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Introduction

1. The Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP) and three supporting Resolutions were adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 14 September 1994).
2. The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP was held in Tokyo on 20 November 1996 to finalize preparatory arrangements for implementation of the Action Plan, in particular five priority projects identified at the First Intergovernmental Meeting.
3. At the same meeting, the Programme Document, and Budget and Timetable for the biennium 1997/1998 were approved. However, it was decided that further Trust Fund arrangements and establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) were to be discussed at a later time.
4. The Preparatory Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points for the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP was convened, 7-8 April 1998, in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, to facilitate organization of, and discuss items relevant to, the Third Intergovernmental Meeting.
5. Pursuant to Resolution 2 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, the Executive Director of UNEP convened the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP on 9 April 1998 in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.
6. This document is the record of the discussions and deliberations of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting held on 9 April 1998 in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.
7. Representatives of the States in the Northwest Pacific region (Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation) participated in the meeting. Observers were also present from Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, and the research institutes and the Primorsky Kray Administration of the Russian Federation. The full list of participants is attached as ANNEX I to this report.
8. Before the official opening of the meeting, the heads of the delegation met to discuss the procedure for the meeting. It was agreed that selection of officers would precede the opening statements.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting:

9. On behalf of Mr. Klaus Toepfer, UNEP Executive Director, Mr. Takehiro NAKAMURA (Programme Officer, UNEP Water Branch) opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. on 9 April 1998.
10. Mr. NAKAMURA, in his opening statement, referred to the decisions taken at the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, and he briefly reviewed the progress made after the Second Intergovernmental Meeting. He further stressed the significance of regional cooperation in the field of marine environment management and protection, citing cases of oil spill preparedness and response.
11. The representative of the Primorsky Kray Administration and Russian Federation, Mr. Evgueni S. STOMATIOUK, made a welcoming statement on behalf of the Governor of the Primorsky Kray. The meeting was also addressed, respectively, by representatives of the Republic of Korea, People's Republic of China, and Japan. At the invitation of the Chairman, the IOC representative also made a statement. The opening statements are attached as ANNEX II.

12. In his opening statement, the representative of the Primorsky Kray and the Russian Federation, referring to the ecological situation of the marine environment, stated that the Russian Federation was interested in inviting a Regional Activity Centre (RAC) on monitoring.
13. The representative of the Republic of Korea stressed the importance of financial and institutional arrangements for implementation of NOWPAP. He also emphasized that the Republic of Korea would like to host a Regional Activity Centre on marine pollution preparedness and response. He also indicated that the Government of the Republic of Korea wished to host the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) of NOWPAP in the Republic of Korea.
14. The representative of the People's Republic of China introduced the Beijing Earth station, which is one of the Mercure projects, a centralized satellite communication system, and indicated that the Government of the People's Republic of China would like to host a Regional Activity Centre on marine information and data.
15. The representative of Japan referred to significance of regional cooperation, and introduced Japan's contribution to NOWPAP implementation.
16. The IOC representative stressed the significance of cooperation between NOWPAP and IOC activities.
17. All the representatives who took the floor expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation for its excellent arrangements for the meeting, particularly, State Committee for Environmental Protection, and Centre for International Projects. They also thanked the Primorsky Kray Administration and Pacific Geographical Institute for local arrangements.
18. The meeting was held at the House of Negotiations in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

Agenda Item 2: Organization of the Meeting

19. The meeting elected a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur, as follows:

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| Chairman: | Mr. Sergei B. TVERITINOV (Russian Federation) |
| Vice Chairman: | Mr. CHUN Yung Woo (Republic of Korea) |
| Rapporteur: | Mr. WANG Cheng-Jun (People's Republic of China) |

20. The Chairman proposed for the meeting's consideration that the rules of procedure of UNEP's Governing Council, as applicable to the meetings convened by the Executive Director, would apply, *mutatis mutandis*, for this meeting. The meeting approved the proposal.
21. The meeting was conducted in English.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda:

22. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/1) and the Annotated Provisional Agenda (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/2) were introduced by the Chairman, and the Secretariat introduced the List of Documents (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/Inf.1/Rev.2). The meeting adopted the proposed agenda. The adopted agenda, as well as the final list of documents, are attached to this report as ANNEXES III and IV, respectively.

Agenda Item 4: Report of the Executive Director on Implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan

23. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the UNEP representative made an overview presentation on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan, referring to the Report of the UNEP Executive Director on the Implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/3/Rev.1). In his presentation, specific reference was made to the Trust Fund arrangements and progress in implementation of the five priority activities.

24. The Report of the Executive Director of UNEP was noted by the meeting.

25. The Rapporteur of the Preparatory Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points reported to the meeting on the deliberations at the Preparatory Meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Review of the Progress in Implementation of the Programme for the 1997/1998 Biennium

26. The meeting adopted the revised Workplan and Budget for Implementation of NOWPAP in the Biennium 1997/1998 (ANNEX V).

27. It was noted that the proposed activities and budgets for activities in relation to public awareness raising for the International Year of the Ocean (NOWPAP/6) was tentatively approved, subject to the final approvals by all the member States upon their receipt of the draft of the English version of the 'Ocean book' and more detailed information on the proposed poster production. The representatives modified the text of draft Resolution 1 in accordance with this understanding.

28. Draft Resolution 1 was further discussed, and was subsequently adopted with slight modification.

Agenda item 6: Review and Adoption of the Further Arrangements for the NOWPAP Trust Fund, Including Contribution to the Trust Fund and Its Expenditure

29. The UNEP representative introduced relevant documents (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/6, UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/8 and UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/9).

30. The representative of the People's Republic of China revealed the view of the Government of the People's Republic of China on the issue of the financial arrangements. In his statement, he, pointing out advantages and disadvantages of regional cooperation and issues, indicated the different economic development stages of the member States, which might hamper mobilization of donor funding. He then reaffirmed the principles to be applied to the Trust Fund arrangements, such as the voluntary nature of each State's contribution, and common but differentiated responsibility. He further emphasized that the member States had better have a common ground to put aside disputes to keep the current momentum for NOWPAP to move forward. He then indicated the needs for opening channels to external financial resources.

31. The representative of the Republic of Korea emphasized that the contribution to the Trust Fund should be decided based on the principle of equal participation and shared responsibility, as well as capacity to pay. He then tabled the following proposal for the contribution scale to the NOWPAP Trust Fund:

| COUNTRY | BASIC | ADDITIONAL | US\$ TOTAL |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Japan | 10% | 30% | 200,000 |
| P.R. China | 10% | 10% | 100,000 |
| R.of Korea | 10% | 10% | 100,000 |
| Russian Federation | 10% | 10% | 100,000 |
| TOTAL | 40% | 60% | 500,000 |

He further explained on this proposed scale that the proposed additional contributions from the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, and Russian Federation were based on the UN assessment scale for the year 2000, and that the total of 50 % was considered to be the ceiling of the contribution allocation for a single State.

32. The Representatives of Japan and the Russian Federation also made statements on items to be considered when financial arrangements were discussed, such as existence of various principles, none of which were thorough.

33. The Chairman also indicated that the Trust Fund issues should be combined with the discussion on the proposed activities.

34. At the recommendation of the Chairman, the meeting formed a small working group to discuss this issue and the draft Resolution 3.

35. As a result of the small working group discussion, the proposed changes to the draft Resolution 3 were introduced to the meeting.

36. The meeting approved the proposed principles in expenditure of the NOWPAP Trust Fund (ANNEX VI).

37. Based on the recommendation of the small working group, the meeting adopted Resolution 3.

Agenda item 7: Review of the Institutional Arrangements for Implementation of NOWPAP, Including Establishment of the Network of Regional Activity Centres (RAC's) and Possible Future Establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU)

38. At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of UNEP introduced the relevant documents (UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/4, UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/5, UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/8, and UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/9).

39. The representative of the People's Republic of China confirmed the intention of the Government of the People's Republic of China to host the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting.

40. The meeting adopted Resolution 2 with modification. The adopted Resolutions are attached as ANNEX VII.

Agenda item 8: Other Matters

41. The Chairman indicated that the UNEP Executive Director was requested to keep the Democratic People's Republic of Korea informed of the development of NOWPAP, and to continue to invite it to

participate in implementation of NOWPAP.

42. The participant representing the State Ecological Fund of the Russian Federation indicated that the Fund was ready to contribute to the NOWPAP Trust Fund the sum of US\$10,000 to contribute to NOWPAP implementation. The representative of the Russian Federation indicated that such funds should be spent on activities benefiting the State where the donors are situated.

43. The representative of UNEP would investigate possible ways to receive such contribution based on the current Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund. Such information would be provided to the member States as soon as practical but not later than the next Intergovernmental Meeting.

Agenda item 9: Report on the Credentials

44. The Chairman reported to the meeting that the credentials had been reviewed prior to the meeting by a small group consisting of the representatives of the member States, and that all the credentials were accepted.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

45. The Rapporteur presented the draft report to the meeting.

46. The meeting adopted the report, as well as its annexes, as the official record of the deliberations of the meeting.

Agenda item 11: Closure of the Meeting

47. All the delegates expressed their sincere appreciation for the Chairman and UNEP secretariat for successful proceeding of the meeting. They also thanked the Government of the Russian Federation, in particular, Centre for International Projects of the State Committee of the Russian Federation for Environmental Protection, State Far-Eastern Marine Environment Service of the State Committee of the Russian Federation for Environmental Protection, Primorsky Kray Administration, and Pacific Geographical Institute for excellent arrangements for the meeting, and also appreciated the support from the "Far-Eastern Marine Fund" of the Federal Ecological Fund of Russia, Inter-Regional Branch, .

48. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m..

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ANNEX II

OPENING STATEMENTS

**Opening Statement on Behalf of Mr. Klaus Toepfer,
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by

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Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am both honoured and delighted to be here today to address you on behalf of Mr. Klaus Toepfer, UNEP Executive Director, on this occasion of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP). I also wish to express my highest gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation which has kindly offered to host this meeting, as well as the Preparatory Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points. My special thanks also go to the Primorsky Kray Administration, and Pacific Geographical Institute, both of which assumed function of local arrangements for these meetings.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) was adopted in September 1994 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, for the purpose of management and development of the marine and coastal environment in the Northwest Pacific to obtain the utmost long-term benefits of human population of the region.

It is the very objective that, through implementation of this Action Plan, regional cooperation is enhanced in the field of management and protection of the marine and coastal environments, which are the environments and resources shared by the human beings in the region.

As we understand, there was an unfortunate accident which took place in January 1997. The Russian tanker Nakhodka became wrecked off-shore of Oki Island, Japan, causing the estimated oil spill of 6,240 kl. The spilled oil reached the coastal line of Japan, giving serious threats to important habitats of coastal ecosystems, fisheries and other marine products. However, Japan and the Russian Federation showed a good spirit of cooperation in recovering the spilled oil.

By coincidence, this accident revealed a strong need for regional cooperation in emergency environmental problems. I would like to note NOWPAP/4: Development of effective measures for regional cooperation in marine pollution preparedness and response has been initiated to address such a need for regional cooperation. The NOWPAP Forum on Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response was launched in Toyama in July last year for the purpose of exchange of information, and development of a regional contingency plan and a possible regional Memorandum of Understanding. This project, by enhancing regional cooperation for the shared marine environment, can show usefulness of NOWPAP projects.

As we all recall, at the Second Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP, held in Tokyo, Japan, on 20 November 1996, we have declared that necessary preparatory work had been completed for implementation of the Action Plan. The Programme Document for the five priority areas was adopted at the same meeting, together with the Workplan and Budget for the planned activities for the biennium 1997/1998.

I am pleased to report to you that UNEP, in cooperation with Intergovernmental Oceanographic

Commission (IOC) and International Maritime Organization (IMO), is in the process of implementation of the agreed Programme for the biennium 1997/1998. UNEP is placing a particular priority to the 'Water' sub-programme, and will continuously support the important initiative of NOWPAP even within limited resources.

Resolution 2 at the Second Intergovernmental Meeting requested the Executive Director of UNEP to convene the Third Intergovernmental Meeting in 1997, for the purpose of reviewing the progress of implementation of the priority projects identified in the approved Programme Document, and Workplan and Budget. We regret that, due to our long discussion with the member States with regard to venue and timing, the Third Intergovernmental Meeting could not be organized within 1997. Thanks to the kind offer of the Government of the Russian Federation, we have gathered here to discuss important issues relevant to NOWPAP based on the results of the Preparatory Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points, which was concluded. These issues include:

1. Progress in implementation of the priority projects;
2. Further arrangements for the NOWPAP Trust Fund; and
3. Establishment of a Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) and network of Regional Activity Centres (RAC's)

Finally, this year has been designated as the United Nations system-wide International Year of the Ocean. Throughout this year, many events and activities are planned to promote the importance of the ocean, its environment and resources. UNEP is also making contribution particularly to public awareness raising in significance of protection of marine environments. I also strongly believe that what we are achieving under NOWPAP is our strong contribution to the International Year of the Ocean.

In closing, I would like to congratulate on the progress made in implementation of the Action Plan, and to reassure you UNEP's continuous support for the implementation of this important Action Plan.

I sincerely wish us all a very fruitful discussion.

Thank you for your attention.

**Opening Statement
on behalf of Governor of the Primorsky Kray and the Russian Federation**

by

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Russian Federation**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Governor of Primorsky Kray and on my own behalf, may I welcome participants in the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Implementation of the UNEP Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region.

We are very concerned about the environmental situation in this region. Over the last century, fundamental environmental changes have occurred in this region, which has been exploited for many thousands of years. Particularly strong environmental change has taken place in the mainland area. Available data indicate that a very large part of the area is experiencing severe man-made impacts.

In Primorsky Kray and, to some extent, Khabarovskiy Kray and Sakhalin Oblast, as well as in the adjacent water bodies, geological, historical and political conditions have resulted in a management system whereby the area is now being utilized in a sharply concentrated manner, in terms of both intensity and specialization. This has led to a concentration of man-made impacts in local areas. In this context, we must, unfortunately, note that the economic development of the Far Eastern areas of Russia has been undertaken without due account for the environmental consequences and without a uniform environmental protection policy. The environmental situation has worsened in a number of coastal areas, and even in Khabarovskiy Kray, and environmental problem-areas have appeared.

There is no doubt that, as a result of the reforms in Russia, our Far Eastern territories, especially the southern coastal areas, have recently received a fresh impetus for active development. The process of integration between both the countries and the areas of the region is being intensified. Under these circumstances, many environmental problems cannot be solved in a single country alone or through the efforts of any one country.

Therefore, we are closely attached to the overall goal of the UNEP Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific. The wise use of the coastal and marine environment so as to obtain the utmost long-term benefits for the human population of the region, while protecting human health and environmental security, will form the basis for sustainable development of the region for future generations.

Thus, we also support the main objectives of the UNEP Action Plan:

- (i) To assess the state of the regional environment with the help of a coordinated monitoring system;
- (ii) To exchange databases on the state of the environment in order to improve management;
- (iii) To rationalize coastal resource use in order to develop a mechanism for integrated management of the marine and coastal environment and its resources, that combines

protection, restoration, conservation and sustainable use; and

- (iv) To develop and adopt effective measures for collaboration and coordination in the management of coastal water bodies, common resources and the prevention of coastal and marine pollution.

We are confident that the Third Intergovernmental Meeting of the Northwest Pacific countries will resolve the issues relating to establishment of regional activity centres on biological diversity, monitoring, and organization of exchange of environmental databases, as well as environmental assessment and prevention and control of pollution. The Primorsky Kray Administration not only believes in the usefulness of setting up such coordinating centres, but also supports the idea of organizing a centre in Vladivostok for a regional programme for monitoring the marine and coastal environment within the framework of the UNEP Action Plan for the Northwest Pacific. However, it is doubtful whether it would be appropriate to establish a new structure for these purposes, as this would require additional resources. In our view, maximum use must be made of the potential of existing scientific institutions, and consideration must be given to the possibility of having, as such a centre, Far Eastern Regional Hydrometeorological Research Institute of Russian Federal Service on Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring, and the institutes of the Far-Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science. For its part, the Primorsky Kray Administration and specialists from industry and scientific institutions will provide necessary assistance for the effective organization of its work.

We hope that this Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the UNEP NOWPAP programme, in Vladivostok, will, like its predecessors in Seoul in 1994 and in Tokyo in 1996, be a successful one and serve as a further step towards strengthening cooperation in the Northwest Pacific region.

I thank you for your attention.

Opening Statement

by

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The Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to be elected Vice-Chairman of this Meeting. I join you for the assumption of the Chairman of this important meeting. You can be assured of my delegation's full cooperation for the productive proceedings and fruitful outcome of this meeting.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to you, Mr. Chairman, and through you to the Russian delegation and the Government of the Russian Federation for the warm hospitality extended to us and the impeccable organization and arrangements for the meeting.

We are also grateful to UNEP and its Water Branch staff for the professionalism and dedication with which they have been assisting the implementation of the NOWPAP and the preparation of this meeting. The documents prepared for this meeting attest to the excellent quality of work done by UNEP in support of the NOWPAP.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Korea reiterates the great importance it attaches to NOWPAP. My Government is strongly committed to the success of NOWPAP, because the protection and wise management of the coastal and marine environment in the Northwest Pacific is vital not only to the common well-being of the present generation of the peoples we serve, but also to that of our posterity. The progress we make in the Action Plan or the lack thereof will certainly have a bearing on the future ecological destiny and sustainable development of the Northwest Pacific and the coastal areas of the States represented here. Therefore, we all have a collective historic responsibility to turn the NOWPAP into a shining success of regional environmental cooperation. It is with this sense of responsibility and commitment that we came to this meeting. In a sense this meeting will be a testing ground for our capability to rise above each participating State's narrow self-interest in pursuit of broader common regional interest.

We view in positive light the overall progress made to date in NOWPAP since its inauguration at our First Intergovernmental Meeting in 1994. Although most of our agreed projects are still at an exploratory stage, the inauguration of NOWPAP was in itself a historic step forward. This is especially so, given that the tradition of multilateral cooperation had been conspicuously absent until then among the States represented here for historic and other reasons.

Creating a new cooperative mechanism in such a region is challenging enough. But making it work is not less so. It requires sustained political will and commitment, from all States involved to translate our vision of NOWPAP into reality. We have spent more than three years for groundwork. And yet, if our Action Plan is to move forward and to keep its momentum alive, we badly need agreement on financial and institutional arrangements. Such an agreement is essential to put NOWPAP on a solid and permanent footing. The documents before us prepared by UNEP provide a useful basis for serious discussions on these issues.

Let me say a few words on our basic position on the two crucial issues before us.

Regarding the financial arrangements, in particular on the scale of contributions to the Trust Fund, we are flexible and open-minded to any constructive ideas. The question of burden sharing is always the most difficult part of any multilateral cooperative undertaking or institution-building. The problem is that we cannot have reasonable prospects for real progress of the Action Plan before we agree on ways and means of financing our cooperative projects. For all projects that can bring concrete benefits to member States are supposed to cost money. This is a single nature of things. In our view, a fair and equitable solution can be found on the basis of two principles: the principle of common participation and shared responsibility and that of each participating State's capacity to pay. Therefore, our efforts to resolve this issue should focus on how to harmonize these two principles. In this exercise, we can draw upon lessons from other regional seas programs. We count on the wisdom and spirit of compromise of each and every delegation and we look forward to a breakthrough.

Turning now to the question of institutional arrangements, we believe that UNEP can best perform its role as an interim secretariat until the NOWPAP reaches the operational phase requiring full-fledged administrative support. This does not mean that we do not have to look far ahead from now. This issue should be considered in the context of the long-term vision we all share of NOWPAP. We believe that the NOWPAP should evolve into a legally binding agreement for coastal and marine environment protection in due time. I wish to remind other delegates that the Republic of Korea, as a token of its commitment to the NOWPAP, offered to host the Regional Activity Center for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response at the Second Intergovernmental Meeting. This offer remains valid today. The Republic of Korea is also considering the possibility of hosting the secretariat of the NOWPAP, if this is the wish of other NOWPAP member States.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, my delegation is ready to work closely with others to work out an expeditious agreement on all outstanding issues. I will come back with additional comments when we take up each of the agenda items.

**Opening Statement
at the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP**

by

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Distinguished Mr. Chairman and Delegates,

I would like to extend a warm congratulation on the opening of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP and your election as Chairman of this meeting. My delegation hopes this meeting will be a complete success with your chairmanship. I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to UNEP and the Russian Federation Government for their effective organization of this meeting.

This meeting will address the issues of the NOWPAP Trust Fund, the establishment of the Regional Coordinating Unit for NOWPAP, and the distribution and coordination, among the NOWPAP member States, of activity centers for NOWPAP priority projects, based on the summary of the progress made in the implementation of NOWPAP since the last Intergovernmental Meeting. Since the First Intergovernmental Meeting called by UNEP, the NOWPAP member States have fully recognized the importance of protection of the marine environment and ecological resources in the Northwest Pacific for regional economic growth and social stability, and with this awareness, have expressed their willingness to shoulder their appropriate obligations and responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman,

Since the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, China has made great efforts in the implementation of NOWPAP and the protection of the marine environment. China has completed the national reports for NOWPAP/1 and NOWPAP/3 and is going to complete the one for NOWPAP 2.

Seas are an important part of the global environment, and therefore, protection of the marine environment is a common responsibility of all the world nations. The Government of China has given high priority to the marine environment, which is indicated by the fact that China has identified prevention of the marine pollution from land-based activities as key area of the marine environment protection while making great efforts in the conservation of the marine biological resources and prevention and control of the marine environment pollution.

Recent years, China has made greater efforts in controlling the surface water pollution by having identified the water pollution control in three rivers and three lakes as priorities. The master plan has been worked out for the pollution control in these rivers and lakes. Legal instruments are employed for requiring the relevant enterprises to meet the emission standards by a given deadline, which is designed to reduce the total amount of pollutants and to improve the environmental quality in these regions. Take Huai River Basin as an example, China closed down 999 chemical pulp factories with the production capacity below 5,000 tons in the four provinces of this river basin by the end of 1996. And, by the end of 1997, 1,562 heavily-polluting major enterprises completed, as required, their pollution abatement measures, which substantially reduced the pollution load of the industries in this river basin. In the first half of 1997, more than sixty thousand small factories of fifteen categories were closed down. All this shows that China is determined not only to fight the pollution and to protect the environment, but also to alleviate the contribution of land-based pollution to the

marine environmental damages. This is also a concrete action taken by China to implement the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), which was adopted in November 1995.

Mr. Chairman,

The NOWPAP Trust Fund is crucial to the implementation of NOWPAP projects. It is also an issue under discussion. I would like to take this opportunity to present some of our views on this issue.

It is the fact that the implementation of NOWPAP is going slowly, and we have to face this reality and need to sit down to seek reasons in a practical way. There exist indeed different views with regard to the arrangements for the Trust Fund of NOWPAP. The fundamental reason behind these differences is that we have not achieved a consensus in understanding of the national reality of our States in this region. All the wishes, even though they are all very good, will be difficult to become reality in practice if the basic aspects are not considered. Our basic position on this issue is threefold:

1. Three conditions in favour of the implementation of NOWPAP are an important basis for our cooperation in this region:
 - (i) The Governments of the four member States have all recognized the importance of the marine environment protection of the Northwest Pacific and have demonstrated the willingness to cooperate in this region;
 - (ii) The number of the member States involved in this cooperation is small, and they do not have profound political, national and religious clashes; and
 - (iii) The cooperation in this region has merited the great support and active participation of UNEP and some other international organizations.
2. The conditions not in favour of the implementation of NOWPAP are the main causes of the slow progress, which are indicated by twofold aspects:
 - (i) The four member States in this region are in different stages of marine environment protection. We think that marine environment protection, in general, can be undertaken in two stages. In the first stage, a State concentrates its efforts on control of land-based sources of pollution, which is considered as major threats to the marine environment; and in the second stage when the land-based pollution has been abated, a State looks for regional and international cooperation for sustainable development of all the States involved. In the latter stage, overfishing, marine oil spills, damage of coastal wetlands and beaches, and marine biodiversity conservation are identified as major threats to the marine environment. However, we think the work in the first stage is the prerequisite to the work in the second stage. If we do not complete the work in the first stage, it is impossible to talk about sustainable development. To conduct regional cooperation for sustainable development of all the member States concerned is our common interest and common goal we all pursue, which are mutually related, facilitated and integrated as well as differentiated.

The four member States in this region have achieved different progresses in the marine environment protection. Japan and the Republic of Korea are now in the second stage. It is now hard to conclude whether Russia is in the second stage according to the information available to us, even though great progress has been made in the marine environment protection by Russia. China is still in the first stage for various reasons. In years ahead, China will make big investments in the pollution control in three rivers and tree lakes. You can imagine how much burden we will shoulder, and the magnitude of the future work. Therefore,

in this regard, we hope for the full understanding of all the relevant sides of our current situation and financial implications for addressing it.

- (ii) This unique model of regional cooperation is also a real issue. In some sense, environmental problems have no boundary, and environmental protection is the common responsibility of all the countries of the world. Regional cooperation is an important way to improve the regional environmental quality and to achieve regional sustainable development. As we observe, there are currently three models of such cooperation:
- (a) The first model is cooperation between developing countries. Weakness of this cooperation is lack of financial resources. However, this weakness is also an advantage in the sense that they take immediate action for practical progress once such financial resources are available from outside. An example of this is the cooperation for the East Asian Seas.
- (b) The second model is cooperation between developed countries. Strength of such cooperation is the financial resources that are relatively more easily obtained for cooperative activities. As long as the relevant countries reach a consensus in taking concerted action, practical results will be achieved in this field. A successful example of this is the cooperation in the Mediterranean.
- (c) The third model is cooperation between developing and developed countries. Cooperation of this kind is characterized by difference of various countries in carrying capacity and financial resources and by cooperation on different bases. Additionally, it is relatively difficult to obtain financial resources from outside for such regional cooperation just because a few developed or medium-developed countries are involved in this cooperation. It is just like feeling hard to tell the outsiders about our difficulty even though everybody inside feels it. We think this mode fits the cooperation in NOWPAP. In this regional cooperation, the developed countries do not want to have a big share of obligations while the developing countries have great difficulty in fulfilling their obligations. This is a real problem in this cooperation as well as the fundamental reason for the slow implementation of NOWPAP.
3. Based on the above understanding of the situation, my delegation would like to propose the following recommendations:
- (i) The contribution of the Trust Fund will follow the principle of voluntary contribution since the regional cooperation is on a voluntary basis. No country will be forced to make its contribution beyond its capability of doing so. Even though it is our persistent position that the developed countries should make more contributions, this is the case only when they have fully recognized their role in this process and have pledged to have more responsibilities and obligations.
- (ii) The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, which was adopted at Rio Conference, must be observed.
- (iii) Under the circumstances that there is no consensus on the replenishment, a realistic attitude will be adopted by putting aside our difference and by doing well firstly the work we have planned to do. It seems to us that it is meaningless to stop at discussion without practical action.
- (iv) For the Trust Fund, we will look for more fund-raising channels, even though we all agree that the government contribution is important. In the future, the government contribution can be increased when the conditions are mature for this growth. We do not think the government contribution is the only channel. Instead, more financial resources should be sought, including

support from the developed countries, international organizations, NGO's and private sector. Such fund will be provide for assistance particularly to the developing countries.

We believe that, if we can achieve consensus on the above issues, the difference can be narrowed quickly and more progress will be made in the implementation of NOWPAP, and moreover, we can catch up with or surpass other regions even if we are behind now.

As to the establishment of activity centers for NOWPAP projects, China is very willing to host the activity center for NOWPAP/1 on marine data and information. This is not only because UNEP has an Earth Station in Beijing but also because we can provide all the States in the region with the service required for the activity center. China will make its contributions with cooperative attitude to the marine environment protection in the Northwest Pacific and to the implementation of NOWPAP activities.

Mr. Chairman,

Before closing, I am very pleased to inform you all that China is going to host the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting. We will communicate with UNEP to finalize the specific place and timing of the meeting. Meanwhile we are looking forward to seeing you all in the NOWPAP/1 Workshop in Beijing in July this year.

Finally, I wish the meeting a complete success.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**General Remarks
on the Occasion of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Northwest Pacific Action Plan**

by

**Toshihide TSUMAGARI
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Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

It is my pleasure to take part in this Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Northwest Pacific Action Plan. On behalf of Japanese delegation, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your election to the Chairmanship of this Meeting. Our delegation is pleased to have the honour of working with you and our colleagues here.

NOWPAP is an effective Plan for protecting this region from marine pollution. A disaster of a ship wreck is a particularly painful remainder of its necessity. Every time a disaster happens, we clearly see that sudden disastrous marine pollution brings about disruption to daily-life, and what is worse, it requires the expenditure of many valuable resources to recover from such a disaster. We also realized that there was a lack of regional schemes for prevention of marine pollution from land based sources. We believe that NOWPAP will help resolve such problems.

Through this series of NOWPAP Meetings, I believe it can be said we have succeeded in making certain progress in creating a proper framework. In this context, it is our honour to have hosted two important NOWPAP Meetings. As the host government of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting in Tokyo, we offered an opportunity for coordination of NOWPAP projects. The First Forum Meeting of NOWPAP/4 which was held in Toyama last year, was another occasion to provide each country with an appropriate venue for exchanging views and opinions on the development of effective measures for regional cooperation in marine pollution preparedness and response. We look forward to seeing our colleagues again as we make further steps at the Second Forum Meeting of NOWPAP/4, which is scheduled to be held in Taejon, Republic of Korea, following this meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

Meanwhile, there are still some issues that remain unsolved, despite their importance. These matters are also central to the discussions at this Meeting. This is why we have gathered here. To narrow the gap between each country's position as much as possible is our priority at this Meeting, and therefore, we hope to concentrate on consideration of what shape NOWPAP should take. Accordingly, we expect to come up with some clues to resolve.

Finally, our delegation would like to thank the Government of the Russian Federation for organizing this Third Intergovernmental Meeting. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality of the people of Vladivostok. Our delegation hopes that there will be fruitful discussions at this Meeting.

**Opening Statement of Representative
of Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO**

by

**Alexander V. TKALIN
IOC Representative**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, I would like to congratulate all distinguished participants of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting on NOWPAP taking place here, in Vladivostok, Russian Federation. Let me express my sincere thanks to the State Committee of Russian Federation on Environmental Protection and its local units, Administration of Primorsky Kray, Pacific Institute of Geography, and other local organizations for convening this meeting. Special thanks should also go to UNEP and, in particular, to Mr. Takehiro Nakamura for his very energetic and enthusiastic support of NOWPAP development in recent years.

IOC of UNESCO is serving as Implementing Agency for projects NOWPAP/1 and NOWPAP/3. According to the decisions of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting (Tokyo, November 20 1996), proposals on further implementation of these two projects are under preparation now. Workshops to discuss these proposals are to be organized later this year. Close cooperation between UNEP and IOC of UNESCO at different levels is crucial to carry out projects NOWPAP/1, NOWPAP/3 and NOWPAP/5 in due course. Experience and infrastructure available within the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) framework could also be very useful (e.g. Northeast Asian Regional Global Observing System (NEAR-GOOS), Northeast Asian Regional Health of the Ocean (NEAR-HOTO), Harmful Algal Bloom project, etc.)

I sincerely hope that this meeting will help successful implementation of NOWPAP projects and, therefore, to sustainable development of all NOWPAP countries. Implementation of NOWPAP projects can be also a significant contribution for the success of the Year of the Ocean.

Finally, I hope that this meeting will be very successful and fruitful.

Thank you.

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7. Review of the institutional arrangements for implementation of NOWPAP, including establishment of the network of Regional Activity Centres (RAC's) and possible future establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU)
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| UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/3/Rev.1 | Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) |
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ANNEX V

**REVISED WORKPLAN AND BUDGET
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTHWEST PACIFIC ACTION PLAN
IN THE BIENNIUM 1997-1998**

**REVISED WORKPLAN AND BUDGET
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTHWEST PACIFIC ACTION PLAN
IN THE BIENNIUM 1997-1998**

1. The workplan has been prepared based on the Programme Document, which was finalized at the *Ad Hoc* Meeting of Technical Experts to Discuss a Programme Document for NOWPAP, 9-11 September 1996, Bangkok. The starting timing of the five projects was designed in line with the following recommendations from the same meeting:
 - (i) NOWPAP/ 1, 3 and 4 should be started prior to the other projects, but NOWPAP/2 should follow them immediately; and
 - (ii) The fact finding missions in NOWPAP/1 and 3 could be combined to save the costs.
2. Activities under each project in the Programme Document are listed in the table of this workplan. Only PHASE I activities are listed here. Activities under PHASE II should be defined during the PHASE I, and should be put into the workplan for 1999 - 2000.
3. The support from the UNEP Environment Fund is subject to availability of funds and to the decision of the UNEP Governing Council at its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions.
4. All the budgetary figures are of indicative nature for the purpose of planning the NOWPAP programme and budget, and expressed in United States dollars. The budget does not include the Programme Support Cost (13% of the expenditure of the NOWPAP Trust Fund).
5. During January - March 1997, preparatory work is proposed to be carried out (such as preparation of project documents to be signed by UNEP and implementing agencies; designation of national contact institutions; etc.).
6. In the Table,
TF: NOWPAP Trust Fund;
EF: Environment Fund;
IOC: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization;

UNEP-EAP-AP: United Nations Environment Programme Environment Assessment Programme - Asian and the Pacific;
UNEP-ELI/PAC: United Nations Environment Programme Environmental Law and Institutions Programme Activity Centre;
UNEP-Water: UNEP Water Branch; and
IMO: International Maritime Organization.

7. The budget and timetable in square brackets indicate the revision of the Workplan and Budget.

1. NOWPAP/1 Establishment of a comprehensive data base and information management system

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----|-------------|----|--|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Creation of a coordinating framework | 3/97 | IOC | - | - | - | - | |
| B. Finalization and Publication of the Directory of Marine Environmental Institutions | [4/97 - 2/98] 4/97 - 10/97 | UNEP-EAP-AP, UNEP-Water | 5 | - | - | - | |
| C. Survey and assessment of national databases and information management systems | [6/97 - 1/98] 4/97 - 9/97 | national contact institutions | [12] ^{a)} 15 | - | - | - | |
| D. Fact finding mission | [2/98] 11/97 | IOC, UNEP-Water | 22 | - | - | - | The budget, including a consultant's fee (1 p/m) and trip, could be reduced by combining this trip with one in NOWPAP/3. |
| E. Assessment of national databases and preparation of a proposal for a regional database and information management systems | [3/98 - 5/98] 12/97 - 3/98 | IOC, UNEP-EAP-AP, UNEP-Water, and contact institutions | [0] 7 | - | [14] 7 | - | A consultant's fee (2 p/m). |
| F. Workshop to present national databases and to agree on regional cooperative framework | [5/98] 4/98 | IOC | - | - | 35 | - | The budget is for convening of a workshop and printing of the output. |
| Budget total | | | [39] 49 | - | [49] 42 | - | |

a) US\$3,000 was not spent on preparation of a national report by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

II. NOWPAP/2 Survey of national environmental legislation, objectives, strategies and policies

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----|-------------|----|--|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Creation of a coordinating framework | 6/97 | UNEP-ELI/PAC, UNEP-Water | - | - | - | - | |
| B. Conducting a survey on national environmental legislation, objectives, strategies, and policies | [8/97 - 3/98] 7/97 - 12/97 | National Contact Institutions, UNEP-ELI-PAC, UNEP-Water | [16] ^{p)} 27 | - | [7] - | - | The budget is for consultancy (1 p/m) and national activities (US\$20,000). |
| C. Preparation of publication; editing of national reports | [4/98 - 5/98] 12/97 - 2/98 | UNEP-ELI/PAC, UNEP-Water | [0] 7 | - | [12] 5 | - | publication (US\$5,000) and consultancy (1 p/m) |
| Budget total | | | [16] 34 | - | [19] 5 | - | |

b) US\$4,000 was not spent on preparation of a national report by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

III. NOWPAP/3 Establishment of a collaborative regional monitoring programme

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----|-------------|----|---|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Creation of a coordinating framework | 2/97 | IOC | - | - | - | - | |
| B. Conducting of assessment of the state of marine, coastal, and associated freshwater environments | [6/97 - 1/98] 3/97 - 10/97 | IOC, UNEP- Water, national contact institutions | [20] ^{a)} 32 | - | [7] | - | The budget includes a consultant fee (1 p/m) and costs for national activities |
| C. National survey on monitoring activities and capabilities | [6/97 - 1/98] 3/97 - 10/97 | IOC, UNEP- Water, national contact institutions | | | | | |
| D. Fact finding mission | [2/98] 11/97 | IOC, UNEP- Water | 22 | - | - | - | The budget, including a consultant's fee (1 p/m) and trip, could be reduced by combining this trip with one in NOWPAP/1 |
| E. Preparation of a draft proposal for a collaborative, regional monitoring programme | [3/98 - 5/98] 12/97 - 3/98 | IOC, UNEP- Water, and contact institutions | [0] 7 | - | [21] 14 | - | The budget is for consultant fee (3 p/m). |
| F. Convening of a three-day workshop on regional monitoring programme | [5/98] 4/98 | IOC | - | - | 35 | - | The budget is for convening of a workshop and printing of the output |
| Budget total | | | [42] 61 | - | [63] 49 | - | |

c) US\$5,000 was not spent on preparation of a national report by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

IV. NOWPAP/4 Development of effective measures for regional cooperation in marine pollution preparedness and response

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----|-------------|----|--|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Creation of a coordinating framework | 2/97 | IMO | - | - | - | - | |
| B. Initiation of a Forum | 3/97 - 6/97 | IMO, UNEP- Water | - | - | - | - | |
| First Forum Meeting | 7/97 | IMO, UNEP- Water, national contact institutions | [20] 30 ^{*)} | - | - | - | |
| Intersessional work | [8/97 - 2/98] 8/97 - 1/98 | Forum members | - | - | [5] | - | [consultancy for preparation of a background paper] |
| Second Forum meeting | [4/98] 1/98 | Forum | - | - | 30 | - | |
| intersessional work | [4/98 - 10/98] 1/98 - 7/98 | Forum members | - | - | [5] | - | [consultancy for preparation of a background paper] |
| Third Forum Meeting | [11/98] 7/98 | Forum | - | - | 30 | - | |
| Budget total | | | [20] 30 | - | [70] 60 | - | |

*) A part of this amount will be contributed towards consultancy fees. Required consultancy fees are estimated at US\$20,000.

V. NOWPAP/5 Commence the establishment of regional activity centres and their network

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Creation of a coordinating framework | 6/97 | UNEP-Water | - | - | - | - | |
| B. Information collection on other regional activity centres | [7/97 - 1/98] 7/97 - 10/97 | UNEP-Water | [0] 7 | - | [7] - | - | |
| C. Proposals by the NOWPAP States to invite regional activity centres | [2/98 - 10/98] 9/97 - 12/97 | NOWPAP National Focal Points | - | - | - | - | |
| D. Preparation of a feasibility study | [11/98 - 12/98] 1/98 - 2/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | 7 | - | |
| Budget total | | | [0] 7 | - | [14] 7 | - | |

VI. Regional implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities in the NOWPAP region

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Preparation of background document | [3/98 - 5/98] 3/97 - 10/97 | UNEP-Water | - | [0] 19.5 | - | [19.5] - | |
| B. A regional workshop | [6/98] 11/97 | UNEP-Water | - | [0] 15 | - | [15] - | |
| C. Follow-up to the workshop | [7/98 - 12/98] 12/97 - 9/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | - | - | |
| Budget total | | | - | [0] 34.5 | - | [34.5] - | |

VII. NOWPAP/6 - Public Awareness Raising for the Year of the Ocean

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Translation of the Ocean book | 6/98 - 8/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | 15 | - | |
| B. Selection of paintings | 5/98 - 9/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | - | - | |
| C. Printing and distribution of the Ocean book | 9/98 - 11/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | 10 | - | |
| D. Printing and distribution of posters | 10/98 - 12/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | 20 | - | |
| Budget total | | | - | - | 45 | - | |

N.B: This project was tentatively approved, subject to final approvals by all the member States upon their receipt of the English draft of the 'Ocean book' and more detailed information on proposed activities and budgets.

VII. Meeting to be organized for implementation of NOWPAP

| Activity | Timetable | Responsibility | 1997 budget | | 1998 budget | | Note |
|---|-----------|----------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------|
| | | | TF | EF | TF | EF | |
| A. Organization of Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points | 11/98 | UNEP-Water | - | - | 5 | - | |

ANNEX VI

PRINCIPLES IN EXPENDITURE OF THE NOWPAP TRUST FUND

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I. Programme Implementation

1. In principle, expenditure of the Trust Fund is on the discretion of the States which have contributed to it. The States in the Northwest Pacific region would agree that the NOWPAP Trust Fund should be spent principally on: (i) programme implementation based on the decisions of the intergovernmental meetings; and (ii) costs for secretariat functions when a Regional Coordinating Unit is established.
2. In implementation of the programmes for NOWPAP, UNEP will prepare project documents to be agreed to and signed by UNEP and the implementing agencies in a UNEP project document format (If UNEP is an implementing agency, project documents are prepared in a format for UNEP internal project documents). When other funding is available, the project documents will be prepared for multiple sources of funding.
3. All the project documents will be based on NOWPAP Programme Documents and/or Workplan and Budget approved by NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meetings. UNEP will make every effort to keep the total budget of each of the projects within the total budget for each project, which is approved by the intergovernmental meetings. The amounts of budget items in each project in the Programme Documents and/or Workplan and Budget will be used as guidelines for preparation of budget items in the project document. However, UNEP, in consultation with implementing agencies, will be allowed to increase or decrease the amount of each budget item within a reasonable range in order to make the project implementation feasible.
4. All the Meetings of Experts or Workshops held under the NOWPAP projects will be supported by the Trust Fund. The host Government will cover the cost of hosting such meetings, and costs for participants will be supported by the Trust Fund.

II. Intergovernmental Meetings and Meetings of Experts

5. No expenditure will be incurred from the Trust Fund to support participants at NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meetings including their Preparatory Meetings of Experts and National Focal Points. Host States will cover all expenses for hosting Intergovernmental Meetings, including their Preparatory Meetings of Experts and National Focal Points. Each participating State will cover its own participation costs, including airfare and costs for accommodation.
6. The costs for convening Meetings of Experts and National Focal Points of intersessional nature (except Preparatory Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points for Intergovernmental Meetings) to discuss overall implementation of the Action Plan will be covered by hosting States, and each participating State will cover its own costs for its participation. However, when these meetings are held in Bangkok, costs for such meetings convened by UNEP will be covered by the NOWPAP Trust Fund (the cost include rent for conference venues, hospitality, and stationeries), and each participating State will cover its own participation costs.

III. Costs for the Secretariat

7. Since the member States have not decided to establish a Regional Coordinating Unit, detailed terms of reference for expenditure of the Trust Fund for secretariat functions is not discussed in this document.

8. When the NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting decides on establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit, detailed terms of reference for expenditure of the NOWPAP Trust Fund for establishment and operation of a Regional Coordinating Unit will be discussed and agreed to among the NOWPAP States. Until such time, UNEP Environment Fund will cover the costs necessary for the secretariat functions, unless otherwise discussed at the intergovernmental meetings.

ANNEX VII

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION IN THE 1997-1998 BIENNIUM

The Third Intergovernmental Meeting.

Based on the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (Northwest Pacific Action Plan - NOWPAP), adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting, as well as Resolution 1 of the First Intergovernmental Meeting,

Based also on Resolution 2 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

Noting the progress made in implementation of the five priority projects by UNEP and implementing agencies,

Recognizing the willingness of international and regional organizations to assist in implementation of priority projects,

1. Approves the revised Workplan and Budget for the 1997/1998 Biennium (ANNEX V of UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/7).
2. Urges the member States of NOWPAP to submit the national reports for priority projects by the agreed deadlines.
3. Further urges the member States of NOWPAP which host workshops and meetings to provide possible technical and financial assistance for their organizations.
4. Upon receipt of more detailed information on the proposed activities and budgets for public awareness raising for the International Year of the Ocean, urges also the member States of NOWPAP to provide UNEP with their views as to whether these activities and budgets will be finally approved.

RESOLUTION 2

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NOWPAP

The Third Intergovernmental Meeting,

Based on the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (Northwest Pacific Action Plan - NOWPAP), adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting, as well as Resolution 2 of the First Intergovernmental Meeting,

Based also on Resolution 2 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

Noting the arrangements made by the Executive Director of UNEP for secretariat support for implementation of the Action Plan,

Noting also the information provided for establishment of Regional Activity Centre (RAC) network and a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU),

Recognizing the willingness of international and regional organizations to assist in implementation of priority projects,

1. **Requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare a proposal for defining roles and functions of the Regional Activity Centres in consultation with the member States.
2. **Invites** the member States of NOWPAP to submit to UNEP proposals to host RAC's within six months of the conclusion of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting in the format to be prepared by UNEP.
3. **Decides** to continue to consider the establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit.
4. **Requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to continuously function as interim secretariat for implementation of the Action Plan until such a time as a RCU for NOWPAP is established.
5. **Urges** the member States of NOWPAP to provide any possible support for UNEP to fulfil its function as the interim secretariat.
6. **Further requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to convene a Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points in 1998 to discuss Workplan and Budget for the Biennium 1999-2000, the scale of contribution to the Trust Fund, establishment of network of Regional Activity Centres, future establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit, and to review the national reports on environmental legislation.

7. Welcomes the People's Republic of China's proposal to host the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting at the venue and dates to be communicated through the Executive Director of UNEP to the member States.

RESOLUTION 3

FURTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NOWPAP

The Third Intergovernmental Meeting,

Based on the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (Northwest Pacific Action Plan - NOWPAP), adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting, as well as Resolution 3 of the First Intergovernmental Meeting,

Based also on Resolution 3 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

Recognizing the desire of the member States of NOWPAP for a prompt, efficient and cost-effective implementation of priority projects in support of the Action Plan,

Recognizing the need of the member States to reduce the undistributed percentage in the contribution scale,

Encouraging the member States to make their efforts to cooperate with the environment-related international bodies, local governments, private sectors and citizens to achieve the objectives of NOWPAP,

1. **Reaffirms** that the sum of US\$500,000 should be the total targeted contribution per year to NOWPAP activities, and that contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund are voluntary in nature.

2. **Decides** to endorse the following tentative scale of contributions to the Trust Fund for activities in 1998:

| COUNTRY | BASIC (percent) | ADDITIONAL (percent) | TOTAL (US\$) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Japan | 5 | 20 | 125,000 |
| People's Republic of China | 5 | 3 | 40,000 |
| Republic of Korea | 5 | 15 | 100,000 |
| Russian Federation | 5 | 5 | 50,000 |
| TOTALS: | 20 | 43 | 315,000 |

3. **Urges** the member States to review their tentative scale of contribution to the Trust Fund:

4. **Urges also** the member States and the Executive Director of UNEP to explore possibility of securing funds from sources external to the Trust Fund, including private sectors, local governments, and international and regional organizations.

5. **Approves** the following revised NOWPAP Trust Fund budget for the 1997-1998 Biennium:

| Project | 1997 budget | 1998 budget | total |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------|
| NOWPAP/1 | 39,000 | 49,000 | 88,000 |
| NOWPAP/2 | 16,000 | 19,000 | 35,000 |
| NOWPAP/3 | 42,000 | 63,000 | 105,000 |
| NOWPAP/4 | 20,000 | 70,000 | 90,000 |
| NOWPAP/5 | 0 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Meeting of Experts and National Focal Points | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Sub-Total | 117,000 | 220,000 | 337,000 |
| .13% of the sub-total as Programme Support Cost | 15,210 | 28,600 | 43,810 |
| Total | 132,210 | 248,600 | 380,810 |

6. **Tentatively approves** the budget of US\$ 50,850 in 1998 for Public Awareness Raising for the International Year of the Ocean, subject to the final approvals of all the member States.
7. **Approves** the Principles in Expenditure of the NOWPAP Trust Fund (ANNEX VI of UNEP(WATER)/NOWPAP IG.3/7).

