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Introduction

1. The First Intergovernmental Meeting (Seoul, 14 September 1994) adopted the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific (NOWPAP). The meeting decided to undertake five programme activities for the 1994/1996 biennium, and to consider later on institutional and financial arrangements for the implementation of NOWPAP.

2. The Second Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP (Tokyo, 20 November 1996) decided the geographic scope of NOWPAP, and approved the programme document, work plan and budget for the 1997/1998 biennium. The meeting also decided a tentative scale of contributions to the Trust Fund, based on the currently pledged contributions from the NOWPAP member states. The meeting requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to compile information on the experiences of other regional seas conventions and action plans relevant to the establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) for NOWPAP.

3. The Third Intergovernmental Meeting (Vladivostok, 9 April 1998) endorsed the revised work plan and budget for the 1997/1998 biennium and decided on the procedure of the establishment of a network of Regional Activity Centres (RACs).

4. The Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting (Beijing, 6-7 April 1999) approved the work plan and budget for the 1999/2000 biennium. It decided on the need to establish an RCU in the future and requested the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare a proposal for its creation for the consideration of the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting.

5. The Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting (Incheon, 29-30 March 2000) endorsed the revised work plan and budget for the 2000/2001 biennium, and decided on the procedures of the establishment of the NOWPAP RCU, including its Terms of Reference. It further requested the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare a summary of the offers for hosting the RCU and present it for discussion by the NOWPAP Members during the Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.

6. The Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting (Tokyo, 5-6 December 2000) agreed in principle to establish a co-hosted NOWPAP RCU in Toyama, Japan and Busan, the Republic of Korea, subject to the confirmation of the member states on the basis of their review of the detailed plan prepared by Japan and the Republic of Korea regarding the modalities of the RCU operation. As an interim measure UNEP was requested to operate RCU under the authority of UNEP's Executive Director. It decided to establish a new activity on "Assessment and Management of

Land-based Activities” within the NOWPAP work programme. Following this decision, UNEP was requested to assist the member states in the development of a GEF project proposal on the “Formulation of a Strategic Action Programme for the Northwest Pacific Region to Address Pollution of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities” for consideration at the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting.

7. Decision 21/30 of the Governing Council on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (9 February 2001) requested the UNEP Executive Director to establish the RCU administered by UNEP and to negotiate co-hosting the RCU with the governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea. A “Detailed Plan of Co-Hosting the Establishment of NOWPAP RCU” was submitted to UNEP by the governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea on 24 April 2001 in response to Resolution 2 of the Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.

8. Four Regional Activity Centres were established in the NOWPAP member States between 2000 and 2002 in accordance with the IGM decisions.

9. The Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting (Vladivostok, 20-22 March 2002) approved the work plan and budget for the 2002/2003 biennium. It also approved the modalities and Terms of References for the Working Groups of the NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres (RACs). Furthermore, it requested UNEP to advertise the vacancy announcements in accordance with the interim responsibilities of the two offices of NOWPAP RCU and summary description of the positions at the RCU.

10. The Eighth Intergovernmental Meeting (Sanya, 5-7 November 2003) approved the work plan and budget for the 2004/2005 biennium. It also approved the text of the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Cooperation on Preparedness and Response to Oil Spills in the Marine Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region and the related Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan for the NOWPAP region. Furthermore, the meeting approved the Terms of References for all the RAC Focal Point Meetings to more effectively implement the RACs activities.

11. During 2002/2003 UNEP and the two host countries negotiated the text of the Host Country Agreements (HCAs). The HCAs were signed by the Ambassador of Japan, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and the Executive Director of UNEP, in Nairobi on 16 September 2003 and 8 September 2004, respectively. Following the request of NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meetings, UNEP recruited the six staff members for the RCU during 2004-2005. The RCU offices were inaugurated on the 1st and 2nd November 2004, in Toyama and Busan respectively and commenced their functions in December 2004 - January 2005.

12. The Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting (Busan, 2-4 November 2004) approved the work plan and budget for the 2004/2005 biennium. The meeting agreed to develop a new activity on marine litter in the region. It requested the UNEP to further proceed with the currently developed GEF PDF-B proposal by submitting the project concept to GEF for approval. Furthermore, it decided to convene an “Intersessional Workshop” around mid-2005 in order to further discuss the marine litter activity, increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund and new directions

for the NOWPAP RACs and RCU. Prior to the meeting, the ceremony for the 10th anniversary of NOWPAP took place in Toyama and the signatures of the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Co-operation on Preparedness and Response to Oil Spills in the Marine Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region were presented in Busan.

13. The Intersessional Workshop (Seoul, 25-26 July 2005), organized by the newly established NOWPAP RCU, made four recommendations to the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting on new directions for NOWPAP RCU and RACs, marine litter initiative in the NOWPAP, sustainable contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund, and update of the NOWPAP/2 project overview.

14. Following the offer of the government of Japan to host the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting, the meeting was held in Toyama, Japan on 24-26 November 2005.

15. This document is the record of the discussions and deliberations of the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting.

16. The meeting was attended by representatives of the NOWPAP members, namely the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation. The directors of the four NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres also attended. The full list of participants is attached as Annex II to the report.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

17. The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting was opened at 09:00 a.m. on Thursday, 24 November 2005 in Toyama, Japan by the NOWPAP Chairman, Mr. Boonam Shin serving in this capacity since the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting. He extended a warm welcome to the participants.

18. On behalf the hosting government, Mr. Hiroshi Fukada, the head of the delegation of Japan, welcomed all participants to the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting. He stressed that the institutional arrangement of NOWPAP including the establishment of the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) has been progressed since 1994 when its Action Plan was adopted. In this regard, the expansion of the geographical scope of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan, in addition to conclusion of the NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan, its Memorandum of Understanding and development of a regional monitoring system, would be the next step to move forward with support from NOWPAP members. He further emphasised the severity of marine environmental problems including marine litter in the region and the importance of cooperation of NOWPAP member states to conserve the marine environment effectively and to ensure good outcomes of NOWPAP activities.

19. Mr. Michio Saida, the vice governor of the Toyama Prefecture, on behalf of his Prefecture, welcomed all participants to the meeting. He stated that in recognition of the

importance of marine ecosystems, the Toyama Prefecture established the Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Center (NPEC) in 1991, which is also hosting agency of CEARAC, and supported the establishment of NOWPAP RCU in November last year. He also wished that this meeting would contribute to develop environmental protection strategies for the Northeast Asia region including marine litter activities and future NOWPAP projects.

20. Dr. Alexander Tkalin, NOWPAP Coordinator has presented the opening statement on behalf of UNEP Executive Director, Mr. Klaus Toepfer. He stated that the newly established NOWPAP RCU is a "nerve centre" to move NOWPAP towards its ultimate goal of sustainable development of the Northwest Pacific region. He congratulated NOWPAP on the substantial progress with the Memorandum of Understanding for the NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan. He further stressed the importance of this meeting, in particular emphasising the three major agenda items, namely new directions of NOWPAP RACs and RCU, the increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund, and a new activity on marine litter in the region. Finally, he encouraged NOWPAP RCU to build up partnerships with other international organisations, programmes, projects according to the new strategic directions of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme.

21. Dr. Tkalin, NOWPAP Coordinator has delivered a message from the Head of the Regional Seas, Dr. Veerle Vanderweerd. It was mentioned that this meeting is not only to address the regular work programme but also to explore new strategic directions for NOWPAP. More specially, contributions to sustainable development, increase of country ownership and sustainability of the Action Plan were highlighted. The Second Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities to be held in October, 2006 in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, was announced to ensure the high-level representation of the NOWPAP member states.

22. Ms. Mengheng Zhang, the head of the delegation of the People's Republic of China expressed her government's thanks to Japan for hosting the Tenth NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting and to the NOWPAP secretariat for organizing the meeting. She mentioned the progress in implementing NOWPAP works such as the submission of the GEF project concept paper to the GEF pipeline and the development of marine litter initiative in the region since the RCU has established. She further stressed the importance of the continuous cooperation between NOWPAP member states and this meeting would provide a good base for future cooperation.

23. Mr. Boonam Shin, the head of the delegation of the Republic of Korea expressed his government's gratitude to the Japanese Government and the Toyama Prefecture for hosting the meeting. He mentioned the special significance of the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting held in Toyama where the NOWPAP RCU Toyama office is located. In retrospect, NOWPAP has made substantial progress for last decade as a leading model of regional initiative. He stressed that, in light of its past advancements, NOWPAP is not only expected to continue in the prior pattern of achievement, but is entrusted with responsibility of addressing the ever-growing challenges facing the marine environment of the Northwest Pacific region. He further stressed the cooperative spirit among members needed to resolve the three key issues to be met by this meeting, in particular the issue of the NOWPAP Trust Fund. He also encouraged NOWPAP RCU staff to continuously engage in its work with increase of the sense of ownership as already

shown by their professional skills despite relatively short time experience. Finally, he reaffirmed the Korean government's commitment to maintain close cooperation with the Secretariat and NOWPAP members to ensure the effective coordination of NOWPAP activities.

24. Mr. Yuri Aleksandrovsky, the head of the delegation of the Russian Federation extended his government's appreciation to the government of Japan, the Toyama Prefecture and NOWPAP RCU for their hard work to organize the meeting. He stated that the Russia considers the multilateral environmental cooperation within the NOWPAP framework as a very important and mutually beneficial process and his government is very interested in further development of strengthening environmental cooperation in such important subregion. He also noted in this context that the issues of the increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund and the development of new projects should be resolved together which would subsequently be beneficial for all NOWPAP member states.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of the Meeting

Agenda Item 2 (a): Election of Officers

25. According to the NOWPAP practice, the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Meeting would be the representative of the host country, the Rapporteur would be the representative from the country which will host the next Intergovernmental Meeting and the two Vice Chairmen would be the representatives from the other NOWPAP Member countries. The meeting agreed and the following officers were elected:

Chairman:	Mr. Hiroshi Fukada, Japan
Vice - Chairman:	Mr. Boonam Shin, the Republic of Korea
Vice - Chairman:	Ms. Mengheng Zhang, the People's Republic of China
Rapporteur:	Mr. Yuri Aleksandrovsky, the Russian Federation

Agenda Item 2 (b): Organisation of Work

26. It was agreed that the UNEP Governing Council's rules of procedure would apply *mutatis mutandis* for the meeting. The meeting also agreed on its organisation with a view to fulfilling the purposes of this meeting within the time frame and keeping in mind that to this end the meeting had to prepare and approve a draft report. The meeting conducted its business in plenary with English as its working language.

Agenda Item 2 (c): Adoption of Agenda

27. After considering the provisional agenda submitted by the secretariat (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/1), the representatives of the NOWPAP members adopted the following agenda for the meeting:

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2. Organisation of the meeting
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 - (c) Adoption of the agenda
3. Presentation of credentials
4. Report of the UNEP Executive Director on implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan:
 - (a) Programme implementation in 2004 – 2005
 - (b) Budget and Trust Fund
5. Reports of the RAC Directors on the implementation of work during 2004 – 2005
 - (a) CEARAC
 - (b) DINRAC
 - (c) MERRAC
 - (d) POMRAC
6. NOWPAP evolution: new directions for the NOWPAP RACs and RCU
7. Establishment of a Marine Litter Activity (MALITA) in the NOWPAP Region
8. Increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund
9. The expansion of geographical coverage of the NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan
10. NOWPAP Work plan and budget for 2006 - 2007
11. Preparation for the Eleventh Intergovernmental Meeting
12. Other business
 - (a) Cooperation with other organizations, programmes and projects
 - (b) Current status of an overview on national environmental legislation, strategies and the policies (NOWPAP/2 project)
 - (c) Any other issues
13. Adoption of the report of the meeting
14. Closure of the meeting

Agenda Item 3: Credentials of Representatives

28. The heads of the delegations of the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation presented their Credentials to the secretariat. The Credentials were reviewed and accepted.

Agenda Item 4: Report of the Executive Director on Implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan for 2004–2005

Agenda Item 4 (a): Programme Implementation in 2004-2005

29. The NOWPAP Coordinator, Dr. Tkalin, presented the report of the UNEP Executive Director on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/3). He briefed the meeting of the major activities of the four RACs and RCU with focus on the RCU activities since the RACs Directors under Agenda item 5 would present the detailed reports on the four RACs. He stated that in recognition of the need of a comprehensive report on the Marine Environmental Status of the NOWPAP region, it will be prepared in the next biennium by the four RACs. He mentioned that the RCU offices are fully operational and working closely with National Focal Points, UNEP HQ and UNEP GPA offices in the Hague to ensure that all NOWPAP activities were being implemented in time and within the allocated budget according to the UN rules and procedures. He reported to the meeting that partnerships and cooperative relations with other organizations, programmes and projects in the NOWPAP region were being established. He reported also the activities carried out by RCU to promote public awareness of NOWPAP through visiting key ministries and organizations in all NOWPAP member countries and communicating with media and environmental NGOs.

30. He reported further that the newly established RCU organized the Intersessional Workshop in Seoul on 25-26 July, 2005, according to resolution 2 of the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 9/11), in which the representatives agreed preliminarily to modify the directions of the work of NOWPAP RACs and RCU, to start marine litter activity (MALITA) and to discuss the increased annual contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund. He informed the meeting that these issues, together with the recommendations reflected in the documents UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/5-7 would be revisited under Agenda items 6, 7 and 8, respectively. He also provided a brief summary of the progress of implementation of the Ninth IGM Resolutions and the NOWPAP/2 project (legal issues).

31. Mr. Takashi Otsuka (UNEP DGEF) appreciated NOWPAP member states' support including e-discussion group to develop the GEF project. He provided a brief summary of the progress on the NOWPAP GEF project development and implementation which would be taken in the five steps: development of the project concept and entry to the pipeline, request for PDF-B approval, implementation of the PDF-B activities (development of demonstration site proposals, framework regional action plan and preparation of full-size project brief), request for project approval and implementation of full-size project. For further progress, it is requested to provide endorsement letters from the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, and support letters from Japan and the Republic of Korea, respectively. He also mentioned that the project concept has been slightly amended responding to the official review comments from GEF secretariat as attached to UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/INF/4.

32. The delegate of the Republic of Korea appreciated efforts made by the Secretariat in successfully implementing the resolutions of the Ninth NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting. Commenting on the importance of creating synergy effects through partnership with other regional sea programmes, he requested the NOWPAP Coordinator to actively engage in cooperation activities with other relevant agencies and regional sea programs and to include the progress of such activities in the future report of the Executive Director on the implementation of NOWPAP.

33. In response to the question by the delegate of the Republic of Korea on the recent changes in the scope of the GEF PDF-B proposal, Mr. Takashi Otsuka explained that the focus of the project is on the implementation of demonstration interventions focusing on the land-based sources of PTS discharge, in particular those of PTS beyond POPs, which is a way to avoid duplication with the exiting and on-going GEF projects in the region.

34. The delegation of Japan appreciated active role of RCU to facilitate NOWPAP activities despite relatively short period of its operation. He mentioned, on the other hand, that some RAC activities are somewhat behind of the schedule of the work plan and encouraged RAC directors to pay more attention to promote their activities as well as member states to support RAC activities. He also suggested that if necessary, the DGEF should take appropriate action to secure the PDF-B proposal to be approved at an early date because it is important to mobilize the external funds to carry out NOWPAP activities.

35. The delegate of the People's Republic of China welcomed progress of the project concept and requested RCU to do its best to ensure that the NOWPAP GEF project to be approved.

36. The delegate of the Russian Federation informed that in principle Russia is interested in implementation of the GEF project and will start the national procedure of the project approval at the interagency level. It was also mentioned that the Russian side would provide its support to the above project in a form of in-kind contribution when the project is implemented.

Agenda Item 4 (b): Budgetary Summary and NOWPAP Trust Fund

37. Dr. Tkalin, NOWPAP Coordinator, presented the current status of the NOWPAP Trust Fund by introducing three tables which indicated: the current scale of contributions to the Trust Fund since 1995; the status of annual pledges and contributions for the years 1995-2005; and the status of the Trust Fund for the years 1995-2005 and cumulative for the whole period. He informed that this issue with the recommendation adopted at the Intersessional Workshop would be revisited under agenda item 8 with a view to ensuring future sustainability of NOWPAP activities.

38. After a short discussion, the meeting adopted the report of the Executive Director on the Implementation of NOWPAP for 2004/2005 in resolution 1 in Annex I as attached to this report.

Agenda Item 5: Report by the RAC Directors on Implementation of Work during 2004–2005

Agenda Item 5 (a): Report of the Director of CEARAC

39. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the Director of CEARAC, Mr. Masanobu Miyazaki, presented the report on the activities of CEARAC in Toyama (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/4/1) and the work plan and budget for CEARAC, as approved by the third CEARAC Focal Points Meeting (Toyama, September 2005).

Agenda Item 5 (b): Report of the Director of DINRAC

40. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the Director of DINRAC, Mr. Jianguo Wang, presented the report on the activities of DINRAC in Beijing (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/4/2) and the work plan and budget for DINRAC, as approved by the fourth DINRAC Focal Points Meeting (Dalian, September 2005).

Agenda Item 5 (c): Report of the Director of MERRAC

41. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the Director of MEARAC, Dr. Chang-Gu Kang, presented the report on the activities of MEARAC in Daejeon (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/4/3) and the work plan and budget for MEARAC, as approved by the eighth MEARAC Focal Points Meeting (Daejeon, May 2005).

Agenda Item 5 (d): Report of the Director of POMRAC

42. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the Director of POMRAC, Dr. Anatoly Kachur, presented the report on the activities of POMRAC in Vladivostok (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/4/4) and the work plan and budget for POMRAC, as approved by the third POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (Vladivostok, October 2005).

43. The delegate of Japan made a few comments on each RAC activities. First of all, he appreciated good performance of CEARAC in implementing its activities. He encouraged DINRAC to promote its activities in more effective and efficient manner based on the two important documents of data and information sharing and guideline to manage Meta-base regarding the importance of data and information. He mentioned that the NOWPAP Joint Exercise in conjunction with Japan-Russia Joint Oil Spill Combating Exercise to be held in Sakhalin in May, 2006 would extend two countries' experience to the whole NOWPAP area, also

sharing information among member states in cost-effective manner. In this regard, he appreciated the Russian government's initiative to implement this programme next year and welcomed participation of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. He also commented that considering the importance of POMRAC activities on atmospheric deposition and river and direct inputs, these two activities would be accelerated in the coming years, including compilation of regional overviews.

44. The delegate of the Republic of Korea, in recognition of the RACs' key role in implementing the NOWPAP projects, underlined the importance of close consultation and mutual exchanges among the four RACs with the aim of strengthening their activities. He further commented that the budget allocation for 2006/2007 should be based on the respective performance and capability of each RAC.

45. The meeting approved the RAC reports on their work in 2004/2005 biennium in resolution 1 in Annex I as attached to this report.

Agenda Item 6: New Directions for the NOWPAP RACs and RCU

46. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the NOWPAP Coordinator presented the proposal on new directions for the NOWPAP RACs and RCU (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/5). He explained that the current proposal was prepared by the secretariat, taking into account the comments and concerns raised by the member states at the Intersessional Workshop (Seoul, July 2005), and invited the meeting to consider and approve it.

47. The delegate of the Republic of Korea supported the proposal as amended by the Secretariat and further stressed that the NOWPAP Secretariat should operate as a single unit, taking into account the required rotation of a NOWPAP Coordinator and a Deputy-Coordinator between the two RCU offices on a four-year basis. On the assumption that the current NOWPAP activities could expand in the future, he also suggested introducing a more general term such as "specific programme/project management tasks" instead of using such specific wordings as "land-based activities", "marine litter" and "sustainable development" in describing joint responsibilities of substantive issues of the two offices.

48. The delegate of Japan suggested to continuously review the existing activities of each RAC so as to evaluate their future activities and priorities. New activities of each RAC should be based on RAC capacity and its accumulated know-how in specific field. In this regard, institutional arrangement for network of RACs should also be considered.

49. He further commented on marine-based pollution related to MARPOL, OPRC and some other new activities such as Ballast Water and Alien Invasive Species and Liability and Compensation because concrete activities are not explained in the proposed work plan of MERRAC. He asked MERRAC Director to consider these activities more deliberately and to provide appropriate work designs. He emphasized also the necessity to design and plan the

activities carefully in order to avoid duplication with those done under global frameworks on these issues, and to discuss the proposal at IGM.

50. In response to Japan, the Director of MERRAC reminded that the current work proposal for MERRAC has been discussed since the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting. He explained that new MERRAC activities are under the global framework of relevant conventions and the Korea Ocean Research Development Institute (KORDI), the hosting institute of MERRAC, has full capacity to deal with marine pollution problems. He further stressed that the issue on the ballast water was initially raised by the delegate of the People's Republic of China in 2004 and the MERRAC work plan for 2006/2007 was approved by the MERRAC Focal Points Meeting.

51. The delegate of the Republic of Korea expressed that he, in principle, supported the proposed new activities of each RAC. Given the importance of land-based activities, however, he requested to include land-based sources of pollution activities under the category of joint activities to be implemented by all RACs. He further suggested that sustainable development be grouped under the same category, noting that the sustainable development related activities need to be actively pursued within NOWPAP on the mid-and long-term basis. He also encouraged RCU to learn from sustainable development strategies developed by other regional seas and appropriate organisations and to develop concrete activities on the basis of such learning.

52. The delegate of the People's Republic of China suggested RCU to review currently ongoing and new activities of each RAC within the coming two years. She also mentioned that the GEF PDF-B activities would be implemented by member states while the RCU and RACs would also be involved. Finally, she pointed out that DINRAC could not implement its activities successfully without sufficient data and information provided by other RACs. In this regard, she requested the DINRAC director to pay more attention to cooperate with other RACs as well as to obtain relevant data and information.

53. The NOWPAP Coordinator responded that when the GEF PDF-B is approved, it will be implemented following the overall procedures described in detail in the project concept paper. He further explained that the RCU and RAC involvement in the GEF PDF-B implementation would be further discussed through the First Steering Committee Meeting.

54. The delegate of the Republic of Korea suggested that due to the limited capacity of RACs and the current budget scheme, the activity on the sustainable development should be considered under the joint activities implemented by RACs on the mid- and long-term basis.

55. The delegate of the Russian Federation supported the functions of the two RCU offices noting at the same time that it is necessary to clearly differentiate their functions. He pointed out that only the NOWPAP Coordinator must be fully responsible for the activity of the two RCU offices. He confirmed that the Russian side supports recommendations of the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop regarding the revision of RACs functions and thematic directions. He also stated the RACs activities should be closely coordinated and their data and information

should be harmonized. He also supported that MERRAC would deal with ballast waters as future activity because it is important part of the MARPOL Convention with global concern.

56. Following a vivid and productive discussion, the meeting approved the document (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/5/rev. 1) with a few amendments suggested by the Republic of Korea in resolution 3 in Annex I as attached to the report.

Agenda Item 7: Establishment of a Marine Litter Activity in the NOWPAP Region

57. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the NOWPAP Coordinator presented the proposal on the marine litter activity in the NOWPAP region (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/6) which was amended based on comments and suggestions raised by member states during and after the Intersessional Workshop. The major changes made in the amended proposal were the detailed responsibilities and budgets of each of the RACs and RCU in the future implementation of this activity. He invited the meeting to consider the proposal and approve it.

58. The delegate of the People's Republic of China supported the draft proposal with comment that her government would fully cooperate in the implementation of the new NOWPAP initiative on marine litter.

59. The delegate of Japan supported the proposed project stressing the importance of good cooperation with local governments and NGOs for the implementation of marine litter project. He also introduced recent information on marine litter in Japan including the incident in which significant amount of medical wastes was drifted to Japan in this August, and mentioned that NHK broadcasted a special environmental programme introducing the International Workshop on marine litter held in Toyama in November 2005, organized by the Ministry of Environment of Japan and NPEC and supported by NOWPAP.

60. The delegate of the Republic of Korea supported the project considering the significance of the marine litter issue. He mentioned that there was a bilateral consultation between Japan and Korea on the preservation of the marine environment (in Tokyo, prior to this meeting) where two countries discussed how to deal with the marine litter issue. Through such bilateral communication, exchange of information and policy coordination, resolving of the marine litter problem could be promoted. He also briefed on the Korean government efforts and to cope with marine litter problem.

61. The delegate of the Russian Federation also supported the revised proposal on marine litter.

62. Following a comprehensive discussion, the meeting approved the proposal in resolution 4 in Annex I as attached to the report, with a view to incorporating it into 2006/2007 biennium work plan and budget.

Agenda Item 8: Increased Contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund

63. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, NOWPAP Coordinator presented the proposal on the increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/7). He explained that the proposal was prepared according to comments and concerns raised by member states during the Intersessional Workshop (UNEP/NOWPAP IS. 1/6). He introduced three options for the scale of contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund as suggested in the document with the target amount of the Trust Fund of US\$ 500,000.

64. After informal consultations among delegations, the delegate of the People's Republic of China distributed a new proposal on the increased contributions to the Trust Fund consisting of the basic equal share and additional share based on GDP per capita of each member. She stressed that all member states should increase their contributions to the Trust Fund together.

65. The delegate of Japan stated that the contribution to the Trust Fund from each member should be at the same level no more than 25% recalling the UN rules that one single member should not contribute more than 25% of the total Trust Fund. He stated that Japan has already contributed the 25% share of targeted amount of US\$ 500,000.

66. The delegate of the Republic of Korea stressed the importance of solving financial issue to strengthen and ensure future NOWPAP activities. With respect to comments on several different options proposed by the secretariat and the member states, he pointed out that equally sharing the same portion of the contribution to the Trust Fund among member states is more likely to be an ideal approach. Noting that NOWPAP is comprised of only four member countries, he also pointed out the impractical application of the UN policy to the NOWPAP Trust Fund, which stipulates that the share of the assessed contribution should not exceed 25% for any single member state. He further mentioned that the Trust Fund contributed from the member states at different ratios reflecting the level of economic development of each member and other factors considered is widely practiced in other UNEP Regional Seas Programmes. In this regard, he mentioned the Korean proposal suggested at the Intersessional workshop could be considered as a realistic option.

67. The delegate of the Russian Federation stated that the focus of this discussion is to find out a kind of consensus and all member states should be ready to increase their current contributions to the Trust Fund. He reminded that according to paragraph 1 of resolution 3 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, "the contribution to the NOWPAP Trust Fund are voluntary in nature" and the contribution to the Trust Fund from the member states should consist of the basic equal share and additional share with different ratios between member states due to their current social and economic situation.

68. The delegate of Japan reiterated that some flexibility could be considered in burden sharing of NOWPAP Trust Fund as the tentative scale. However, his government still preferred to share the equal portion between member states.

69. The delegate of the People's Republic of China stressed the principle of "common but differentiated responsibility" and clarified the nature of additional contribution of the Trust Fund, in addition to the basic equal share, would be on the agreed-upon base reflecting economic capacity of member states to avoid financial overburden for their contributions to the Trust Fund.

70. The delegate of the Russian Federation mentioned the surplus of the Trust Fund. He expressed concerns that the difference between the annual income and expenditure might cause difficulties in dealing on this matter with the financial authorities.

71. The Coordinator explained that surplus of the Trust Fund was accumulated in the Trust Fund at very early stage of NOWPAP when institutional arrangements were not settled down. The status of the NOWPAP Trust Fund would turn into negative balance in 2011 under the condition that the budget scheme for RAC activities and RCU operation remains the same.

72. The delegate of the Republic of Korea, acknowledging the difficulty of reaching a consensus on the financial issue at this meeting, mentioned that the members in the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting at least need to agree on the target amount of the total Trust Fund to be increased and on the ceiling of the contribution ratio of each member. He also suggested to further discuss this issue at the next Intergovernmental Meeting, stressing that this matter should be resolved no later than 2008 due to the expected negative balance of the NOWPAP Trust Fund.

73. The delegate of the Republic of Korea also mentioned the unpaid pledges for the 2002/2003 biennium and encouraged the member states to pay their pledges as early as possible.

74. Following a lengthy discussion, the meeting agreed on the proposal in resolution 2 in Annex I as attached to the report.

Agenda Item 9: Expansion of Geographical Coverage of the NOWPAP Region Oil Spill Contingency Plan

75. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Alexander Tkalin, NOWPAP Coordinator presented the proposal from Japan on the expansion of geographical coverage of the NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Contingency Plan (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 9/6), according to resolution 3 of the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 9/11). The meeting was asked to consider and discuss the proposal.

76. The delegate of the Russian Federation informed that the Russian Federation supports the proposal suggested by Japan.

77. The delegate of Japan stated that regarding the Sakhalin project being started shipping crude oil this October, preparation for any accident is in need under the framework of the NOWPAP Regional Contingency Plan.

78. The delegate of the Republic of Korea supported the proposal and suggested that, if necessary, the NOWPAP members could consider flexible application of the geographical scope of NOWPAP to specific activities in the future.

79. The Director of MERRAC mentioned that the issue was discussed through its Focal Point Meeting and was expected to be approved at this intergovernmental meeting. MERRAC is organizing the Competent National Authorities (CNA) meeting for the NOWPAP Regional Contingency Plan in conjunction with the Japan and Russia Joint Oil Spill Combating Exercise to be held in Sakhalin in 2006.

80. The delegate of People's Republic of China supported the proposal but pointed out that it should not imply for any possibility of the further expansion of the geographical coverage of NOWPAP and other activities carried out under the NOWPAP framework.

81. After discussion, the meeting agreed in resolution 6 in Annex I as attached to the report that the expanded RCP geographical coverage will be from 33 to 55 degree North latitude and from 121 to 145 degree East longitude. MERRAC will take necessary procedure to amend the Plan and announce the date of its entry into force.

Agenda Item 10: Workplan and Budget for 2006–2007

82. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Alexander Tkalin, NOWPAP Coordinator presented the work plan and budget for NOWPAP for the 2006/2007 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/8).

83. The delegate of Japan pointed out the unbalanced status between allocated budget and actual expenditure for the 2004/2005 budget, especially those of DINRAC and POMRAC activities and asked for clarification.

84. In response to this, the NOWPAP Coordinator explained that the surplus of the 2004/2005 budget comes mainly from: 1) the RCU unspent budget for 2004 because it became fully operational only in April this year; and 2) delayed GEF project which is still in preparation stage.

85. The director of DINRAC replied that unused budget was scheduled for the 2005 Expert Meeting which was cancelled due to overlap with the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop.

86. The director of POMRAC explained that the remaining budget is allocated for the national experts completing the national reports around December this year.

87. The delegate of the Republic of Korea stressed that difference between the allocated budget and the actual expenditure of each RAC should not be caused by poor performance of its activities and encouraged RAC directors to manage their activities in efficient and cost-effective manner. He also pointed out that MERRAC requested US\$ 190,000 for the next biennium regarding its new activities.

88. The Director of MERRAC further explained that the additional request of US\$ 40,000 is to organize two CNA meetings and the First NOWPAP Joint Exercise as a new activity to implement the Regional Contingency Plan.

89. The delegate of Japan expressed his concern of the current practice to have the equal allocation of budget between the four RACs with different activities.

90. The Chairman asked RAC directions whether there is any possibility to cut down or reallocate their budget for the next biennium.

91. The Director of POMRAC replied that the current budget is not enough to carry out all designated works and activities would be reduced subsequently if the budget is cut down.

92. The Director of DINRAC also shared the view of POMRAC stressing that four new activities would be prepared and developed during the next biennium.

93. The Director of CEARAC mentioned that the scale of its activities does not meet the current budget of US\$ 150,000 and is possible only through financial support from NPEC.

94. The Director of MERRAC stressed that without the additional budget of US\$ 40,000 MERRAC can not organize the First NOWPAP Joint Exercise in 2006 and CNA meetings.

95. The delegate of the Republic of Korea suggested revisiting the budget allocation issue at the next Intergovernmental Meeting, noting that new activities requiring additional budget need to be taken into account for further consideration. To this end, he requested that RAC directors would provide the detailed balance between the allocated budget and the actual expenditure in due time in 2006 for review and possible reallocation of the budget for the 2006/2007 biennium.

96. The delegate of Japan suggested to take a note on MERRAC request for further consideration and to set priorities of activities including this request to be financed by surplus if surplus is available.

97. The delegate of the Republic of Korea requested the RAC Directors to provide the detailed balance of their budget in 2006 before the next Intergovernmental Meeting so as to evaluate the progress of the RAC activities and to review the next biennium budget allocations. He also requested the secretariat to find an appropriate way to evaluate RAC activities using expertise available in the other Regional Seas Programmes. On the other hand, he emphasized that RACs are the integral part of NOWPAP and thus their activities should be independent of their host countries and that the RCU also should play an impartial role in coordinating NOWPAP activities.

98. The meeting approved in resolution 1 in Annex I as attached to this report the work plan and budget for the 2006/2007 biennium.

Agenda Item 11: Preparation for the Eleventh Intergovernmental Meeting

99. The representative of the government of the Russian Federation announced that the Russian side invites the Eleventh Intergovernmental Meeting in Moscow in 2006 and the date and venue would be decided at a later stage in consultation with the member states and the secretariat.

100. The delegate of the People's Republic of China requested the RCU and the government of the Russian Federation to arrange the Eleventh Intergovernmental Meeting at a separate time from the Second Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities which will be held on 16-20 October 2006 in Beijing.

Agenda Item 12: Other Business

Agenda Item 12 (a): Cooperation with other Organizations, Programmes and Projects

101. The Coordinator of NOWPAP briefed the meeting about the activities and contacts being carried out in order to build partnerships and close cooperation with other organizations, programmes and projects. He explained that NOWPAP RCU has been developing such cooperation and partnerships with YSLME, PEMSEA, COBSEA, EANET and IOC WESTPAC in accordance with Terms of Reference of NOWPAP RCU (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/INF/5) adopted at the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting and the UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions for 2004-2007. He introduced a draft MOU (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/9) between NOWPAP and YSLME prepared by the secretariat and invited the meeting to consider and approve it.

102. The delegate of Japan requested RCU to provide more information on the YSLME project with expected outcomes from signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

103. The delegate of the People's Republic of China supported RCU to cooperate with other international organizations including YSLME but doubted the necessity of signing the MOU of such cooperation.

104. The delegate of the Republic of Korea supported the proposal saying that the conclusion of MOU would help enhance the exchange of information and avoid the potential duplication of activities between the two programmes.

105. The meeting agreed to revisit this matter at the next Intergovernmental Meeting.

Agenda Item 12 (b): Current Status of an Overview on National Environmental Legislation, Strategies and the Policies (NOWPAP/2 project)

106. The Coordinator of NOWPAP reported briefly to the meeting about the status of updating an overview on national environmental legislation, strategies and policies (NOWPAP/2) as recommended by the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop (Seoul, July 2005). The meeting was invited to consider further action on this issue.

107. The delegate of the Republic of Korea said that his government is presently in the process of updating the document and would be able to submit the report in the near future.

108. The delegate of Japan said that the revised and updated version will be submitted as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 12 (c): Any other Issues

109. The Chairman invited the member states and RAC Directors to raise and discuss any other issues relevant to the implementation of NOWPAP activities.

110. The delegate of Japan introduced a news article on a chemical spill occurred in Jilin, China, on 25 November 2005 that the benzene slick on the Songhua River in northeast China flowed into Harbin. He asked that the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation could provide further information on this accident.

111. In response to this, the delegate of the People's Republic of China stated that her government paid high attention to the incident; SEPA, other related ministries and local governments have taken effective measures to guarantee the safety of drinking water,

strengthen the monitoring and provide accurate information. Further information can be found at SEPA's website (www.sepa.gov.cn).

Agenda Item 13: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

112. The meeting approved the report and its annexes.

Agenda Item 14: Closure of the Meeting

113. The chairman invited member states and RAC directors to make a closing statement if they wish so.

114. The delegate of the Republic of Korea thanked the chairman for his excellent chairmanship to lead through this meeting successfully and extended his gratitude to the Japanese government and local government for hosting this meeting. He also mentioned that during the meeting there was a deep discussion not only on substantial issues but also on further mechanism in terms of institutional arrangement including the pending financial issue. He further remarked that the allocated budget of NOWPAP RACs for the 2006/2007 biennium should execute in a result-oriented manner under the overall responsibility of NOWPAP Coordinator with close cooperation with UNEP HQ.

115. The delegate of the People's Republic of China stated that NOWPAP is our common area for member states and her government will try to the best to actively involve in all activities within the NOWPAP framework and pay attention to important future cooperation. She also pointed out that NOWPAP is still facing a lot of challenges such as the Trust Fund, marine litter and other issues. In this regard, this meeting is a good base for future cooperation and negotiation within member states and internal procedure. She finally thanked the host country for the hospitality and the secretariat for its hard work.

116. The delegate of the Russian Federation appreciated the Japanese side for organizing the meeting and showing such good hospitality, and extended his thanks to the secretariat and all participants for their hard work. All decisions made at this meeting will be implemented and move forward the next step to resolve important tasks faced in the region.

117. The delegate of Japan as the host government further appreciated the Toyama Prefecture and Toyama city to kindly support this meeting. He mentioned that a few news paper and TV media broadcasted this meeting which was good to introduce NOWPAP activities to the general public. He also stressed that there needs further effort to develop NOWPAP programme.

118. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, 26 November 2005.

Annex I

Resolutions

Resolution 1

PROGRAMME OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE 2006-2007 BIENNIUM

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting.

1. Approves the report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the progress in the implementation of NOWPAP activities,
2. Approves also the reports of the four Regional Activity Centres of NOWPAP (CEARAC, DINRAC, MERRAC and POMRAC) on the progress in the implementation of NOWPAP during the 2004/2005 biennium,
3. Approves further the work plan and budget for NOWPAP for the 2006/2007 biennium as presented in the following table and emphasizes the importance of carrying out the work plan in an efficient and cost-effective manner,
4. Agrees to maintain the present level of contributions to the Trust Fund for the 2006/2007 biennium,
5. Recognizes the pledges made for 2004-2005 and encourages the members of NOWPAP which have not yet paid their pledges, to do so as early as possible,
6. Requests the Directors of the RACs to provide the detailed work plan and associated budget scheme for the 2006/2007 biennium within the two or three month time period from now in order to evaluate performance and implementation capacity of each RAC,
7. Requests RCU to prepare a report on criteria and methods to evaluate NOWPAP RACs, taking into account the best practices on the evaluation used in the other Regional Seas Programmes, and further requests RCU to circulate the report on the evaluation criteria and methods to the member states 2-3 months before the next Intergovernmental Meeting for review RACs activities,

8. Decides that this approved budget may be reviewed and amended at a later stage, if necessary, and the RAC work plan and related budget may be amended accordingly,
9. Requests UNEP and NOWPAP RCU to distribute the allocated budgets from the Trust Fund to the Regional Activity Centres according to UNEP procedures,
10. Requests NOWPAP RCU to facilitate the implementation of work by providing support and assistance to the RACs.

Work plan and budget for NOWPAP activities for the 2006/2007 biennium as approved by the Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting, Toyama, Japan 24-26 November 2005

Activity	Responsibility for implementation	Proposed 2006-2007 Budget
DINRAC	DINRAC	150
CEARAC	CEARAC	150
MERRAC	MERRAC	150
POMRAC	POMRAC	150
Survey of National Legislation	RCU	10
Public Awareness	RCU	23
Coordination of RACs	RCU	20
MALITA	RCU	70
GEF PDF-B	RCU	100
Operation of RCU	RCU	110
Implementation of NOWPAP	RCU	110
Sub-Total		1,043
13% of the sub-total as Programme Support Cost		136
TOTAL		1,179

Resolution 2

SUSTAINABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NOWPAP TRUST FUND

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting.

1. Taking note of the proposal on the increased contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/7) presented by the RCU and recommendation 3 of the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop (UNEP/NOWPAP IS. 1/6),
2. Recognizing the fact that the current amount of contributions to the Trust Fund does not reach the target amount of US\$ 500,000, as agreed upon at the 2nd Intergovernmental Meeting, and reaffirming the need to meet this target amount,
3. Recognizing also the need to initiate new NOWPAP projects and activities,
4. Decides to further discuss the above mentioned proposal during the next Intergovernmental Meeting, aiming at resolving the matter as soon as possible but no later than 2007, and taking note of the necessity to increase the total amount of the Trust Fund and contributions from all NOWPAP member states,
5. Encourages the member states of NOWPAP, the Executive Director of UNEP and the NOWPAP RCU to consistently make all possible efforts to secure funds from sources external to the Trust Fund, including civil society, private sector, local governments, international and regional organizations and financial institutions.

Resolution 3

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR NOWPAP RACs and RCU

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting

1. Recognizing the need to improve the functions of the NOWPAP Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and RCU,
2. Taking into account recommendation 1 of the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop (UNEP/NOWPAP IS 1/6) in which it is indicated that NOWPAP Coordinator has a general responsibility for activities of both RCU offices.

3. Approves the proposal on new directions for NOWPAP RACs and RCU (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 10/5/rev. 1).
4. Requests NOWPAP RCU to facilitate the implementation of NOWPAP activities by providing administrative and practical assistance to RACs.

Resolution 4

MARINE LITTER ACTIVITY IN THE NOWPAP REGION

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting

1. Being aware of the urgent need to develop an integrated management of marine litter in the NOWPAP region,
2. Noting recommendation 2 on marine litter initiative in the NOWPAP region discussed and agreed at the NOWPAP Intersessional Workshop (UNEP/NOWPAP IS. 1/6),
3. Approves the revised project proposal on marine litter activity (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.10/6),
4. Requests the NOWPAP RCU to start this activity as soon as possible in close cooperation with the NOWPAP RACs, UNEP and other international organizations and programmes involved,
5. Requests the members of NOWPAP, RACs and marine litter focal points of each member to make utmost effort and fully support the implementation of this project as scheduled.

Resolution 5

DEVELOPMENT OF A GEF PDF-B PROPOSAL

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting

1. Taking note that the GEF project concept on addressing land-based activities that affect the marine and coastal environment of the Northwest Pacific region, developed according to resolution 4 of the Ninth Intergovernmental Meeting, has been submitted to the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Pipeline on 23 November 2005,

2. Requests the NOWPAP member states to facilitate official endorsement of the PDF-B proposal according to GEF rules.

Resolution 6

EXPANSION OF GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE NOWPAP REGIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting

1. Taking note of the proposal from Japan on the expansion of geographical coverage of the NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan (RCP),
2. Agrees that the expanded RCP geographical coverage will be from 33 to 55 degree North latitude and from 121 to 145 degree East longitude.

Resolution 7

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

The Tenth Intergovernmental Meeting

1. Taking note of recommendation 4 of the Intersessional Workshop (UNEP/NOWPAP IS. 1/6),
2. Recognizing the need to update the regional overview of national environmental legislation, objectives, strategies and policies (NOWPAP/2 project), reflecting the current national status of environmental legislation,
3. Requests NOWPAP member states to facilitate updating of such overview as soon as possible,
4. Requests NOWPAP DINRAC to finalize, edit and publish the overview on national environmental legislation, strategies and policies using the resources allocated in the NOWPAP budget for the 2006/2007 biennium.

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