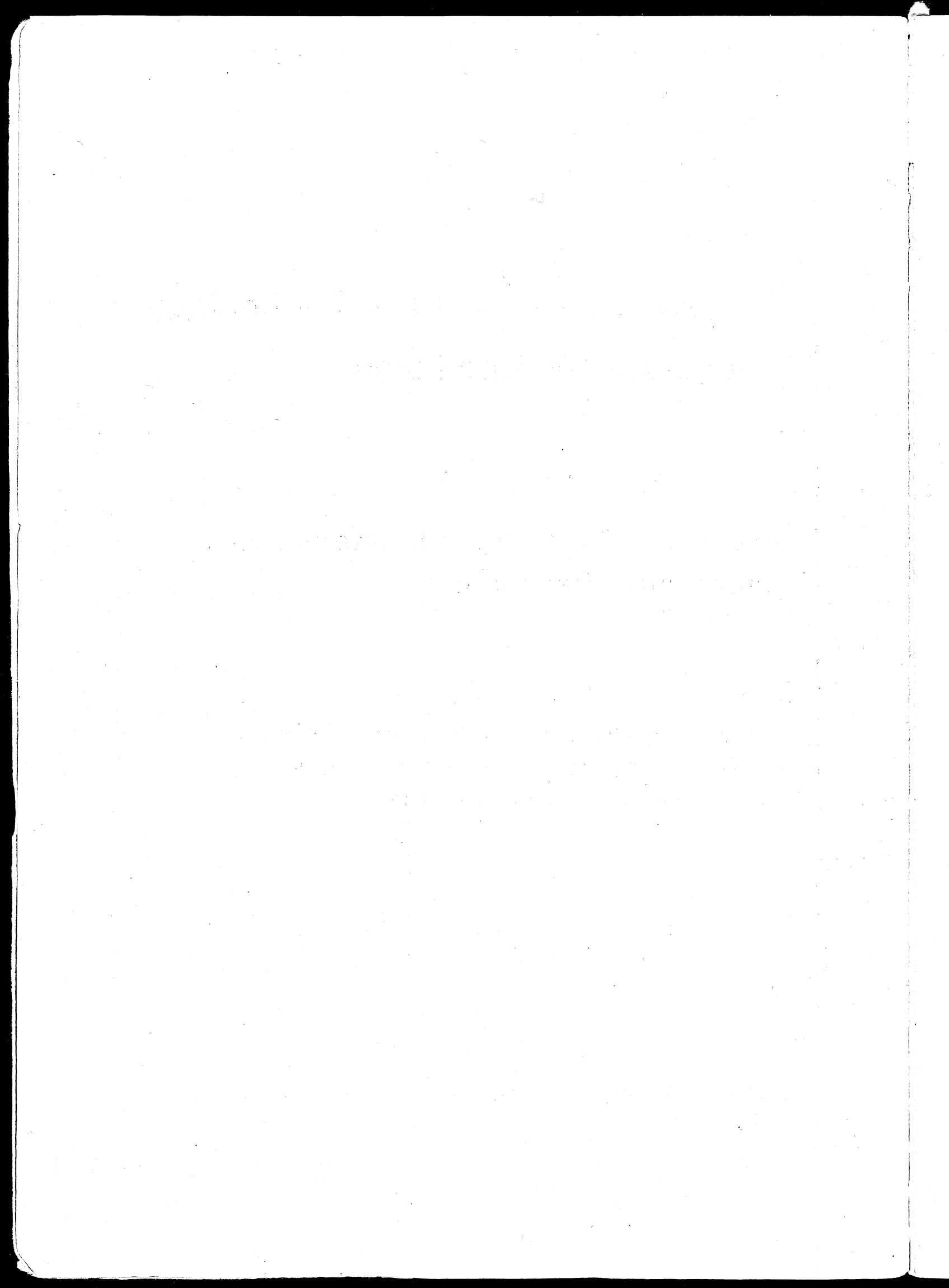
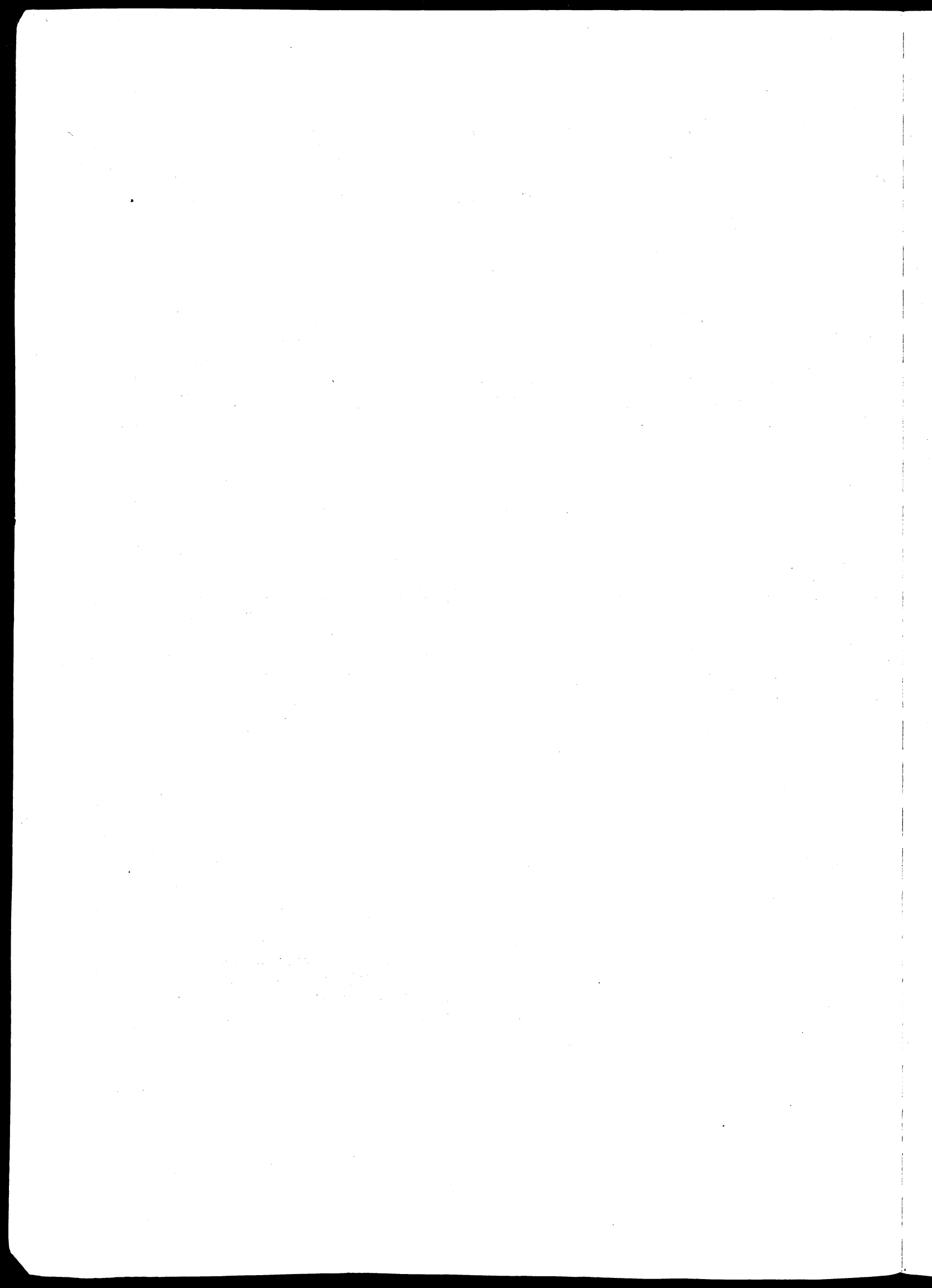


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Preface

An inter-center seminar of the members of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) was held at the Rockefeller Conference Center at Bellagio, Italy on March 25-29, 1985. Participants included the directors-general or representatives from the international centers, the CGIAR secretariat, and the Technical Advisory Committee; the president and representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation; and experts with research experience on the role of women in agricultural development in the less-developed countries. The objectives of the seminar were to assess the current activities in the centers related to a more effective integration of women in the modernization of agriculture and to seek possible ways of improving the performance of the CGIAR system on this issue.

The seminar was co-sponsored by the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) and the Rockefeller Foundation. It is a follow-up activity to a conference on Women and Rice Farming Systems held at IRRI in September 1983, which recommended that a meeting be organized at the senior CGIAR level to discuss how the international research centers could most effectively build upon the important roles that women play in agriculture.

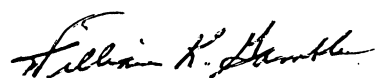
The seminar report is in two volumes. Volume I, Analyses and Conclusions, includes the seminar presentations and the final statement prepared by the participants. Volume II, a reprint of the background document distributed to the seminar participants under the title "The Users' Perspective in International and National Agricultural Research", is in three parts.

Part I includes the background documents prepared by 12 of the international centers to describe their experience with user-oriented research.

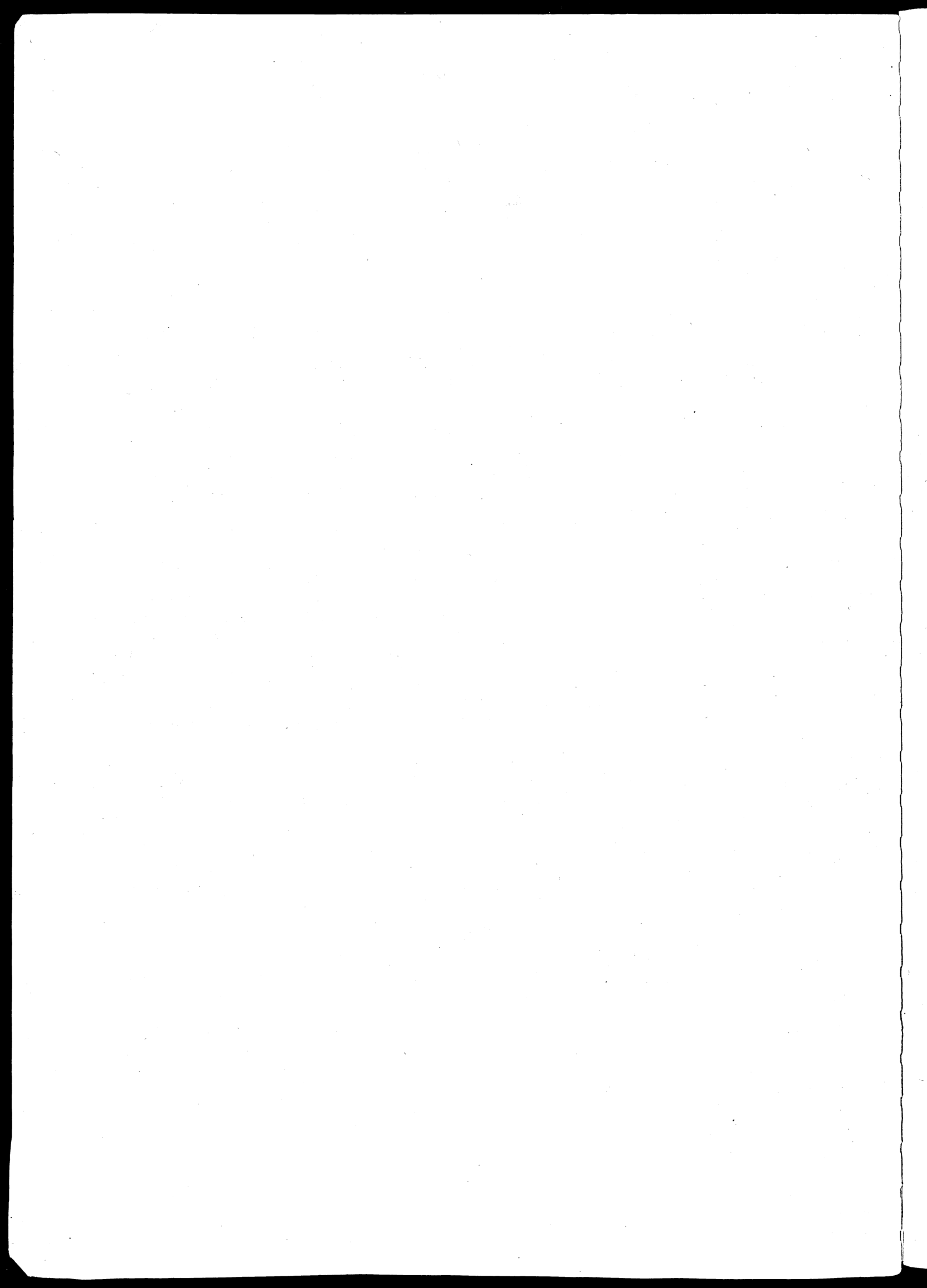
Part II includes regional reviews of the literature describing women's role in agricultural production and decision-making in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Part III, the only one which is not an original text, reprints a paper given by Dr. Uma Lele at a Conference on Population Growth and Labor Force Absorption in the Developing World: 1960-2000. It is included here with permission because of its relevance to the seminar.

These papers bring together a large amount of information and much insight on issues of importance to the future orientation of international and national research, and ISNAR greatly appreciates the substantial contribution of the many people involved in their preparation. They are printed in this document exactly as received.



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PART I

THE IARCS' AND THE USERS' PERSPECTIVE:

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