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## Postscript

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Charles Correa, during the closing remarks, invited Syed Zaigham Jaffery to expand on his proposal made earlier, for the establishment of a South Asian Regional Federation of the Institutes of Architects. Syed Zaigham Jaffery said such a co-operative effort between the architects of the region could be established to exchange expertise, scholars, teachers and students within the region. It could avoid duplication of research effort, share common experiences and enhance regional co-operation through establishment of regional banks of craftsmen, architects, and expertise in various aspects of the profession. From this pool all the countries of South Asia could benefit. Such an association or forum, Mr. Jaffery, pointed out could also become a pressure group for the general improvement of the profession in the region as a whole. It could also act as a promoter of the role of architects in national development and also urge legislative protection for the recognition of the title "architect" in the entire region. Although Mr. Jaffery

favoured such a forum on the institute level, he said senior architects from the region could individually form the initial core group to launch the programme with the active support of the national institutes.

The initial meeting of the group consisting of Charles Correa, Uttam Jain, Romi Khosla (from India), Muzharul Islam, Rabiul Hussain, and Shamshul Wares (from Bangladesh), Geoffrey Bawa (from Sri Lanka), Kamil Khan Mumtaz and Syed Zaigham Jaffery (from Pakistan) met in Dacca to formulate the modalities of the proposal. Said Zulficar, Secretary General of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture was also present and offered to sponsor on behalf of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture the first meeting of the group in Fatehpur Sikri, India in March, 1986. This meeting was held and as its first project the South Asia forum agreed to set up a two-week workshop of students, architects and craftsmen in Lahore in early 1987.