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TECHNICAL SESSION

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A. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Ninth Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) was held at the Dusit Resort, Pattaya, Thailand, from 6 to 8 August 2003. The Government of Thailand hosted the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by delegates from twelve participating countries -- namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- iii. Observers represented at the Meeting were the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat, East Asia Response Pte. Ltd (EARL), International Ocean Institute (IOI), International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) and the United Nations Environment Programme - Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (UNEP-COBSEA).
- iv. The Implementing Agency was represented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manila and Bangkok Country Offices, and the UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific, Kuala Lumpur. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, and the Regional Programme Office (RPO), Manila represented the Executing Agency.
- v. A full list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

B. OPENING CEREMONY

- i. Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Regional Programme Director, PEMSEA, welcomed all participants to the Ninth PSC Meeting. He expressed his gratitude to the Government of Thailand for hosting the gathering and to the Marine Department for providing the much needed organizational assistance. Dr. Chua then gave a briefing on the development and progress of PEMSEA, and thanked the IMO, UNDP and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the support they have extended to the Regional Programme from the start. He went on to inform the group that the present PSC Meeting has an additional function -- i.e., to consider and reinforce the conclusions

and recommendations of the Senior Government Officials' Meeting (SGOM) on the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), held from 4-5 August 2003, as well as those of the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) Report of PEMSEA.

- ii. Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP-GEF Coordinator, UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific, welcomed the participants on behalf of UNDP and expressed his appreciation to the Government of Thailand for hosting the Meeting. He also thanked the Marine Department and the Sriracha Municipality for their efforts and hospitality. In his speech, Mr. Clairs highlighted the uniqueness of the PEMSEA Regional Programme and its approach and congratulated Dr. Chua, the RPO staff, the local site authorities and the PEMSEA National Focal Agencies for working together to achieve many things in a short period of time. He emphasized that PEMSEA was contributing to international and regional efforts. He also shared his views that the SDS-SEA and the East Asian Seas Congress 2003 had the potential to be important tools in bringing environmental management issues into the mainstream.
- iii. Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO, welcomed the participants to the meeting on behalf of the IMO and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Thailand for hosting the meeting. In his opening remarks, he informed the participants of the outcomes of the recently concluded Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) Meeting at IMO where proposals related to the further acceleration of the phase-out of single-hull tankers, a ban on the carriage of heavy grades of oil in single-hull tankers and the Condition Assessment Scheme to amend several important parts of the MARPOL Convention were considered. He described his organization's relationship with PEMSEA and pointed out that the success achieved by PEMSEA was due to the dedication of Dr. Chua and the RPO staff, and the commitment of participating countries. He emphasized that the Regional Programme was at a critical stage of development and that there was a need to review past experiences and lessons learned. He added that the recently concluded Mid-Term Evaluation was a good venue for undertaking the above tasks and highlighted the usefulness of recommendations of the MTE team. He ended by encouraging PEMSEA partners to further build collaborative efforts and explore new ways to take PEMSEA forward.
- iv. Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong, Director, Marine Safety and Environment Protection Bureau, Marine Department, provided welcoming remarks on behalf of the Government of Thailand. He began by thanking PEMSEA for granting the country the great honor of hosting the Ninth PSC Meeting. Sub. Lt. Phetwong then pointed out the importance of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia and urged the group to use the document as a guide for natural resources and marine environmental management. He ended his speech by wishing the Meeting well, and by expressing his hope that the resolutions of the gathering would contribute to the sustainable development of the region's natural resources.
- v. The full text of the Opening Ceremony speeches may be found in Annex 2.

TECHNICAL SESSION

1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP-GEF Coordinator, UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific, assumed the position of Co-Chair. He opened the meeting and requested nominations for Co-Chair. The delegation from the Philippines nominated Thailand as Co-Chair and the delegation from Malaysia seconded the nomination. Thailand was acclaimed as Co-Chair and was represented by Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong, Director of the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Bureau, Marine Department, Thailand.
- 1.2 The delegation from Cambodia nominated Indonesia as Rapporteur and the delegation from Singapore seconded the nomination. Indonesia was acclaimed as Rapporteur and was represented by Drs. Sudariyono, Assistant Deputy to the Minister of Environment on Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Affairs, Ministry of Environment.
- 1.3 Dr. Chua introduced the principal reference documents for the Technical Session (Annex 3) and briefed the Meeting on general organizational matters -- specifically, with regard to Meeting documents, the Welcoming Dinner hosted by the Marine Department and the field trip to the Chonburi ICM Site in Sriracha Municipality.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The Meeting adopted the agenda as contained in Annex 4.

3.0 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MEETING

- 3.1 Dr. Chua reminded the group that the PSC Meeting would consist of a Technical Session and a Tripartite Review Session. The Technical Session, which focuses on the achievements, progress and constraints with regard to programme development and implementation, strategies and approaches for regional environmental governance, proposed work plans, and collaboration among partners, will be attended by representatives of the participating countries, UNDP, IMO and invited observer organizations. The Tripartite Review Session, which will evaluate the policies of the Regional Programme and review the proposed budget, will be participated in by the representatives of the participating countries, UNDP and IMO.

4.0 PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 *Regional Programme Director's Report*

- 4.1.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng presented an overview of the progress, achievements and constraints of the Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the East Asian Seas (RAS/98/G33/A/1G/19) and submitted the

Project Implementation Review (PIR) to the Meeting. The Regional Programme Director's report covered progress made over the past 18 months of Programme implementation with regard to the following:

1. External evaluations of the Regional Programme, including a GEF Secretariat Managed Project Review and a Mid Term External Evaluation
2. Resource Mobilization
3. Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA)
4. East Asian Seas Congress 2003
5. Making Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships Work at the Local level
6. Implementing Action Programmes in Addressing Cross-boundary, Multi-jurisdictional Issues
7. Building Local and Regional Capacities in Environmental Management
8. Reaffirming Commitments in Enhancing Partnerships through Sharing of Resources, Benefits and Experience
9. Creating Environmental Investment Opportunities
10. Bridging the Gap between Science and Policy
11. Integrated Information Management System
12. Improving Working Relationships with Civil Society
13. Communicating PEMSEA's Message through the Media
14. Regional Programme constraints

4.2 National Progress Reports on ICM demonstration and parallel sites, subregional sea areas and pollution hotspots, and other PEMSEA activities

- 4.2.1. The delegations from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, PR China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam presented national progress reports on the implementation of PEMSEA activities, describing the progress made, challenges and impacts, and recommendations for future actions.

Cambodia

- 4.2.2 The Cambodian delegation confirmed that since the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with the municipal government of Sihanoukville as the National ICM Demonstration Project in Cambodia on 12 June 2001, a number of achievements have been made, including the Coastal Strategy, which was adopted by the Ministry of Environment, Governors and local leaders. A coastal use zoning scheme was drafted, an ICM brochure produced and disseminated, interagency participation and collaboration strengthened through stakeholder consultations, and regular PCC meetings and public awareness activities conducted.
- 4.2.3 The Gulf of Thailand Environmental Management Project was endorsed and implementing agencies identified. Representatives to the project task team and members of the national task team were identified. For capacity-building, national and local personnel from Cambodia participated in five training activities. Cambodia also reported that consultations were conducted among the different agencies of the government on the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia

(SDS-SEA). A number of suggestions were made to strengthen it as a regional framework for intergovernmental and intersectoral cooperation.

PR China

- 4.2.4 The PR China Delegation reported three major projects under way since 2002 in connection with the Bohai Sea Environmental Management Project (BSEMP). These are on the Legal Framework, Environmental Risk Assessment and Environmental Investments. The focus is on developing trans-province cooperation. In 2003, 11 projects were initiated, including Environmental Monitoring, Coastal Use Zoning, Wastewater Discharge Reduction, Waste Management, and Contingency Planning. It was also reported that a Chinese delegation undertook a study tour to Seto Inland Sea in Japan. It was a very good learning experience, as Seto is very similar to Bohai Sea. China reported that draft legislation on Bohai Sea, the first such regional legislation, has been included in the plan of legislation of the National People's Congress.
- 4.2.5 The International Training Center for Coastal Sustainable Development in Xiamen University, as part of the Xiamen second cycle ICM demonstration site, undertook many projects, including hosting of the second Regional Network of Local Governments (RNLG) in September 2002.
- 4.2.6 In the development of the SDS-SEA, China has participated in the consultation process actively from the start. In principle, China is ready to adopt the SDS-SEA, though some final consultations are required.

DPR Korea

- 4.2.7 The DPR Korea delegation informed the Meeting of progress related to the Nampo ICM project. Included in the highlights were the completion of the Nampo Coastal Strategy, the establishment of an information system and database for coastal environmental management, the successful implementation of the subcontract for PMO Operation 2001-2002, the Public Awareness Program with the new environmental awareness brochure, and the conduct of a workshop on coastal environmental profiling.
- 4.2.8 DPR Korea stated that it is working together with PEMSEA and local stakeholders to develop excellent integrated management locally and regionally, including in the adoption of the SDS-SEA.

Indonesia

- 4.2.9 The Indonesian delegation reported that the National ICM Demonstration Site in Bali has completed 52 percent of its work. Among its achievements are the initial environmental risk assessment, integrated coastal use zoning and institutional framework, and production of the Bali ICM Video. The IIMS project, while at its final stage, is not yet suitable. But in the meantime the PMO is continually updating available data.
- 4.2.10 The ICM project in Bali has become a model for integrated coastal management in Indonesia, with Sukabumi Regency the first local government in Indonesia to replicate

it. Indonesia has also adopted the PEMSEA ICM framework as the guide to implementing the national Coastal and Marine Sustainable Development Program as well as in small island development projects in Batam, Rempang, Galang and Bintan Islands. Two training activities have been conducted in Bali, and one in Sukabumi. They have been useful in promoting cooperation with other stakeholders.

Japan

- 4.2.11 The delegation from Japan discussed the nature of the different bodies of water that surround the country that makes the sea very important to Japan. It was reported that a Society for the Study of Integrated Coastal Management had been established in the country, with the participation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation. The Society has the objective of considering appropriate and relevant applications of ICM in Japan. The national government has adopted “Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans” based on recommendations from multisectoral consultations among 17 government agencies.
- 4.2.12 Japan has cooperated with the United States, Russia, Indonesia and the Philippines in exercises for oil spill combating, and coordinated the ASEAN-OSPAR Preparatory Meeting for an Information Network for Oil and HNS Spill Incidents in ASEAN Seas. Finally, Japan reported that the Ship and Ocean Foundation has become a collaborator with PEMSEA to promote the Sustainable Development Strategy of the Seas of East Asia, and to organize workshops and other activities. It has committed to cooperating with PEMSEA and other countries toward the prosperity of the region.

Malaysia

- 4.2.13 The Malaysian delegation reported that under the Port Klang ICM project, there are currently six subprojects being implemented: coastal strategy development, initial risk assessment, the establishment of the IIMS, an information, education and communication program, environmental investment, and a coastal use zoning plan and institutional framework. Several workshops and training courses were conducted to strengthen the capacity of staff from the PMO and relevant government agencies. Furthermore, the government has nominated the Federal Territory of Labuan to be considered as PEMSEA ICM parallel site. Other national projects complement the Port Klang ICM project. Through this experience, they have learned that well-informed stakeholders can contribute to the achievement of environmental sustainability under ICM through shared responsibility.

Philippines

- 4.2.14 The Philippines delegation reported to the Meeting that the Batangas Bay Environmental Protection Council continues to be an effective mechanism, among other things, issuing three resolutions to ensure protection of the bay. It was noted that the ICM project in Batangas Bay is being replicated by the province in other bays in partnership with an NGO. In Bataan, the Coastal Strategy was adopted by the provincial legislative body as the province’s primary framework for coastal resources management. Various activities were undertaken during the period, including IIMS, environmental investments, and awareness building.

- 4.2.15 Under the Manila Bay project, a major achievement was the creation of an inter-agency Project Coordinating Committee (PCC) with 35 agency members. Many activities were undertaken under the project, ranging from massive information, education and communication activities, environmental risk assessment, IIMS and capacity-building.
- 4.2.16 The Philippines has conducted national consultations on the SDS-SEA, which included elevating it to the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development. The country also embarked on the development of an integrated coastal and marine policy framework. Currently, the draft “Archipelagic Development Agenda of the Philippines (ArcDev)” is being developed.

Republic of Korea

- 4.2.17 The RO Korea delegation informed the Meeting of the Shihwa Lake ICM parallel site. The Shihwa Management Committee was organized in November 2002 and in December 2002, the Committee approved the Implementation Plan, which has six strategic focus areas, and organized the “Shihwa Technical Advisory Committee” of 12 experts in different fields. The Management Committee provided the institutional mechanism for resolving inter-agency and multisectoral conflicts related to the conservation and development of the Shihwa coastal area, coordination of implementation activities implemented by different stakeholders under the Plan, and institutionalized participation of local governments, environmental NGOs and academe in the decision-making process. Other activities included public awareness, an investment plan of US\$ 575 million, and capacity-building. Following the example of the Shihwa Action Plan, marine environmental assessment was conducted in three other bays which were designated as “Coastal Environmental Management Areas” as provided by the Marine Pollution Act.
- 4.2.18 The RO Korea government, through national consultation and review, recognized the importance and usefulness of the SDS-SEA as a strategic policy framework for implementing sustainable development of oceans and coasts in the region.

Thailand

- 4.2.19 The delegation from Thailand reported that project implementation had produced many achievements in the Chonburi national ICM demonstration site. The final report of the Initial Risk Assessment of the Chonburi ICM Demonstration Site was approved, allowing priority environmental concerns and data gaps to be identified. Considerable data was encoded in IIMS and awareness in information required for environmental management enhanced, together with the linkage to primary data sources such as the Pollution Control Department. Thus there was increased interaction and collaboration among the various agencies and sectors through these different activities, including the Coastal Strategy. The transfer of the PMO to the Provincial Government was effective in strengthening government support and enhancing local ownership. In all there was a better understanding of ICM and the Regional Programme. Thailand reported that much effort is being given to address language problems and capacity-building needs.

4.2.20 The Gulf of Thailand Environmental Management Project was initiated with the identification of implementing agencies and two representatives for the GOT project task team. They participated in the Gulf of Thailand Oil Spill Claims Recovery and Contingency Planning Training Workshop and the subregional meeting of the GOT project task team.

4.2.21 Thailand also participated in other capacity-building activities of the RNLG and ICM Study Tour. National consultation was conducted for the SDS-SEA, and a national strategy/coastal policy is currently being developed.

Vietnam

4.2.22 The Vietnam delegation informed the Meeting of the many achievements of the Danang National ICM Demonstration Site, among which are: development of IIMS, conduct of Initial Risk Assessment, identification of environmental investment opportunities, initiation of the integrated coastal use zoning plan and institutional framework, and participation in capacity-building activities. The ICM approach and methodologies are recognized as a suitable mechanism for coordination among sectors, and the stakeholders of Danang now actively participate in the project activities and the technical and management skills of the local staff improved.

4.2.23 This recognition of the ICM approach has been transferred to the national government through PEMSEA and other projects in Vietnam, resulting in the creation of a new Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, and the IC(Z)M Division under it. The Division has the long-term objective of implementing a sustainable IC(Z)M programme. Through it, all activities relating to coastal management are coordinated, and it is hoped will be replicated in the many municipalities along the long coastline of Vietnam. The Coastal Strategy approach has already been used in two other municipalities, learning from the lessons and experiences of Danang. The IC(Z) Division is also tasked with developing a national IC(Z)M policy.

4.2.24 Vietnam also participates in the Gulf of Thailand Environmental Management Project, and hosted the Regional Training Workshop on Claims Recovery and Contingency Planning.

4.2.25 Vietnam has also strongly supported the development of the SDS-SEA, and has held national multisectoral consultations

Brunei Darussalam

4.2.26 The delegation from Brunei Darussalam, explaining that the PEMSEA national focal agency had recently been changed to the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation, was pleased to inform the Meeting that the new focal point was working closely with the RPO, especially in the following areas: environmental management, national policy and strategy, and governance strengthening. He also informed the Meeting that the RPO mission to Brunei the preceding month had had positive and concrete results.

Singapore

- 4.2.27 Singapore informed the Meeting that, while there were no special projects in the country under PEMSEA, the country continued to participate in capacity-building efforts of the Programme, and contributed to the same under its MOU with IMO on third country assistance.
- 4.2.28 The Meeting congratulated the RPO and participating countries for substantial results. The RPD's Report and the country reports showed that there was more collaboration and more effective implementation of projects. The delegate from China looked forward particularly to the success of Public-Private Partnerships.
- 4.2.29 The Meeting congratulated the participating countries for preparing national progress reports, which were very substantive in content. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the achievements at each site with regard to materializing the project management mechanism and interagency coordinating committees, training of local staff, and building project ownership among various stakeholders. The reports have shown a substantial progress and general understanding of the common issues.
- 4.2.30 The Meeting further acknowledged the efforts of Singapore, Brunei Darussalam and Japan, in PEMSEA activities, including capacity-building and knowledge-sharing.
- 4.2.31 The RPO sought the guidance of the Meeting in dealing with requests for parallel sites which are expected to exceed the ten parallel sites required by the Project Document. It was noted that more parallel sites will benefit the region and that PEMSEA could help to establish a framework for leveraging financial support from other sources and to assist local governments in establishing ICM programmes. The Meeting concurred with the request from the RPO.
- 4.2.32 Noting the importance of information exchange, it was observed that the ICM projects take a different, on-the-ground approach, addressing constraints at local and national levels. The IIMS and other mechanisms assist local and national stakeholders in acquiring data and achieving other objectives under the Coastal Strategy, etc. The information-sharing aspect of IIMS represents a big step forward.
- 4.2.33 The IMO representative stated that this had relevance to international projects such as the Global Marine Environmental Assessment (GMA) as well as GESAMP activities, in which the approach will be to generate contributions from the region.
- 4.2.33 Exchange and cooperation was advocated and a good forum would be the EAS Congress to be held in 8-12 December 2003 in Putrajaya.

4.3 Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) Report

- 4.3.1 Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP GEF Coordinator, UNDP-GEF Regional Service Unit Asia and the Pacific, presented the results of Regional Programme's Mid-Term Evaluation to the Meeting. Mr. Clairs emphasized that the MTE report indicated that the PEMSEA programme has achieved substantial progress in the fulfillment of its development objective. This was due in part to both good project design and innovative and adaptive management. He addressed the concerns identified in the MTE report, including the need to strengthen relationships between the PEMSEA program and other donor assisted coastal management programs and projects, the need to

strengthen PEMSEA personnel with knowledge of coastal processes and ecological principles, and the need to enhance IIMS as a user-driven, decision-making support tool.

- 4.3.2 Mr. Clairs noted the need for participating countries and international agencies and organizations to capitalize on the investment that has been made in the PEMSEA Regional Programme, and to maximize the benefits to be derived. The MTE report suggested that there is a danger of losing the momentum developed over the past 9 years unless the major stakeholders further nurture the process and activities developed under PEMSEA, including the partnership arrangements that have been facilitated.
- 4.3.3 A number of recommendations from the MTE report were introduced to the Meeting. The recommendations were addressed to PEMSEA Partners, GEF, UNDP, IMO and other donors, governments, and the PEMSEA management team. The Meeting was specifically advised of the MTE recommendation that a working group be set up to explore options for a new institutional and funding arrangement to follow the termination of PEMSEA Regional Programme.
- 4.3.4 Mr. Adrian Ross outlined the actions proposed by the Regional Programme Office (RPO) in response to the recommendations of the MTE report concerning the PEMSEA management team, including:
- promoting adaptive management at ICM and hotspot sites by supporting the development and implementation of action programs addressing priority issues and concerns within the framework of coastal strategies;
 - developing and implementing zoning schemes to strengthen sustainable development programs in coastal areas;
 - completing case studies and policy briefs to highlight and transfer the experiences and lessons learned at PEMSEA sites;
 - preparing guidelines on national coastal strategies and policies for use by participating countries;
 - implementing a comprehensive communication plan to build consensus on the SDS-SEA;
 - developing a comprehensive set of performance indicators for use in monitoring and evaluating progress in ICM programs;
 - strengthening the capacity of local government units to meet ISO 14001 requirements for environmental management systems;
 - developing and implementing the Port Safety Audits and the Port Safety Environmental Management System (PSEMS) in ports of the region;
 - developing linkages between established programs in integrated coastal and river basin management and sea use zoning with PEMSEA hotspot sites;
 - reviewing ways and means to expand and sustain the intellectual capital developed by PEMSEA.
- 4.3.5 Dr. Jihyun Lee reviewed the MTE report's conclusions regarding "knowledge management" in practice, which was designed to review PEMSEA's efforts to document, transfer and apply best practice and lessons among different activities within the project, as well as to other similar projects in the region. The MTE report stated that PEMSEA's knowledge can be a useful asset to the existing efforts toward

sustainable coastal and ocean development, if effectively capitalized and cultivated, and expedite the processes by providing effective framework and processes for implementing integrated management of coastal and marine resources. However, the current efforts to package, share, apply and replicate PEMSEA's knowledge are too limited to meet the demand from the region, as well as outside of the region. In this regard, the Mid-Term Evaluation addressed a danger of losing the significant intellectual capital arising from the PEMSEA programme, unless it is cultivated and strengthened through the application of an effective knowledge management system.

- 4.3.6 The MTE Team made a number of recommendations for strengthening and expanding the intellectual capital generated by PEMSEA, but it was pointed out that many of the recommendations were outside the current mandate and objectives of the GEF Project Document.
- 4.3.7 The Meeting endorsed the MTE report in general, and the formation of a working group, with draft Terms of Reference to be reviewed during Tripartite Review Session.

5.0 STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES FOR PEMSEA

5.1 Senior Government Officials Meeting

- 5.1.1 Dr. Rolando Metin, Undersecretary of the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, the Republic of Philippines, Chair of the Senior Government Officials Meeting, Pattaya, Thailand, 4-5 August 2003 (the SGOM), presented the report of the SGOM. He informed the Meeting of extensive and active participation at the SGOM and the achievements made by the SGOM in further promoting consensus on the substance of the SDS-SEA. He introduced the conclusions and recommendations made by the SGOM, including the acceptance of the Third Revision of the SDS-SEA and the Draft Putrajaya Declaration of Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia (the Putrajaya Declaration), as amended by the SGOM, subject to final national review; the procedures and mechanisms for producing the final drafts of the two documents, the scope of final national review and the arrangements for the Ministerial Forum.
- 5.1.2 The delegation from Malaysia informed the Meeting that the country's Cabinet had approved the hosting of the Ministerial Forum
- 5.1.3 Responding to an inquiry, the ASEAN representative informed the Meeting that the ASEAN Ministers of Environment meeting had been scheduled for 16 –19 December 2003, thus avoiding conflicting meeting dates.
- 5.1.4 The delegate of Japan reiterated his appreciation for the recommendation by the SGOM to enable the countries to conduct final national review, although he did not foresee any major problems with the draft SDS-SEA as amended by the SGOM.
- 5.1.5 Clarification was sought on the meaning of "without altering the substance of the SDS-SEA" in the final national review as recommended by the SGOM. It was explained that the final national review should be in keeping with the consensus

achieved and update national information and statistics given, not introducing new issues to the text.

- 5.1.6 The Meeting expressed support to the recommendations of the SGOM, and thanked the Government of Malaysia for agreeing to host the Ministerial Forum.

5.2 Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia

- 5.2.1 Dr. Huming Yu, Senior Programme Officer, reported on the 3-year extensive consultation process undertaken by the RPO, the countries and other stakeholders in the formulation of the SDS-SEA. He highlighted the consensus achieved as a result of the consultations, the unique features of the SDS-SEA, the benefits expected of the SDS-SEA, and the amendments made by the SGOM on the draft SDS-SEA.
- 5.2.2 The Meeting was informed that the SGOM recommended that the publication of the final versions of the SDS-SEA and the Putrajaya Declaration be completed and distributed one month prior to the Ministerial Forum. The Meeting agreed that the final national review and endorsement of the two documents would be subject to internal mechanisms and processes in the respective countries.
- 5.2.3 The Meeting called upon participating governments to actively pursue the endorsement of the SDS-SEA and the Putrajaya Declaration as recommended by the SGOM.

5.3 The East Asian Seas Congress

- 5.3.1 Ms. Maria Cecilia San, Technical Assistant, Policy and Legal Analysis, informed the Meeting of the organization of the East Asian Seas Congress 2003, from 8-12 December 2003 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, as follows:
- The Congress is being co-organized with the Department of Environment (DOE) Malaysia;
 - The Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment (MOSTE) Malaysia has agreed to host the Congress, on behalf of the Government of Malaysia; and
 - Five international organizations -- specifically, IMO; UNEP-Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (UNEP-GPA) Coordination Office; WorldFish Center, Penang, Malaysia; UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific; and Ship and Ocean Foundation, Japan; -- are co-organizing workshop sessions for the International Conference and that the RPO has received support from various partners (Honorary Advisors, International Committee Members, Supporting Organizations and PEMSEA National Focal Agencies).
- 5.3.2 The overarching goal of the East Asian Seas Congress is to catalyze the regional partnerships and cooperation toward achieving the goal of sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia, as a regional response to the WSSD Plan of Implementation.
- 5.3.3 The Congress has three main features -- namely, the Ministerial Forum on the Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia, the International Conference on

the Sustainable Development of the East Asian Seas: Towards a New Era of Regional Collaboration and Partnerships, and the Congress Side Events.

- 5.3.4 The Ministerial Forum is a venue for East Asia's top-level policymakers to discuss the state of the region's environment and natural resources, have a dialogue about the sustainable development of the coasts and oceans and agree on a common framework of actions for the East Asian Seas (i.e., the SDS-SEA).
- 5.3.5 The International Conference is designed to catalyze regional and international collaboration towards minimizing environmental deterioration and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and that it will focus on:
- Progress in joint efforts to address key regional concerns, especially pertaining to the implementation of international instruments and the recommendations of summits on the environment and sustainable development;
 - Best practices and lessons learned in the application of integrated approaches to the management of coastal and ocean-related ecosystems and natural resources;
 - Obstacles to the effective management of shared waters and the actions needed to overcome governance, finance, scientific, communication and capacity barriers; and
 - Regional collaboration and partnerships.
- 5.3.6 The following Side Events will be held during the Congress:
- The Third Forum of the Regional Network of Local Governments (RNLG) Implementing Integrated Coastal Management;
 - The Media Forum on Environmental Communication;
 - The Multidisciplinary Experts Group (MEG) Meeting
 - A Field trip to the Klang ICM Demonstration Site;
 - A Poster Session; and
 - The Congress Exhibit.
- 5.3.7 The representatives from IMO, UNDP, Ship and Ocean Foundation (SOF) and UNEP provided the Meeting with information regarding the co-organization of the thematic workshops.
- 5.3.8 Mr. Koji Sekimizu, IMO, indicated that three preparatory meetings had been held with the Maritime Attachés from the respective country embassies in London. Preparations for the Thematic Workshop on Maritime Transport were progressing well and a number of papers had been confirmed. Mr. Sekimizu also advised the Meeting that IMO was considering the organization of Side Events to the Congress, including a workshop on Ballast Water Management and a meeting of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP).
- 5.3.9 Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP-GEF Coordinator, UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific informed the Meeting that his office was co-organizing the Thematic Workshop on Biodiversity, and that a number of paper abstracts had already been received were under review. Mr. Clairs extended the UNEP-GEF

Regional Coordination Unit's offer of assistance to the LOC in its preparations for the Congress.

- 5.3.10 Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Ship and Ocean Foundation, Japan, informed the Meeting that the Institute for Ocean Policy, SOF, exchanged a Statement of Intention with PEMSEA in March 2003. He expressed that his Institute is providing 10 million yen to support the EAS Congress 2003 and the co-organization of the workshop entitled, "National Ocean and Coastal Policies and Regional Collaborative Arrangements" in the International Conference.
- 5.3.11 Mr. Yihang Jiang, Senior Expert, UNEP EAS/RCU and UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project, reported on behalf of the Coordinating Office of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP-GPA Coordinating Office). He informed the Meeting that preparations for the Thematic Workshop on Land-based Pollution was proceeding well, with the identified topics and invited experts. In order to better use the opportunity of the high-level forum, he informed the Meeting that he would discuss the details of the organizational matters with the RPO.
- 5.3.12 Mr. Patrick Tan Hock Chuan, Director of Strategic Communications, DOE Malaysia, gave a briefing on the preparations of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the EAS Congress and a short description of Putrajaya. He emphasized the importance of the Congress and highlighted the uniqueness of the name of the Declaration of Regional Collaboration -- i.e., the Putrajaya Declaration. Mr. Tan offered his assurances that PEMSEA's efforts to organize the Congress had the full support of the Malaysian Government and that the Local Organizing Committee would do its best to make the event a success.
- 5.3.13 Dr. Iouri Oliounine of the International Ocean Institute (IOI) sought clarification on the benefits available to Supporting Organizations.
- 5.3.14 Dr. Chua responded by saying that the names of the Supporting Organizations would be included in the Final Programme and that these organizations would have the opportunity to participate in the Congress Exhibit. He went on to inform the representatives of the participating countries of the possibility of having the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia attend the Congress.
- 5.3.15 Ms. Wiryanti Wiryono, Technical Officer, Environment, Bureau of Functional Cooperation, ASEAN Secretariat, informed the group that, instead of having a Side Event, the organization would have a meeting prior to the EAS Congress to discuss what the organization may contribute to the event.

5.4 GEF MSP on Public-Private Partnerships

- 5.4.1 Mr. Adrian Ross advised the Meeting that the MSP Project Brief was endorsed by eight participating countries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, PR China, RO Korea, Thailand and Vietnam), and submitted to GEF and UNDP in February 2003. He reminded the Meeting that the major objective of the MSP was to develop confidence and understanding of the PPP process as an alternative mechanism for

financing environmental improvement infrastructure projects in partnership with the private sector. Outcomes of the project were identified as:

- at least three new self-sustaining public-private partnership arrangements in environmental infrastructure/services (sewage/sanitation) serving as working models for local governments of the region;
- a series of land-based pollution prevention and reduction pipeline projects identified in the 8 participating countries;
- a tested set of guidelines, training materials and case studies on public-private sector partnerships (PPP), supporting national and local government planners and decision-makers in implementing sustainable environmental management programs;
- national policies and instruments encompassing the financing and management of environmental facilities and services, including: revenue collection, revenue sharing and cost recovery, the development of borrowing capacities of municipalities, and legal/administrative arrangements that enable partnerships with the private sector;
- PPP process recognized as an acceptable alternative delivery system, enabling PPP project access to loans, loan guarantees and other forms of financing, internationally, regionally and nationally; and
- a replicable approach to facilitating private sector investments in environmental infrastructure and services is promulgated.

5.4.2 The Meeting was advised that the MSP had been approved by the GEF on 6 August 2003. The next step will be the development of the Project Document. The Project Document will be prepared by the RPO in consultation with participating countries, and submitted to UNDP for final approval.

5.4.3 The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the RPO for the successful development of the new GEF project.

6.0 PEMSEA WORK PLAN 2003-2004

6.1 Dr. Chua introduced the revised six-year work plan for PEMSEA 1999-2005 (PSC/03/DOC/32a), along with the detailed two-year work plan covering the period January 2003 through December 2004 (PSC/02/DOC/32b).

6.2 The Meeting was informed of the major impact areas that will be the focus of PEMSEA activities over the next two years, include:

1. Resource mobilization and development of new projects including: the GEF MSP on national and regional revolving funds for pollution prevention and reduction; watershed/coastal seas management twinning program; and implementation of MOUs with IOI, World Fish Center, WRI, GETF, and UNEP-GPA (2nd Phase);
2. Implementation of coastal strategies and corresponding action programs at integrated coastal management (ICM) sites
3. New parallel sites development;
4. Organization of the 3rd RNLG forum during the EAS Congress 2003;

5. Implementation of subregional sea areas/pollution hotspots environmental management projects;
 6. Establishment of PSEMS at selected ports and the development of oil spill contingency plans and damage claims recovery procedures in the Gulf of Thailand, Bohai Sea and Manila Bay;
 7. Publication of training manuals on contingency planning and claims recovery, eco-summer camp, and integrating social science concerns into ICM;
 8. Implementation of the GEF MSP Brief on Development and Implementation of PPP in Environmental Investments;
 9. Validation and packaging of a methodology on valuing ICM benefits;
 10. Policy briefs on environmental carrying capacity, socio-economic benefits of ICM, transboundary impacts of national economic activities and trade offs between economic development and ecological benefits;
 11. Final packaging/production of IIMS software & User's Manual;
 12. Regional environmental youth camp;
 13. RPO website enhancement and ICM website development and linking among sites; publication and dissemination of ICM practitioner's notes; production and dissemination of PEMSEA sites video and EAS Congress video; strengthening networks to further develop/promote creative and innovative solutions to sustainable development concerns;
 14. Technical assistance to countries in the development of national coastal and marine policy; and
 15. Successful conduct of the Ministerial Forum (12 December 2003) for the adoption of the SDS-EAS, the International Conference (8-11 December 2003) and other side events during the EAS Congress 2003.
- 6.3 The Meeting recognized that a significant number of activities are to be undertaken by the Regional Programme from 2003 to 2005.
- 6.4 The Chinese delegation expressed support to PEMSEA's initiatives for developing the watershed/coastal seas management twinning program in collaboration with Chesapeake Bay program, USA, and suggested extending such collaborative efforts to the semi-enclosed seas management programs in the other regions. He also suggested that follow-up activities need to be considered in the work plan upon the adoption of the SDS-SEA.
- 6.5 The Malaysian delegation expressed appreciation for PEMSEA's efforts for educating the youth in ocean and coastal environmental management. He also emphasized the need to enhance the awareness of high-level policy makers, which is in line with PEMSEA's existing activities, such as the Leadership Seminar on Coastal and Ocean Governance, as well as ICM study tours.
- 6.6 The representative of Ship and Ocean Foundation explained the plan by Nippon Foundation, with the collaboration of universities and marine institutes, to develop a model course for university education on coastal and ocean governance in each country.
- 6.7 The Meeting recognized that some capacity building initiatives being undertaken by the Regional Programme Office are beyond the scope of the Regional Programme, including:

- The implementation of increased number of ICM parallel sites on request of participating countries;
- The MSP on Public-Private Partnerships;
- The initiative in developing self-sustaining financing mechanisms for pollution reduction;
- The development and implementation of twinning projects with other interested organizations and institutions to strengthen the sharing of experiences and mutual assistance in integrated watershed and coastal seas management; and
- Research and education on coastal and ocean governance.

7.0 COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

7.1 PEMSEA Partners

- 7.1.1 Mr. Adrian Ross informed the Meeting of the collaboration activities of the Regional Programme with partners, which were undertaken from January 2002 to July 2003. More than 40 PEMSEA partners were identified, with activities ranging from capacity building to development of environmental investment opportunities, the implementation of ICM parallel sites and the organization of the EAS Congress 2003. Partnerships have been established across a number of sectors including governments (national and local), private enterprises and industry, universities, research institutions, NGOs, civil society groups, international organizations, UN Agencies, and donors.
- 7.1.2 Dr. Chua informed the Meeting that the letter of intention for partnership between Ship and Ocean Foundation and PEMSEA has been signed on March 2003.
- 7.1.3 Ms. Amelia Supetran, UNDP Manila, suggested that PEMSEA link with the regional network of universities in order to fully utilize and transfer the expertise, experiences and knowledge accumulated by PEMSEA.
- 7.1.4 Dr. Iouri Oliounine of the International Ocean Institute acknowledged PEMSEA's efforts toward building partnerships with governments as well as non-governmental organizations, indicating the MOU between PEMSEA and IOI. He then described the mission, organizational structures, major activities and global networking efforts of his organization.
- 7.1.5 The RO Korea delegation informed the Meeting of the APEC Marine Environment Training and Education Center (AMETEC), which will be officially launched in November 2003 and hosted by Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute (KORDI). AMETEC will carry out a two-week training program on the "Protection of Marine Environment from Sewage" in November 2003, and initiate a long-term training program in 2004. The RO Korean delegation expressed their interest to cooperate with PEMSEA, particularly in the process of identifying appropriate training participants as well as in further elaborating the contents of the training program.
- 7.1.6 Ms. Wiryanti Wiryono of the ASEAN Secretariat congratulated the members of PEMSEA on their progress in the various activities of the program. She informed the

Meeting that ASEAN is currently exploring with China, Japan and RO Korea on how to strengthen cooperation and will seek to define the nature of cooperation possibly during the Second ASEAN Environment Ministers Meeting to be held in Myanmar in December 2003. She indicated the possibility that ASEAN could hold a Working Group Meeting on Coastal and Environment prior to the East Asian Seas Congress 2003 in Malaysia, upon confirmation by Malaysian Government, to develop inputs and identify possible collaboration with potential partners during the Congress.

- 7.1.7 Mr. Yihang Jiang of the UNEP EAS/RCU and UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project informed the Meeting of the new developments of the UNEP activities in the region, including COBSEA, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), and the South China Sea Project. With regard to COBSEA, according to the decision of the UNEP Governing Council, UNEP engaged a consultant to carry out an independent review of COBSEA in relation to the preparation for COBSEA workplan for 2004-2006. A visit of the consultant to the participating countries of COBSEA and regional organizations, including the Regional Programme Office of the PEMSEA, provided some basis for future cooperation. He suggested that, building upon the current cooperation between PEMSEA and UNEP-GPA, cooperation between PEMSEA and the UNEP Programme and project activities could be further strengthened in the region.
- 7.1.8 Mr. John C. Fawcett-Ellis of INTERTANKO informed the Meeting that the organization advocates safe transport, cleaner seas and free competition. He identified possible areas of collaboration with PEMSEA including assisting countries in preparing adequate port reception facilities, the formulation of the new ballast water management convention, developing a code of good practice to the recycling of ships, ratification of Annex VI of MARPOL and the HNS convention, and the implementation of the MEH project.
- 7.1.9 Mr. Declan O'Driscoll of EARL described his organization as the oil spill response department of its member industries, which are companies involved in the exploration and production of oil. As the key to an effective response is preparation, the concept of a shared industry resource is being promoted. He informed the Meeting that EARL has conducted OPRC trainings in PEMSEA sites together with ITOPF, and welcomed any feedbacks from the countries.
- 7.1.10 The Chinese delegation acknowledged the increasing partnership initiatives in PEMSEA and congratulated the MOU signing between PEMSEA and IOI, with appreciation of IOI's capacity building and networking efforts in China.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL SESSION

Regional Programme Director's Report

The Meeting noted:

- 8.1 With satisfaction, the comprehensive report of the Regional Programme Director on the progress, achievements and constraints that have been encountered with

programme implementation during the intersessional period from March 2002 to June 2003;

- 8.2 With appreciation, the emerging role of PEMSEA as a regional platform for stakeholder partnerships at both the national and international level to collectively address the critical issues related to coastal and marine environment and resources;
- 8.3 With appreciation the financial contributions made by participating national and local governments, as well as other PEMSEA partners, as concrete evidence of the support being given to PEMSEA strategies and approaches in integrated management of marine and coastal resources;
- 8.4 With gratitude, the catalytic effect that the PEMSEA Regional Programme has had in strengthening capacities and commitments of national and local governments in environmental management, especially with regard to the Bohai Sea, PR China, and the Shihwa ICM Parallel Site, RO Korea;
- 8.5 With satisfaction, the consultation and consensus building process that has been conducted at the national, regional and international levels, which have yielded positive results in terms of feedback by national governments, and agreements by FAO, IOC-UNESCO, UNEP-GPA, WorldFish Center and Ship and Ocean Foundation (SOF) to join World Bank, GEF, UNDP and IMO as collaborators in the development of the SDS-SEA;
- 8.6 With support, the establishment of Sukabumi, Indonesia, as the third PEMSEA ICM parallel site in the region, and the interest expressed by Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Malaysia and PR China similarly to develop parallel sites;
- 8.7 With satisfaction, the start-up of the Gulf of Thailand Environmental Management Project and the endorsement of the project objectives and focus by Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam;
- 8.8 With gratitude, the GEF approval of the MSP project entitled, Implementation of Public-Private Partnerships in Environmental Investments.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.9 That the Regional Programme Office continue in its efforts to forge partnerships with international agencies and institutions, regional organizations, civil society, the academe, non-governmental organizations, industries and the private sector to strengthen local, national and regional capacities for the improved management of the environment and natural resources of the Seas of East Asia;
- 8.10 That the Regional Programme Office continue to distill lessons learned from PEMSEA's activities, prepare case studies and technical reports on those activities, and disseminate information on environmental management of coastal and marine resources to stakeholders within and outside of the East Asian Seas Region;

- 8.11 That the development of PEMSEA ICM parallel sites continue to be promoted and encouraged among national and local governments of the region as a means of achieving sustainable development and management of marine and coastal areas.

National Progress Reports

The Meeting noted:

- 8.12 With appreciation, the substantive achievements and successful implementation of various project activities at PEMSEA sites, including coastal strategy development, environmental risk assessment, IIMS, environmental investments, public awareness and civil society participation;
- 8.13 That the framework and process of ICM is now well-established, as is evident with the institutionalization of ICM programmes in several locations, including the establishment of an ICZM Division in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam;
- 8.14 That the ICM framework and process is increasingly being recognized and used as an on-the-ground, operating model, which has proven to be effective and sustainable, e.g. Bataan and Danang;
- 8.15 That while the partnership approach is voluntary and non-binding, it has proven to be effective in achieving the shared objectives of multi-sectoral stakeholders;
- 8.16 That progress at the PEMSEA sites is being recognized by national governments, and is contributing the development of national coastal and marine policy;
- 8.17 That some common constraints to progress at some PEMSEA demonstration sites, included limited technical capacity of local staff and a language barrier;
- 8.18 A much higher level of understanding and acceptance of the integrated management approach at local and national levels, and the increasing interest in replication of ICM programmes;
- 8.19 That requests for designation of PEMSEA ICM parallel sites are expected to exceed the required number of sites (i.e., 10 parallel sites) stipulated in the Project Document;
- 8.20 That a growing number of countries are planning or effecting the development of national coastal and marine policies.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.21 That the Regional Programme Office support governments in the identification and development of ICM parallel sites within the terms of the Regional Programme's evaluation criteria and resource constraints, and including the identification of possible funding sources;

- 8.22 That RPO be provided with the flexibility and responsibility of establishing more than 10 PEMSEA parallel sites, as appropriate and upon the request of the participating countries;
- 8.23 That the RPO continue to provide capacity building opportunities for local stakeholders and support the development of national coastal and marine policies among the participating countries.

Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) Report

The Meeting noted that:

- 8.24 The PEMSEA Programme has achieved substantial progress in the fulfillment of its development objective, which was due in part to both good project design and innovative and adaptive management;
- 8.25 There is a need for participating countries and international agencies and organizations to capitalize on the investment that has been made in the PEMSEA Regional Programme, and to maximize the benefits to be derived;
- 8.26 Among various recommendations addressed to PEMSEA Partners, GEF, UNDP, IMO and other donors, governments, and the PEMSEA management team, the MTE report recommended that a working group be set up to explore options for a new institutional and funding arrangement to follow the termination of PEMSEA Regional Programme;
- 8.27 PEMSEA's knowledge can be a useful asset in existing efforts aimed at sustainable coastal and ocean development.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.28 The endorsement of the MTE report in general and the formation of a working group, with Terms of Reference to be agreed to during the Tripartite Review Session.

STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES FOR PEMSEA

Senior Government Officials Meeting

The Meeting noted:

- 8.29 With appreciation, the success of the Senior Government Officials Meeting (SGOM), Pattaya, Thailand, 4-5 August 2003 (the SGOM) and the strong support to the development of the SDS-SEA expressed by the SGOM;
- 8.30 The acceptance by the SGOM of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), Revision 3, dated 18 July 2003, and the draft Putrajaya Declaration of Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia, both as amended by the SGOM and subject to final national review;

- 8.31 With appreciation, the report of the SGOM as presented by the Chair of the SGOM, Dr. Rolando Metin, Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Republic of the Philippines;
- 8.32 The recommendations of the SGOM pertaining to the procedures and mechanisms for the adoption of the final draft of the SDS-SEA, and the scope of final review of the draft SDS-SEA and draft Declaration;
- 8.33 The recommendations of the SGOM pertaining to the preparation of the final programme and arrangements for the Ministerial Forum;
- 8.34 With appreciation, the confirmation of the Government of Malaysia to host the Ministerial Forum, and the contribution of the Government of Malaysia in the preparation, organization and arrangements for the Ministerial Forum.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.35 Subject to national review, the endorsement of the Third Revision of the SDS-SEA and the draft Putrajaya Declaration, both as amended by the SGOM, by participating countries to the respective Ministers, and subsequently to the Ministerial Forum for review and adoption on 12 December 2003;
- 8.36 That participating governments confirm the attendance of Ministers to the Ministerial Forum as soon as possible to facilitate timely preparation and arrangements by the Local Organizing Committee.

Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia

The Meeting noted:

- 8.37 The significant progress made since the 8th PSC Meeting, in the conduct of multi-sectoral consultations, and the broad consensus achieved, by the participating governments and various other stakeholders in the formulation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA);
- 8.38 The efforts made by the RPO in the organization of a Ministerial Forum as a high level intergovernmental mechanism for review and adoption of the SDS-SEA, including the preparation of a draft programme for the Ministerial Forum, in accordance with the relevant decisions made by the 8th PSC Meeting;

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.39 That participating governments actively pursue the national final review and endorsement of the SDS-SEA and the Putrajaya Declaration by their respective governments as recommended by the SGOM by 15 September 2003.

The East Asian Seas Congress 2003

The Meeting recommended that:

- 8.40 The RPO continue its efforts and maintain the momentum it has gained over the past few months as regards Congress preparations;
- 8.41 Each country and organization do its part to aid PEMSEA in organizing and promoting the EAS Congress.

GEF Medium-Sized Project (MSP)

The Meeting noted:

- 8.42 With appreciation, the effort made by the Regional Programme Office in preparing the MSP;
- 8.43 That the project, as reviewed and endorsed by participating countries of PEMSEA, is a demonstrative undertaking, and is designed to establish confidence, guidance, skills and experience in public-private partnerships in environmental investments, which can be used in other projects within and outside of the region;
- 8.44 That the preparation of a Project Document will be initiated in collaboration with participating countries.

The Meeting recommended that:

- 8.45 The Regional Programme Office proceed with the development of the Project Document in collaboration with participating countries.

PEMSEA WORK PLAN

The Meeting noted:

- 8.46 With appreciation, the comprehensive revised work plan for 1999-2005 (PSC/03/DOC/32a) and a detailed work plan for 2003-2004 (PSC/03/DOC/32b) prepared by the RPO, including the major focus areas;
- 8.47 With appreciation, the efforts of the RPO to further support capacity building needs of countries of the region, which go beyond the scope of the Programme Document;

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.48 The adoption of the Work Plan for 1999-2005 and the Work Plan for 2003-2004 in accordance with the major focus areas and implementation approaches noted by the Meeting;
- 8.49 That the Regional Programme Office consider the following in the implementation of the adopted work plans, within the resources available to the Regional Programme:
- The follow-up activities that may be needed upon the adoption of the SDS-SEA;

- Broadening the scope of the proposed twinning projects in integrated watershed and coastal seas management to benefit more from the experiences and lessons learned by the similar projects in other parts of the world;
- The need to strengthen capacity building activities for the countries of the region with regard to the preparation of training models and curricula on coastal and ocean governance; and
- Increasing opportunities for high level policy makers and youth in the extension of sustainable development approaches.

COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

PEMSEA Partners

The Meeting noted:

- 8.50 With appreciation, the collaborative activities that the Regional Programme Office has undertaken with PEMSEA Partners from January 2002 to July 2003;
- 8.51 With appreciation, the partnerships with Marine Department, Thailand; Malaysian Institute of Maritime Affairs; Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Department of Environment Malaysia; State Oceanic Administration, Yantai Maritime Safety Administration, Xiamen Municipal Government, Xiamen University, PR China; Sukabumi Regency, Indonesia; Victoria Coastal Council, Australia; East Asia Response, Ltd; Development Bank of Philippines, Management Association of the Philippines, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, GMA Network, Sky Foundation, National Broadcasting Network, Miriam College, Philippines; Hatfield Consultants, Ltd./Envision Sustainability Tools, Inc.; International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF); International Ocean Institute (IOI); Ship and Ocean Foundation; Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)/ Coastal Management Center (CMC); WorldFish Center; IMO; UNEP-GPA; UNDP-GEF Regional Service Center;
- 8.52 With appreciation, the interest of ASEAN Secretariat, APEC Marine Environment Training and Education Center of the Republic of Korea, EARL, INTERTANKO, IOI, Ship and Ocean Foundation, UNEP/East Asia Action Plan, UNEP/GEF Project on the South China Sea, and UNEP-ROAP to cooperate and collaborate with PEMSEA.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.53 The Regional Programme continue to develop collaborative activities and partnerships with government at the national and local levels, private sector, universities, research institutions, donors, NGOs, UN agencies, international organizations and institutions.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 The Meeting requested the Regional Programme Office to explore a venue for the 10th PSC meeting, in consultation with the participating countries.

- 9.2 The Meeting noted the proposal made by Cambodia delegation regarding the designation of the Year of Coastal and Marine Environment. It was suggested that further consideration be given to the idea, including appropriate venues to materialize the proposal.

10.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

- 10.1 The Meeting adopted the Technical Session Report at 10:00 AM, 8 August 2002.

CLOSING REMARKS

- i. The delegation from China expressed sincere gratitude to the Co-Chairs for the Technical Session, Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong, Marine Department, Thailand, and Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP-GEF Kuala Lumpur, for the efficient manner in which they presided over the Meeting.
- ii. The Co-Chair, Mr. Tim Clairs, thanked the delegations and the Secretariat for their cooperation and assistance throughout the Meeting. Special thanks was also extended to the Observers for their input to the discussions, and for their continuing collaboration and cooperation with PEMSEA.
- iii. Mr. Clairs reminded the Meeting that the Tripartite Review Session would commence at 08:30 AM, 9 August 2003.

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ANNEX 2

Full Text of Speeches

Opening Ceremony

**Welcome Address of Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong
Director of the Marine Safety and Environment Bureau
Marine Department**

Distinguished Delegates and Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and Marine Department, I have a great pleasure in welcoming all delegates from participating countries and guests from various organizations to this meeting. First of all, the Marine Department would like to express our gratitude for being granted a great honor in hosting the Ninth Programme Steering Committee, which is an annual activity of the Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia or PEMSEA.

News and reports of adverse environmental situations and marine pollution problems taking place in many places of the world in the past decade clearly indicates that the world is now facing a severe impact on natural resources and environment, as well as quality of life. To solve such problems, an effort has been made by imposing new regulations in response to intermediate problems. For example, increasing accidents involving single-hulled vessels in Europe have drive the International Maritime Organization to issue regulations that all tankers be double-hulled by the year 2015. Subsequently, repeated accidents of the single-hulled tankers in 2001 and 2002 had resulted in accelerating the enforcement of double-hulled tanker to come into effect by the year 2010, which is 5 years earlier than firstly agreed. Such approach will positively affect marine environment. It will, at the same time, pose a negative impact on the economic and social development, especially for the developing countries. To circumvent these likely problems, an integrated plan towards sustainability is a solution.

As East Asian Region is a vast area with a densely populated zone along the coastlines, a regional economy primarily depends on marine environment and natural resources. Therefore, protection and conservation of marine environment is considered a significant issue. I am delighted to learn that the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia has been taken into consideration by participating countries in the Senior Government Officials Meeting. The strategy is ready to be proposed to the Ministerial Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this coming December for the endorsement. This endorsement will ensure that participating countries will adopt Sustainable Development Strategy and use it as a guideline for planning on natural resources and marine environment management.

Also I would like to point out that a fast recovery of Asian countries from economic crisis clearly demonstrates that natural resources in this region have a very high potential, especially for Thailand. Thailand has passed the crisis and is presently returning to a stage of stable economic growth. The progress is confirmed when Thailand is entrusted to host APEC 2003. In this conference, significant topics in all aspects, including economy, trades and tourism, will be discussed. For the APEC 2003, Thailand not only recognizes the significance of the economic topic, but also acknowledges the significant role of our new generation in the future. As a result, we have established a new programme, which is called "APEC Youth Camp". This strengthening partnership, which is accordance with the theme of APEC in Thailand that emphasizes "A World of Differences; Partnership for the Future". This objective also conforms to the PEMSEA objective that is to establish and strengthen a

good partnership among stakeholders, who are engaged in environmental management, from both government and private sectors.

Honorable participants, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to the 9th Programme Steering Committee of the Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) in Pattaya City. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy cordial welcome and friendship extended by the Thai people. Most importantly, I hope this meeting will succeed in providing you with useful resolutions. The experience you have acquired will consequently contribute to the achievement of natural resources and environmental management.

Thank You.

Opening Remarks of Dr. Chua Thia-Eng Regional Programme Director, PEMSEA

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Ladies and gentlemen

A very pleasant good morning and PEMSEA welcomes you all to this beautiful resort in Pattaya!

First, on behalf of all the participants allow me to thank the Royal Government of Thailand for graciously hosting the 9th Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting. Our gratitude also to PEMSEA's National Focal Agency, the Marine Department of Thailand for providing the much needed organizational support. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our colleagues from IMO, UNDP and GEF as well as the observers from our collaborating partners and regional bodies/ programmes.

We are indeed pleased that all the 12 participating countries of PEMSEA attended this meeting. They were also fully represented at the Senior Government Officials' Meeting (SGOM), which was successfully concluded at this same venue yesterday. Some of the participants of the SGOM have left the country while many have stayed for this meeting. For those who are still with us, I wish to thank you for your time and the effort you made to attend this meeting. We look forward to a fruitful meeting with your active participation.

We are extremely thankful that the Royal Government of Thailand chose to hold this meeting here in Pattaya in the Province of Chonburi. It is because of the fact that Chonburi Province is also an ICM demonstration site of PEMSEA. There will be an opportunity for participants to visit the demonstration site and to learn about the efforts of the local governments in addressing environmental and resource use problems. Pattaya is located along the coast of the Gulf of Thailand, which is another PEMSEA project site for Regional Cooperation on Oil Spills Contingency Planning and Cost Recovery. The Gulf of Thailand Project is participated by concerned government agencies and other stakeholders from Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam.

This is the 9th Meeting of the PSC since the Regional Programme was established and became operational in January 1994 under the GEF pilot phase, which concluded in 1999. It was immediately followed by the follow-on phase. Thus the Regional Programme was able to continue the momentum of the pilot phase project. By the end of this year, the Regional Programme would have concluded its first decade of operation.

The Regional Programme began with the participation of 5 countries and it increased to a total of 11 countries by the close of the pilot phase. With the participation of Japan in the follow-on phase, the Regional Programme now has a full complement of all the 12 countries surrounding the seas of East Asia. We are very pleased of the support given to the Regional Programme Office in the execution of the various activities and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the National Focal Points for their continued support and cooperation.

I wish to also express our gratitude and appreciation for the support and cooperation given to the Regional Programme by the concerned divisions of IMO especially to Mr. Koji Sekimizu, the Director of Marine Environment Division for his support and to the various UNDP resident representatives assigned in Manila and its country offices in the region for providing field support, advice and collaboration in the implementation and operation of the PEMSEA activities. I must report to you that over the last 9 years, the GEF Secretariat in Washington DC has been very supportive to PEMSEA and have promoted PEMSEA activities outside the region.

This PSC Meeting has a special function in addition to its standard terms of reference. The 9th PSC is expected to consider and reinforce the recommendations of the Senior Government Official Meeting (SGOM) with respect to the endorsement of the SDS-SEA, the Declaration and the Programme for the Ministerial Forum this coming December. This PSC will also be required to consider the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation for PEMSEA. It is now about time for the participating countries to consider how they could maximize the use of the tacit knowledge gained by the Regional Programme as well as to consider an appropriate mechanism for sustaining these regional efforts beyond the time frame of the Regional Programme.

Ladies and Gentlemen, whilst the next three days would be extremely busy for all of you, I do wish you all a pleasant stay and that you will take some time off to enjoy the facilities that this beautiful beach resort offers.

Thank you and good morning.

Opening Remarks of Tim Clairs
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Distinguished leaders and members of government delegations
Director of IMO Environment Division – Mr. Koji Sekimizu
Director of the Marine Safety and Environment Bureau, Marine Department, Ministry of Transport – Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong
Colleagues, friends, ladies and gentlemen

Welcome to the 9th Programme Steering Committee Meeting of our Partnerships for Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). Some of you have already been hard at work for the past two days in the Senior Government Officials Meeting. However, as I have just arrived may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Royal Government of Thailand for hosting this meeting here in Pattaya. Particular thanks to the Director General of the Marine Department, Ministry of Transport and to the Sriracha Municipality who will host the field trip on Friday.

While this is the 9th Programme Steering Committee Meeting, it is the first I have had the honor of attending. Nevertheless, I have been following the programme since the beginning of the PEMSEA second phase. When I joined UNDP at the beginning of 1999, the first meeting I attended was UNDP's Appraisal Committee meeting to approve the Project Document. I remember being handed the Project Document – a “brick” about 3 inches thick – and thinking “my goodness, I hope not all UNDP GEF Project Documents are like this!”.

As it turns out, not all UNDP GEF projects are like PEMSEA. Tackling complex marine and coastal issues across a remarkable number of countries, PEMSEA has been able to keep a strong emphasis on applying and demonstrating the integrated management approach, through its network of pilot and parallel sites.

This is in part thanks to the dedication of the local site authorities, in part thanks to the support of you – the national delegations, and in no doubt largely thanks to the hardworking PEMSEA Secretariat Team, charismatically led by Dr. Chua.

The success of the Programme in progressing towards its objectives has been reflected over the past 12 months through good assessments from GEF Secretariat Review and the independent Mid-Term Evaluation.

However, PEMSEA is doing more than just making good progress towards its GEF objectives. As noted in the Mid-Term Evaluation Report, PEMSEA is also an invaluable resource to help put in place the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

I can mention three key areas where PEMSEA is contributing above and beyond its programme objectives:

1. Helping nations of East Asia in achieving sustainable economic development that is integrated with sound environmental management. The potential to expand this contribution lies with the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia;
2. Promoting efforts to establish public-private partnerships and WSSD Type II partnerships;
3. Developing networks and improving our practical understanding of knowledge management modalities.

There is now an opportunity for you, national government delegations, to consider how the successes and contributions of PEMSEA can be extended and expanded to support national and international development objectives. The Sustainable Development Strategy could be a very important tool in mainstreaming environmental management not only into national economic development plans but also into regional cooperation strategies. The Ministerial Forum and Congress PEMSEA is organizing in December is an important opportunity to strengthen national and regional support.

PEMSEA also represents an opportunity for UNDP, as the UN's global development network, to integrate the achievement of GEF objectives with the achievement of the MDGs. The PEMSEA networks, partnerships and knowledge management lessons are all applicable to UNDP's development objectives.

So there are many exciting issues and opportunities for us to discuss here in Pattaya. I look forward to a successful and productive meeting. Thank you.

**Opening Remarks of Koji Sekimizu
Director, Marine Environment Division
International Maritime Organization**

Excellency, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the Project Steering Committee of PEMSEA again and to say a few words on behalf of the Secretary-General of IMO at the opening of this session.

Before commenting on the activities of PEMSEA, I would like to mention the outcome of the Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting held two weeks ago, when consideration was given to a number of important proposals to amend parts of the MARPOL Convention which had been developed by the European Union countries following the sinking of the oil tanker **Prestige**.

In essence, the suggested measures called for further acceleration of the phase-out timetable for single-hull tankers, a ban on the carriage of heavy grades of oil in single-hull tankers and for the Condition Assessment Scheme, adopted in 2001 in the wake of the 1999 **Erika** incident, to be applied to tankers of 15 years of age and above. There was also a separate proposal from a number of EU countries to establish a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area around certain parts of the coastline of northern Europe.

In submitting these new requirements to IMO, the EU countries once again confirmed the vital role played by IMO as the only forum in which effective, global regulations for international shipping can be formulated, and re-iterated their own strong commitment to this important principle. This gave us particular satisfaction, because a great deal of effort had been put into removing any administrative or political hurdles that might have prevented these proposed measures from coming to IMO. The Secretary-General had meetings earlier this year with the then President of the European Union Maritime Transport Ministers' Council and the Vice-President of the European Commission, during which he urged Member Governments to bring any safety and environmental issues relating to the **Prestige** incident to IMO for consideration and appropriate action.

As a result, the MEPC two weeks ago agreed to proceed with these proposals at an Extra Session of the Committee, to be held in December, so that they might be further refined, with a view to their subsequent adoption. Once again, this demonstrates the urgency with which IMO can address pressing issues and the realistic, pragmatic and well-balanced approach that can be achieved within the framework of a truly international forum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of recent developments aiming at establishing the Marine Electronic Highway system in the Malacca and Singapore Straits. You all know that the concept of the MEH system was first discussed in the 1990's in PEMSEA and that IMO has taken over the responsibility of formulating realistic projects to install the maritime navigation and environmental management system. With strong support from the three littoral States surrounding the Malacca and Singapore Straits and in co-operation with the shipping industry represented by INTERTANKO and the International Hydrographic Organization as well as the Japan Coast Guard and the Ministry of Maritime

Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea, a general outline of the Demonstration Project has been developed with a total cost of 16 million US dollars. The recent GEF Council meeting has endorsed this Demonstration Project and we are now very hopeful that the Project will be finally approved by the World Bank before the end of this year and that we will be able to start the Demonstration of the MEH System from next year. This Project is one of the most important strategic projects of IMO in its efforts to apply modern technology to navigation management and the environmental protection of the international straits. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all PEMSEA partner Governments and the shipping industry involved in the project for their support and commitment to the realization of the system.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is already a decade since IMO decided to host this major environmental project now known as PEMSEA. The Project evolved successfully and now we are reaching a point of maturity in organizing the Ministerial Forum together with an International Conference to be held in Malaysia in the coming December as embraced in the East Asian Seas Congress in 2003.

Throughout the process of activities of PEMSEA, IMO has closely monitored developments through the Manila office and we are very satisfied with a number of successful projects for the protection of the marine environment in the East Asian Seas. It has been my particular pleasure to work closely with Dr. Chua and his staff members, discussing a variety of issues surrounding the management and operation of the Project and seeing successful outcomes. Participating Governments should be credited for all these achievements under PEMSEA but they would not have been possible if the dedication, deep understanding of the environmental issues in this region, good management skills and leadership of Dr. Chua had not been available for the overall conduct of the project. I certainly congratulate him and his staff on their handling of the Project and express my best wishes for the rest of his term until the conclusion of the Project, during which period we must make further efforts and co-operate in the next step of developments to ensure the successful outcome of this Project and its further achievements.

We are now approaching the very critical stage of evolution of PEMSEA activities. We must seriously review past experience, evaluate our success and lessons to be learned, discuss how shortcomings can be overcome and how activities can be progressed into the future. From this point of view, the outcome of the Mid-Term Evaluation is helpful for us to understand the situation.

In general terms, I appreciated the report of the Mid-Term Evaluation and have taken its summary report positively.

The Evaluation Team mentioned that:

- the PEMSEA programme has made substantial progress in meeting the Overall Development Objective to protect the life support systems and enable the sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources through intergovernmental, intersectoral and interagency partnerships for improved quality of life in the East Asian Seas Region; and
- these achievements are the result of both good project design and innovative and adaptive management, which are producing commendable outcomes and beneficial social, economic and environmental impacts.

The Evaluation Team recommended that:

- all PEMSEA partners should make full use of the momentum that has been achieved through PEMSEA and seek continuity in funding and other forms of support for PEMSEA beyond 2005 in order to maximize the potential benefits to the East Asian Seas Region and beyond; and
- the GEF, UNDP, IMO and other donor partners should capitalize on the achievements of PEMSEA in helping each other meet their respective sustainable development objectives.

I fully endorse those comments and recommendations made by the Evaluation Team and would like to encourage all PEMSEA partners to build up their collaborative efforts, exploring further possibilities for new mechanisms to take the PEMSEA programme forward.

I understand that this meeting will discuss the Sustainable Development Strategy, organizational aspects of the Ministerial Forum and the future of the PEMSEA programme and, therefore, I will not take any more of your valuable time but wish you successful deliberations when discussing these key issues during this session of the Project Steering Committee.

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2.0	Adoption of Provisional Agenda	Provisional Agenda	PSC/03/DOC/03
		Annotated Provisional Agenda	PSC/03/DOC/04
3.0	Rules of Procedure of Meeting		
4.0	Programme Development and Implementation		
4.1	Regional Programme Director's Report	Regional Programme Director's Report	PSC/03/DOC/05
		Programme Implementation Report	PSC/03/DOC/06
4.2	National Progress Reports on ICM and Pollution Hotspot sites as well as Other PEMSEA Activities	Brunei Darussalam	
		Cambodia	PSC/03/DOC/07
		China	PSC/03/DOC/08
		DPR Korea	PSC/03/DOC/09
		Indonesia	PSC/03/DOC/10
		Japan	PSC/03/DOC/11
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		Singapore	
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4.3	UNDP Report on PEMSEA's Mid-Term Evaluation	Summary Report on Mid-Term Evaluation	PSC/03/DOC/17
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		Draft Declaration for Ministers Forum	PSC/03/DOC/22
5.2	Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia	Experts Meeting on Strategies for Better Coastal and Ocean Governance	PSC/03/DOC/23
		Consensus Building for the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia	PSC/03/DOC/24
		Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (Revision #3)	PSC/03/DOC/25
		Developing National Coastal Marine Strategies and Policies	PSC/03/DOC/26
		Case Studies: National Coastal Marine Strategies and Policies in RO Korea and PR China	PSC/03/DOC/27
		Guide to Developing National Coastal and Marine Strategy	PSC/03/DOC/28
		Good Policy Practices Relevant to the Marine and Coastal Environment	PSC/03/DOC/29
5.3	East Asian Seas Congress 2003	East Asian Seas Congress 2003: International Conference and Ministerial Forum	PSC/03/DOC/30
5.4	GEF MSP on Development and Implementation of Public-Private Partnerships in Environmental Investments: Status Report	GEF MSP Proposal on PPP: Update	PSC/03/DOC/31
6.0	PEMSEA Work Plan 2003-2004	Working Document /PEMSEA Work Plan 2003-2004	PSC/03/DOC/32
7.0	Cooperation and Collaboration with Partners		
7.1	PEMSEA Partners	Cooperation and Collaboration with Partners	PSC/03/DOC/33

Tripartite Review

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT	Responsible Officer
1.0	Organizational Matters	Provisional List of Participants	PSC/03/DOC/02
2.0	Adoption of Provisional Agenda	Provisional Agenda	PSC/03/DOC/03
		Annotated Provisional Agenda	PSC/03/DOC/04
3.0	Matters Arising from the 2002 TPR	Report of the Executing Agency on the Recommendations of the 2002 TPR	PSC/03/DOC/34
4.0	Review of Programme's Performance	Midterm Evaluation Report	PSC/03/DOC/17
5.0	Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations of Technical Session of 9 th PSC Meeting	Draft 9 th PSC Meeting Report	PSC/03/DOC/35
6.0	Adoption of Work Plan and Budget for 2003-2004	Work Plan 2003-2004	PSC/03/DOC/32
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ANNEX 4

9th PSC Agenda

9th Programme Steering Committee Meeting
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MEETING AGENDA

6 August 2003 (Wednesday)

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Opening Ceremony
 - Opening Remarks
 - Welcoming Address
- 10:00 *Coffee Break*

Technical Session

- 10:30 1.0 Organizational Matters:
- 1.1 Election of Co-Chairperson and Rapporteur
- 1.2 Other Organizational Matters
- 2.0 Adoption of Provisional Agenda
- 3.0 Rules of Procedure for the Meeting
- 11:00 4.0 Programme Development and Implementation
- 4.1 Regional Programme Director's Report
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 14:00 Continuation of Agenda 4.0
- 4.2 National Progress Reports on ICM demonstration and parallel
 sites, subregional sea areas and pollution hotspots, and other
 PEMSEA activities
- 4.3 UNDP Report on PEMSEA's Mid-Term Evaluation
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 Continuation of Agenda 4.0

18:00	Close of session
19:30	Reception Banquet

07 August 2003 (Thursday)

8:30	5.0	Strategies and Approaches for PEMSEA
	5.1	Senior Government Officials Meeting
	5.2	Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia
	5.3	The East Asian Seas Congress 2003
	5.4	GEF MSP on Development and Implementation of Public-Private Sector Partnerships in Environmental Investments: Status Report
10:00		<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:15	6.0	PEMSEA Work Plan
12:30		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	7.0	Cooperation and Collaboration with Partners
	7.1	PEMSEA Partners
15:30		<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00	8.0	Conclusions and Recommendations
17:30	9.0	Other Business
18:00		Close of Session

8 August 2003 (Friday)

08:00	10.0	Adoption of the Technical Session Report
10:00		Closing of the Technical Session
11:00		Field Trip

9 August 2003 (Saturday)

Tripartite Review Session

08:00	1.0	Organizational Matters
	2.0	Adoption of Provisional Agenda
	3.0	Matters Arising from the 2002 Tripartite Review Meeting
08:30	4.0	Review of the Regional Programme's Performance
	4.1	Achievements
	4.2	Operational Issues
	4.3	Responding to Mid Term Evaluation Recommendations
10:00		<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:15		Continuation of Agenda Item 4.3
11:30	5.0	Adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Technical Session of the 9 th Programme Steering Committee Meeting
12:00	6.0	Adoption of Work Plan and Budget 2003-2004
12:30	7.0	Conclusions and Recommendations
13:30		9th PSC Closing Ceremony

GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme on Building Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION

Pattaya, Thailand, 9 August 2003

INTRODUCTION

- i. The Tripartite Review (TPR) of the Regional Programme was held in Pattaya, Thailand, on 9 August 2003, following the Technical Session of the 9th Programme Steering Committee Meeting. The TPR was hosted by the Royal Government of Thailand.
- ii. The TPR was attended by representatives from eleven participating countries of the Regional Programme, including Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- iii. The TPR was also attended by representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Offices in Bangkok and Manila, UNDP-GEF Regional Coordination Unit, Asia and the Pacific, Kuala Lumpur, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, and the Regional Programme Office (RPO), Manila.
- iv. A list of participants is attached as Annex 5.

1.0. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Mr. Robert England, Resident Representative, UNDP Bangkok, chaired the Meeting and declared it open at 0830 hours, 9 August 2003.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The agenda for the TPR was adopted as presented, and is contained in Annex 4.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2002 TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION

- 3.1 The Regional Programme Director, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, informed the Meeting that the Regional Programme implemented all recommendations from the Technical Session of the 8th PSC Meeting, as described in Meeting Document PSC/03/DOC/34.

- 3.2 Malaysia inquired about the “hits” on the PEMSEA website, the number of which was described as having multiplied substantially. Dr. Chua informed the Meeting that most hits come from the West and certain East Asian countries such as the Philippines, Singapore, and Malaysia, signifying a language issue. However, the Programme is working on linking up with the websites of different government agencies of participating countries related to coastal and marine governance. It is hoped that this will provide a strong communication link.

4.0 ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMME’S PERFORMANCE

Achievements

- 4.1 Dr. Chua introduced the Project Implementation Report (PIR), recalling the presentation and discussion, which had taken place during the Technical Session. He referred to the achievements of the Regional Programme, already discussed during the Technical Session, as well as the constraints and difficulties experienced. He reminded the Meeting that the limitations are mainly time, staff work load, and the management of a complex project. These factors lead to the delay in programme implementation. Overall, Dr. Chua informed the Meeting that the project is on target, and is expected to surpass the delivery of outputs identified in the Project Document.

Operational Issues

- 4.2 Dr. Chua addressed a couple of operational matters concerning collaborative arrangements and partnerships. The Government of Brunei Darussalam has expressed an interest to work with PEMSEA in preparing a water quality monitoring plan for Kampong Air, formulating a national oil spill contingency plan, and establishing a national ICM parallel site. Because Brunei Darussalam is not eligible to receive GEF support, an MOA will be formulated for PEMSEA to provide technical advice and support to the Brunei government on a cost recovery basis.
- 4.3 Another matter raised by the Regional Programme Director was a proposed collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). An opportunity for a PEMSEA-ADB partnership arrangement has been identified in an investment project in Xiamen, PR China. Although both parties recognize the benefits of such a partnership, the only mechanism that appears to be available is a consultancy contract, which would be issued by ADB to the RPO. This would create a legal/administrative problem for both parties.
- 4.4 The Meeting noted the dilemma posed by the two proposed collaborations, but also recognized the value of using PEMSEA’s knowledge and experience to the benefit of governments and other stakeholders throughout the region. The RPO was encouraged to use best judgment in the development of partnership arrangements within the constraints of the UN system, and to consider innovative approaches to facilitate collaborative activities among stakeholders in the future implementation of the SDS-SEA.
- 4.5 Ms. Amelia Supetran, UNDP Manila, advised the Meeting that it was essential for all activities under the Regional Programme to be completed by September 2005, in that

it was highly unlikely to extend beyond 2005. Mr. Tim Clairs, UNDP-GEF Kuala Lumpur, reminded the Meeting that disbursement of available budget was one indicator of project success, and that the RPO needed to accelerate the financial delivery of the project.

- 4.6 Dr. Chua pointed out that, although there was substantial output from the implementation of project activities, the delay in financial delivery was due to two factors, namely: a) the stringent controls exercised by the RPO in administering the budget for project activities; and b) the local co-financing commitments at the PEMSEA project sites. Despite the current level of financial delivery, the Regional Programme Director confirmed that more than 90% of the budget had already been committed. With two years remaining in the project, it was concluded that the specified outputs and financial delivery were achievable.
- 4.7 The IMO representative, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, informed the Meeting that although the Regional Programme Office (RPO) was achieving success in matters related to sustainable development and coastal and ocean governance of the Seas of East Asia, IMO was not satisfied with the advances with regard to maritime transportation issues. He noted that the maritime transportation sector had limited country representation at PSC meetings and that the Regional Programme's main emphasis was on ICM at the local level. Mr. Sekimizu also highlighted the need for strengthening regional maritime transportation policy, covering issues such as navigational safety and the Marine Electronic Highway (MEH), ballast water management, and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA's), as well as a regional mechanism to coordinate country efforts on maritime affairs, as potential areas of focus for PEMSEA.
- 4.8 Dr. Chua reminded the Meeting that, at the start of the Regional Programme, IMO, as Executing Agency, had issued formal invitations to each participating national government, requesting nominations for an agency/institution to serve as the National Focal Agency. The nominations of national governments were accepted as submitted. He concluded that it was not within the control of the RPO to determine country representation from any particular sector, that being a decision of the respective national governments. Dr. Chua emphasized, however, that one of the responsibilities of the National Focal Agency was to disseminate information and to coordinate related inputs and participation in PEMSEA programme activities among concerned government agencies and stakeholders.
- 4.9 Dr. Chua informed the Meeting that integrated management of marine and coastal areas and issues was a strategic approach that had been adopted by participating countries in their approval of the Project Document, and as agreed to by IMO when it signed on as Executing Agency. The ICM working models at various sites across the region are being scaled up to the national level, through parallel sites and national ocean and coastal governance policy development, and on the regional level through the SDS-SEA. This approach means that sectoral issues are being addressed within the context of holistic management strategies and programmes. However, the expectation of the Regional Programme to act as a regional coordinating mechanism for maritime transportation affairs goes beyond the mandate given in the Project Document.

- 4.10 On the other hand, Dr. Chua indicated that a substantial number of IMO-related issues are being addressed by the Regional Programme within the framework of the Project Document, not the least of which is the SDS-SEA, which stipulates action programmes covering ratification and implementation of IMO conventions, oil spill contingency planning and compensation for damages, PSSA's, security, piracy, the MEH, port safety and environmental management, and so on. At the local and sub-regional levels, the RPO is working on-the-ground with governments, the shipping and petroleum industries, NGOs and communities to improve capacities to implement IMO conventions, including OPRC, CLC and FUND, London and MARPOL, through such activities as intersectoral training workshops, contingency plan development, port audits, and identification/promotion of investment opportunities. Further strengthening of the national transportation component could be considered in the future, during the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
- 4.11 The delegation from Vietnam confirmed that the PEMSEA approach provided an opportunity for sectoral agencies to work together in addressing sustainable development concerns related to the marine environment. For example, in Vietnam, VINAMARINE, the agency responsible for national maritime policy, was working with the other agencies in the strengthening of the national oil spill contingency plan and damage claims regime, under the PEMSEA programme.
- 4.12 The delegation from China pointed out that the concerns being raised by the IMO representative were old issues, which had been discussed in previous PSC Meetings. He concurred that the project design and implementation were in accordance with the Project Document, and that it would be difficult to change the emphasis to maritime issues within the existing Programme cycle. However, it was noted that the SDS-SEA did provide substantial focus on maritime matters. Thus, it would be appropriate to leave the Regional Programme implementation as agreed to in the Project Document, and to take further action on IMO-related matters as part of the SDS-SEA implementation.
- 4.13 The delegation from Indonesia agreed that these concerns had been raised by IMO in previous PSC meetings, and that there has been significant cooperation between the IMO programme and the PEMSEA Regional Programme since its inception 9 years ago. The MEH project, for example, was first proposed and endorsed to IMO under the Regional Programme, and the possibility of extending the system beyond the Malacca Straits could also be facilitated through PEMSEA in the future. Likewise, projects in sub-regional sea areas/hotspots were addressing transboundary environmental issues, and a major part of this work was dealing with shipping and ship-related activities.
- 4.14 The Malaysian delegation concurred with China and Indonesia that the matter can be addressed in the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
- 4.15 The Japanese delegation suggested that there are many maritime related activities that can be taken up by PEMSEA, including capacity building related to oil spill response and ballast water management. However, the delegation concluded that the Regional Programme Office was working within the framework of the Programme Document, as agreed by the participating countries, and that additional activities

related to maritime matters should be discussed during deliberations on the SDS-SEA implementation.

- 4.16 The delegation from the Philippines indicated that the RPO was assisting with the formulation of its national coastal policy, and that the maritime transport sector, represented by the Department of Transport and Communication, was participating in the undertaking and stressing improved enforcement of maritime laws and regulations.
- 4.17 The delegation from Cambodia also agreed that the RPO was assisting to strengthen the maritime sector role in management of marine and coastal areas through its work in oil spill response and damage claims in Cambodia. The Port Authority had joined hands with the Ministry of Environment in this particular undertaking and the results were positive.
- 4.18 The Chair concluded that there was consensus among the countries that the Project Document limited the number of activities that could be done, within the scope, timeframe and budget that had been agreed to. He also concluded that the SDS-SEA provided the venue for additional activities, including additional work in the maritime sector, and these activities could be delineated as part of future discussions on implementation of the SDS-SEA.

Responding to Mid-Term Evaluation Recommendations

- 4.19 Mr. Tim Clairs, the UNDP-GEF representative stated that the MTE Report could be of very good use, and that he believed its recommendations did not go beyond the scope of PEMSEA's mandate. He emphasized four principles identified in the MTE, where implementation of the Regional Programme could be strengthened, including:
- Emphasizing the functions of coastal ecosystems in training programs;
 - Reinforcing the role of coastal ecosystems in sustaining human activities and the risks associated with inappropriate development;
 - Transforming data into information for effective coastal and ocean management decision-making; and
 - Strengthening coastal strategies to more adequately address the risks associated with major interventions in coastal processes.
- 4.20 Mr. Clairs related the concern that GEF has with regard to project impacts and seeking ways to measure success, which is difficult in this case due to the complex nature of ICM. He noted that the Regional Programme was developing impact indicators as part of the work programme for 2003-2004, and he encouraged the RPO not only to pursue the development of indicators, but also their application at PEMSEA sites. Mr. Clairs indicated that UNDP-GEF would be willing to provide a knowledge management expert to assist the RPO in formulating an action plan that responds to the knowledge management recommendations of the MTE report.
- 4.21 Ms. Amelia Supetran, UNDP Manila, indicated that the gains of PEMSEA in national policy development and strengthening of local capacity, complementary and iterative processes, should be mainstreamed by participating governments.

- 4.22 Dr. Chua advised the Meeting that the functions and benefits derived from coastal ecosystems were key factors in the capacity building programs of PEMSEA. Much progress had been made in getting local communities, policy makers and other stakeholders to recognize the value of their coastal and marine heritage, but much more remained to be done. The process of changing attitudes and behaviour of people is not a short-term commitment, but one that requires long-term communication and awareness building. It was noted that conflicting views regarding development versus conservation are present at all PEMSEA sites, but through capacity building, leadership seminars, communication programs, etc., progress was evident.
- 4.23 Regarding impact indicators, Dr. Chua acknowledged that the development of indicators that were available, understandable and applicable across sites, countries and regions was a complex matter. The RPO was in the process of developing progress indicators, and will be testing them at PEMSEA sites as part of the 2003-2004 work program.
- 4.24 The offer by UNDP-GEF to provide a knowledge management expert to RPO was welcomed by the Regional Programme Director. With regard to mainstreaming the gains of PEMSEA, Dr. Chua outlined the initiatives in the Philippines and other participating countries, where the development of national coastal and marine strategies and policies had been undertaken. This was an indication that national governments were taking ownership of the SDS-SEA and its objectives.
- 4.25 Dr. Delfin Ganapin, Director of the GEF-funded Small Grants Programme (SGP) of UNDP (and previously served as Leader of the Mid-Term Evaluation Team of PEMSEA), reviewed the objectives and scope of the SGP, and how it could be used in the future implementation of the SDS-SEA. Dr. Ganapin suggested that a partnership arrangement between the SGP and PEMSEA could be developed, providing an incentive for the development of ICM parallel sites in participating countries and leveraging additional support from other sectors and donors.
- 4.26 The delegation from Indonesia agreed that the SGP would be especially useful in strengthening capacity at the local level, which is very much needed.
- 4.27 The delegation from China concurred that ICM parallel sites could also be the appropriate recipients of small grants
- 4.28 The Cambodian delegation stated that they supported the cooperation between PEMSEA and the SGP.

5.0 ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL SESSION

- 5.1 The Meeting adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Session of the 9th PSC Meeting, with the understanding that the recommended changes and suggestions would be incorporated in the final report, as requested by the Technical Session.

- 5.2 The Chair reminded the Meeting that the Technical Session had requested the Secretariat to prepare Terms of Reference for a working group to study the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation report, particularly with regard to follow-up after the adoption of the SDS-SEA.
- 5.3 Dr. Huming Yu, Senior Programme Officer, introduced the draft Terms of Reference for the working group. He advised the Meeting that informal discussions had been held with country delegations regarding the Terms of Reference and that the document being submitted by the Secretariat had the consensus of the delegations.
- 5.4 There was unanimous acceptance of the Terms of Reference by the Meeting (Annex 6).
- 5.5 The delegation from Malaysia requested that the composition of the working group be as wide as possible.
- 5.6 The Philippine delegation requested that the RPO consult with and report to participating countries on the composition of the working group.
- 5.7 Dr. Chua reminded the Meeting that the proposed working group had not been identified as a project activity in the Regional Programme's current work plan and budget. Therefore the size and composition of the working group needed to be considered in light of available resources. Dr. Chua indicated that the RPO would be reviewing the Programme budget to determine where funds could be identified.
- 5.8 To assist the Regional Programme with its budgetary constraints, the delegation from China proposed to host the first meeting of the working group, and to provide local accommodation for working group members and the Secretariat during the meeting. The delegation further suggested that the Regional Programme Director be provided the flexibility to identify savings in the 2003-2004 budget, which could be reallocated to the working group operational costs.
- 5.9 The delegation from Singapore clarified that different governments will take different approaches to implementation of the SDS-SEA. The important consideration was that governments take ownership of the Strategy, and that the working group identify options for implementation to the next Meeting of the PSC.
- 5.10 The UNDP-GEF representative, Mr. Tim Clairs, indicated that his office was available to assist the working group on matters related to strategic priorities of GEF and strengthening of knowledge management within PEMSEA.

6.0 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

- 6.1 Dr. Chua presented the budget for 2003-2004. He explained that the budget allocations for each of the Programme's components are consistent with the activities in the work plans to be undertaken to achieve the impact areas, as discussed in the Technical Session. The 2-year budget totalled US\$ 7.5 million, which included allocations of 46% for ICM and subregional sea areas/pollution hotspot projects, 35.25% for other components, and 18.75% for Programme Management.

- 6.2 The Meeting noted that the financial delivery rate (i.e., ratio of planned expenditures to actual expenditures) is low. However, with two years remaining in the operation, the funds that are obligated through MOAs and contracts is 90% of the total project budget.
- 6.3 The delegation from Malaysia questioned if the budgetary allocations were identified on a per country basis. The Secretariat advised that budgets allocated to national ICM demonstration sites were available. However, allocations for subregional seas/hotspot projects, regional training/capacity building, communications, scientific support, IIMS development, networking, investments, SDS-SEA, etc., cut across all participating countries and were not identified on a per country basis.
- 6.4 The delegation from Indonesia queried the budget allocations for PSC Meetings and OPRC training. The Secretariat confirmed that there was no PSC Meeting scheduled for 2004, but rather in 2005. A PSC Meeting budget had been allocated for 2005 only. Regarding OPRC training, the Meeting was informed that IMO had contributed extra-budgetary funds for implementation of this activity. Programme funds were subsequently reallocated to other training activities under the Regional Programme budget.
- 6.5 The delegation from China moved for adoption of the 2003-2004 Work Plan and Budget for the Regional Programme. The 2003-2004 Work Plan and Budget were approved by the Meeting.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION

The Meeting noted:

- 7.1 Significant progress has been made in implementing the Regional Programme at the regional level and at the country sites, within the framework of the GEF/UNDP Project Document;
- 7.2 From the MTE report, there is a need for participating countries and international agencies and organizations to capitalize on the investment that has been made in the PEMSEA Regional Programme, and to maximize the benefits to be derived;
- 7.3 The acceptance by the SGOM of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) and the draft Putrajaya Declaration of Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia, both as amended by the SGOM and subject to final national review;
- 7.4 With appreciation, the proposed partnership arrangement between the GEF-funded Small Grants Programme of UNDP and PEMSEA;
- 7.5 With gratitude, the offer by the Chinese delegation to host the first meeting of an intersessional working group.

The Meeting recommended:

- 7.6 The endorsement of the MTE Report and the proposed actions of the RPO in response to the MTE recommendations, as identified in PSC/03/DOC/18 and PSC/03/DOC/19;
- 7.7 That the RPO give due consideration of the MTE Report recommendations concerning impact indicators and ecosystem functions, respectively, in the development of its monitoring and capacity building activities for 2003-2004;
- 7.8 That the RPO proceed to develop a proposal with the GEF-supported Small Grants Programme (SGP) of UNDP to facilitate partnership projects between PEMSEA and the SGP;
- 7.9 The endorsement of the recommendations of the SGOM pertaining to the final review of the draft SDS-SEA and draft Declaration, and the presentation of the two documents for consideration and adoption by Ministers during the Ministers Forum, scheduled for 12 December 2003;
- 7.10 The endorsement of the conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Session;
- 7.11 The organization of an intersessional working group, with Terms of Reference as adopted during the Tripartite Review Session;
- 7.12 The adoption of the Work Plan and Budget for 2003-2004, providing the Regional Programme Director with the flexibility to identify savings that may be reallocated to the work group operation.

CLOSING CEREMONY

- 8.1 In his closing remarks, Mr. Robert England, Meeting Chair, concluded that the endorsement of the SDS-SEA by the 12 participating countries of PEMSEA was a huge step for the region. He noted that the intersessional working group was given a major task of identifying how to take the SDS-SEA forward, and this would require countries taking full ownership of the Strategy.
- 8.2 Mr. England expressed his appreciation to the GEF/IMO partnership, which facilitated the development and implementation of the Regional Programme, and to the participating countries for their cooperation and support in achieving the level of success and progress that had been identified in PEMSEA's Mid-Term Evaluation. He also recognized the diligent effort of the Regional Programme Director and RPO staff in the operation of the Meeting and the Programme in general.
- 8.3 Dr. Chua expressed his gratitude to the Royal Government of Thailand for hosting the Meeting, and to the Marine Department for the assistance in organizing both the SGOM and PSC events. Special recognition was given to Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong and Mr. Pakorn Prasertwong for their support, and to the staff of the Marine Department who served as local secretariat,

- 8.4 Dr. Chua recalled that, over the past 9 years, the Regional Programme has grown in size and complexity. In 1994, 5 countries attended the first PSC meeting in Manila, Philippines, with the first phase of the Regional Programme focused on marine pollution prevention and management. At the 9th PSC meeting, the intergovernmental partnership for the East Asian Seas was complete with 12 participating countries represented. At the same time, countries were now addressing multi-sectoral issues concerning sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia, and formulating a regional response to the WSSD Plan of Implementation. This represented significant progress, as well as leadership among regions of the world.
- 8.5 Dr. Chua expressed his appreciation to IMO, UNDP Manila and UNDP Bangkok for their understanding and contributions to the Meeting, and to the Regional Programme. In particular, he recognized the support of IMO over the past 9 years, in aiding the transition of the Programme from a sectoral initiative to a multi-sectoral, integrated management programme.
- 8.6 The Regional Programme Director also acknowledged the contribution made by the Government of the Philippines in hosting the Regional Programme Office. The provision of office facilities, utilities, equipment and support staff by the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources was especially significant, with regard to the day-to-day operation of the RPO and the effective utilization of available resources for project activities. Dr. Chua further noted that a large share of Programme activities are being implemented by national staff, and this ensures that resources are being used to the maximum to build capacities within participating countries.
- 8.7 The delegation from China expressed appreciation to the Royal Government of Thailand for their generosity and hospitality throughout the Meeting. The delegation also thanked the Chair for effectively guiding the Tripartite Review meeting and assisting the meeting in reaching a successful conclusion.
- 8.8 The delegation from Japan thanked the Royal Government of Thailand for hosting the PSC, and participating countries for the fruitful outcomes. The delegation indicated that, as a result of the discussions over the past three days, they had a deeper understanding of PEMSEA, for which they were grateful.
- 8.9 The Meeting closed at 13:15, 9 August 2003.

ANNEX 5

List of Participants

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ANNEX 6

Terms of Reference Working Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE WORKING GROUP

Rationale

A working group will be established to study the recommendations of the PEMSEA Mid-Term Evaluation report.

Sustainable development is complex and challenging, requiring time and capacity in order to realize desired targets and outcomes.

Tacit and explicit knowledge of PEMSEA needs to be further utilized in order to assist the countries in building capacity for the implementation of national and local strategies.

Response

A working group will be established and operationalized during the intersessional period of the PSC, with RPO providing the necessary Secretariat support services. Representation on the working group will be determined upon consultation between the RPO and participating countries, with due consideration to available resources.

The first meeting of the working group will be held during the first quarter of 2004, with subsequent meetings scheduled as required.

Conclusions and recommendations of the working group will be reported to the 10th PSC Meeting of the PSC.

The proposed Terms of Reference for the working group are:

1. In view of the follow-up to the SDS-SEA, to consider appropriate approaches and measures for the formulation of an implementation plan for the SDS-SEA;
2. To consider ways and means of utilizing the knowledge, experience, partnerships and networks that have been developed under PEMSEA to assist countries in sustainable oceans and coastal development;
3. To explore appropriate regional partnerships and the feasibility of funding arrangements with a view to achieving synergistic and cumulative impacts of the efforts being undertaken by various organizations and regional programmes.
