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**TECHNICAL SESSION**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

- i. The Twelfth 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 Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City, Philippines, from 1-4 August 2006. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines (DENR) hosted the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by delegates from PEMSEA participating countries namely: Cambodia; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; People's Republic of China; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Singapore; Thailand; and Vietnam. A country representative from Lao PDR also participated in the Meeting.
- iii. Observers represented at the Meeting were the UNEP-GPA, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP East Asian Seas/Regional Coordinating Unit, UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP-GEF Yellow Sea Project, GEF IW:LEARN Southeast Asia START Regional Center, Northwest Pacific Action Plan of UNEP, East Asia Response Limited, Japan Association of Marine Safety, Korea Environment Institute, Korea Maritime Institute, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, and WWF Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Coordination Unit.
- iv. The Implementing Agency was represented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manila and the UNDP-GEF Regional Centre in Bangkok. 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 (RPD), PEMSEA Regional Programme Office, welcomed all the participants to the Meeting. Dr. Chua highlighted the significance of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting as it marked the completion of an important milestone of the Regional Programme. In recalling the experiences of the Programme

over the past 12 years, Dr. Chua underscored four major achievements, which included:

- a. The enhancement of coastal and ocean governance in the region;
  - b. The development and adoption of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) as the region's common framework for coastal and ocean management;
  - c. The forging of a partnership arrangement between and among various stakeholders in the region; and
  - d. The strengthening of efforts in on-the-ground implementation of activities related to environmental management and integrated coastal management (ICM).
- ii. These successes provided impetus for the development of regional mechanisms for the implementation of the SDS-SEA and for the transformation of PEMSEA into the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF). The countries of China, Japan, the Philippines and RO Korea were accorded special thanks for their forthcoming contributions to the PRF Secretariat Services. While much has been achieved, the RPD emphasized the need to address the capacity disparities among the countries of the region so as to foster the strengthening of commitment to transform the current PEMSEA from a project-based initiative to a country-driven and self-sustaining mechanism for SDS-SEA implementation.
- iii. Dr. Chua outlined the major focus of the Meeting and encouraged all participants to actively engage in the discussions. In closing, Dr. Chua expressed his sincere thanks to the countries and the various PEMSEA partners for their continuing support.
- iv. Ms. Amelia Dulce Supetran, Portfolio Manager for Environment, UNDP Manila, delivered the opening remarks on behalf of the Implementing Agency. Ms. Supetran underscored the success of PEMSEA in demonstrating itself as an effective mechanism by bringing about a robust network of partnerships that included not just governments but other institutions or entities in the region to work for the betterment of the seas of East Asia. As the region embarks on a new stage, with the establishment of the regional implementing mechanisms of the SDS-SEA, the countries and other stakeholders of the region are faced with a more daunting task that would require more resources, time and effort. As such, Ms. Supetran reiterated that while the GEF has agreed to provide additional financial resources for the SDS-SEA implementation, countries should be able to eventually implement the Strategy using their own capacities.
- v. With this, Ms. Supetran acknowledged the initial commitment made by the countries to provide resources for the establishment of the permanent Secretariat to move the SDS-SEA forward. Moreover, Ms. Supetran emphasized the importance of the signing of the Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements in the East Asian Seas Congress in December 2006 as an instrument that would bring a new phase for the region's coastal and marine development. Ms. Supetran also paid tribute to the IMO, which served as PEMSEA's executing agency for 12 years, and urged the Organization to maintain its partnership with PEMSEA even when it has already relegated its role as executing agency. Ms. Supetran extended special thanks to the Philippine Government through the DENR and the City of Davao for graciously hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting.

- vi. Mr. James Paw, Programme Coordination Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Philippines as host country for the Meeting. Mr. Paw reiterated that IMO's role as PEMSEA's executing agency would come to a close at the end of the current phase of the Programme. He emphasized that the 12-year relationship between PEMSEA and IMO had been very productive. Mr. Paw highlighted some of the major activities that the two parties have jointly undertaken in the past, including: the conduct of various workshops and seminars of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme or ITCP; promotion of IMO international conventions and the implementation of ballast water control and management in developing countries of East Asia; and the Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) Demonstration Project in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.
- vii. Mr. Paw also informed the Meeting of a number of IMO's recent activities and achievements where most of the countries of the East Asian region also participated. Mr. Paw acknowledged other efforts and successes of PEMSEA in the past twelve years and recognized the initiative to transform the Programme into a country-supported regional mechanism. The forthcoming transformation, however, would involve activities or programmes that are beyond IMO's mandate. But even with the forthcoming exit of IMO as PEMSEA's Executing Agency, Mr. Paw assured the Meeting of their full support to the new project and assistance in ensuring the smooth closure of the current phase of PEMSEA and transition into the new project.
- viii. The City Administrator of Davao City, Mr. Mario Luis Jacinto, extended a warm welcome to all the participants, on behalf of Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and the City of Davao. As one of the busiest coastal cities in the country that is highly dependent on the coastal and marine resources and environment, Davao City, as with other coastal areas, continues to encounter problems brought about by improper waste management, illegal fishing and overfishing, and resource-use conflicts, among others. With these threats and the continuous decline of Davao's coastal and marine environment, the City Government believes that integrated management of this resource is crucial to sustainable development. The Davao City Government expressed their support to the objectives of the Meeting and to the successful implementation of the SDS-SEA. Mr. Jacinto also expressed optimism that the Meeting's success would bring benefit to all, including Davao. Mr. Jacinto urged the participants to seriously look into the issues facing the coastal and marine environment, and at the same time enjoy their stay in Davao City.
- ix. Mr. Angelo Reyes, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), welcomed all the participants to the Meeting on behalf of the Government of the Philippines. The Secretary emphasized the significance of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting as it ushered in a new development in PEMSEA. In particular, the Secretary highlighted the transformation of PEMSEA to a self-sustaining regional mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, which will be formalized through the signing of the Partnership Agreement during the East Asian Seas Congress 2006.
- x. In line with the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the Secretary proudly informed the Meeting about the signing of the Executive Order No. 533 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in June 2006, adopting Integrated Coastal Management as a National Strategy to ensure the sustainable development of the Philippines' coastal

and marine environment and its resources, and the establishment of support mechanisms for its implementation. This milestone provides the main thrust to the National Integrated Coastal Management Program (NICMP) and calls for the implementation of the Operational Plan of the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy. This undertaking is a demonstration of the Philippine government's commitment to the implementation of the SDS-SEA.

- xi. In addition, the Secretary reiterated the government's willingness to continue to host the Regional Programme Office, as well as provide the necessary technical and operational needs. The Secretary acknowledged PEMSEA's contribution in the improvement of coastal and marine management/governance in the region. He also acknowledged the growing family of PEMSEA, with the addition of Lao PDR and Timor-Leste in the new phase. The Secretary encouraged the active participation of all participants and wished the Meeting full success.
- xii. The full text of the Opening Ceremony speeches may be found in Annex 2.

## **1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

- 1.1 Ms. Amelia Dulce Supetran, UNDP Manila, assumed the position of Co-Chair. She opened the Meeting and requested nominations for Co-Chair. The delegation from China nominated the Philippines as Co-Chair and the delegation from Cambodia seconded the nomination. The Philippines was acclaimed as Co-Chair.
- 1.2 The delegation from Indonesia nominated RO Korea as Rapporteur and the delegation from Singapore seconded the nomination. The RO Korea was acclaimed as Rapporteur.
- 1.3 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng introduced the principal reference documents for the Meeting (Annex 3) and briefed the Meeting on general organizational matters.

## **2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Meeting adopted the agenda without modification, as contained in Annex 4.

## **3.0 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MEETING**

- 3.1 Dr. Chua informed the group that the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting would consist of a Technical Session and a Tripartite Review Session. The Technical Session would include representation from PEMSEA participating countries, the UNDP, IMO, and observer organizations. The Tripartite Review Session would be limited to the countries, UNDP and IMO.

#### **4.0 REGIONAL PROGRAMME DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 4.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, the Regional Programme Director (RPD), presented the major accomplishments of the Regional Programme, particularly during the period from August 2005 to June 2006, as well as the follow up activities needed in order to meet the objectives and requirements of the Regional Programme and ensure a smooth transition from PEMSEA current phase to the follow-on phase.
- 4.2 The RPD's Report provided a detailed account of the efforts made by the countries and other stakeholders to transform the RPO into PEMSEA Resource Facility, including:
- The financial support and commitments made by the countries, notably China, Japan and RO Korea, to be delivered through Cost-Sharing Agreements (CSAs);
  - The stakeholder consultations and country participation in the designing and planning for the GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - The consultations with concerned UN agencies on the options for the selection of Executing Agency for the GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - The consultations regarding the Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements;
  - The preparations undertaken for the EAS Congress 2006 with tremendous contribution and support from the host country;
  - The mobilization of resources and co-financing from governments, the private sector and partner organizations other than the GEF contribution, which amounted to US\$25,702,821, as of 30 June 2006; and
  - An implementation plan and a timetable for the transitional activities leading to the exit of the Regional Programme and the ushering of PEMSEA's new phase, including, in particular, the measures and steps in the establishment of the PRF.
- 4.3 Participants commended the Regional Programme Director for his comprehensive report and his team for the diligent efforts in facilitating and assisting the countries and other stakeholders to implement various components of the Regional Programme, and to transform PEMSEA into a long-term, self-sustaining implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA.
- 4.4 Some participants also stressed the achievements of PEMSEA in enhancing countries' capabilities in integrated management of coastal and marine environment and natural resources, mobilizing extra-budgetary resources in support of the countries' capacity building efforts, initiating SDS-SEA development and implementation, and ensuring a smooth transition to PEMSEA's new phase.
- 4.5 To ensure an accurate reflection of the progress made in developing ICM parallel sites, the Meeting agreed to include the recent developments in the parallel ICM sites

in Bali, Indonesia, and Shihwa, RO Korea, in the RPD's Report. The Meeting called on the participants to provide the RPO with changes to the RPD's Report, concerning the Programme implementation activities in their respective countries.

*Preparations for the Next Phase: PEMSEA Regional Programme Office's transition to a PEMSEA Resource Facility*

- 4.6 Many participants expressed their high appreciation for the commitments made by China, Japan and RO Korea to provide financial support to the PRF Secretariat Services. The delegate from Japan expressed his satisfaction with regard to the progress made in developing the PRF as a mechanism for the SDS-SEA implementation and the efforts made by the RPO in facilitating the endeavor. He pointed out the potential financial constraints of the PRF Secretariat Services, due to the budgetary shortfall caused by such factors as overhead charges for managing the CSA. He appreciated the strategy undertaken by the RPO in reducing the probability of the shortfall, and encouraged the RPO to further its efforts in minimizing similar risk in the future, thereby making the PRF function effectively. He pointed out that this would reduce the difficulties of the Japanese authority when considering the continuation of financial support to the PRF Secretariat Services.
- 4.7 Noting with appreciation the comments made by Japan, the Meeting recognized the need for a long-term approach in dealing with risks in financial management, including possible shortfalls in the level of commitments by the countries and other stakeholders, fluctuation in currency exchange rates, and other uncertainties. The Meeting also recognized that the interdependency and mutual support between the PRF Secretariat and Technical Services offered an institutional device in managing the risks, so that over time, the country-driven, self-sustaining feature of the Secretariat Services could be enhanced and the cost recovery mechanisms of the Technical Services could be fully realized.
- 4.8 The Meeting encouraged the countries and other stakeholders to strengthen their endeavor and support for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, including the establishment and operation of the PRF Secretariat Services, as exemplified by the efforts of China, Japan and RO Korea.
- 4.9 The Meeting recognized the need for the early establishment of the PRF, following the signing of the Partnership Agreement in December 2006, as well as continuity in the implementation of bridging activities between the current Regional Programme and the next phase of PEMSEA. In response to this need, the Meeting expressed its support for the appointment of the current PEMSEA Regional Programme Director to serve concurrently as the Interim Executive Director of the PRF, until such time as the new Executive Director is on board.
- 4.10 Participants expressed their appreciation for the measurable milestones and targets for the RPO's transition to a PRF, as embodied in the proposed implementation plan and timetable presented in the RPD's Report.
- 4.11 Clarification was sought on the representation of participating countries in the Selection Committee for the recruitment of international staff to the PRF Secretariat Services. Dr. Chua explained that the objective of the Selection Committee is to

ensure an appropriate and transparent process for staff recruitment. The participation of those countries providing financial support was necessary to verify the appropriate use of funds, as agreed in the CSAs. The representation of the PEMSEA host country, the UNDP, the Executing Agency and the PEMSEA Regional Programme Director offered an avenue of consultation with the countries and other stakeholders. In addition, it was noted that the Selection Committee is open for participation by any interested participating country, at their own expense. Such an approach was seen to be cost-effective and transparent.

- 4.12 Inquiries were made on the appropriateness of the various proposed activities during the transitional period, which seemed to preempt the approval of the new regional project by the GEF Council. In response, Dr. Chua reminded the Meeting of the history of the project development, and the close consultation with GEF, UNDP and IMO, as well as with the countries and other stakeholders. He emphasized that the project pipeline entry and the PDF-B have already been approved, the GEF resources have already been allocated, and the preparation of the Project Document is well underway. In this context, the consequence of losing the momentum due to inaction during the transitional period could be greater than the risk of failure in obtaining the project approval. Steps proposed in the timetable were seen as necessary and efforts made would not be in vain, although the time required for the accomplishment could be readjusted depending on the outcome of the events.
- 4.13 The country representatives provided various inputs to ensure the accuracy and clarity in the presentation of activities suggested in the timetable, as well as proper identification of responsibility centers for the concerned activities. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to incorporate the suggested changes in the proposed implementation plan and timetable.
- 4.14 Many participants offered their appraisal on the pros and cons of options available to the selection of the Executing Agency, in light of the consultation results contained in the RPD's Report. Special attention was given to the advantages and implications of the UNOPS option and the UNDP Manila Direct Execution option.
- 4.15 Clarification was sought on the qualifications of the UNDP Manila for Direct Execution in terms of its experience and willingness to serve as the Executing Agency. The representative of UNDP Manila explained that her agency would consider such a role if this is the will of the countries, subject to collegial decision of the UNDP New York and UNDP Manila. She informed the participants of long time involvement and experience of her agency in handling multilateral projects, such as the GEF-UNDP Small Grants Programme involving 6 countries in the region (Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam), as well as many national direct execution projects.
- 4.16 The Meeting highlighted the benefits of the UNDP Manila Direct Execution Option, including the cost effectiveness of the direct execution approach, UNDP Manila's long-term working relationship with PEMSEA, its knowledge and experience of GEF and other international projects particularly in the East Asian region, and its proven record of efficiency in project development and management.

### *Completing the Current Phase's Deliverables*

4.17 The RPD's Report highlighted, in particular, the progress made due to the efforts and support of national and local governments and other stakeholders in each major component of the Regional Programme, including, for example:

- The establishment of long-term ICM coordinating and implementing mechanisms at ICM demonstration sites, as well as marked progress in the setting up of ICM parallel sites;
- The intergovernmental agreement involving Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam and its implementation in oil spill preparedness and response in the Gulf of Thailand;
- The implementation of the PEMSEA capacity development strategy, including the accomplishment of about 80 training courses over the past 5 years in comparison to the Programme Document requirement to conduct 16 training courses;
- The development, testing and implementation of the Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management System (PSHMS) as a new contribution to the efforts for safer shipping and cleaner seas, which combine the ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and OSHAS 18001 international standards;
- The establishment of a self-sustaining PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG) for Sustainable Coastal Development, including a Secretariat, with the prospect of official adoption of the PNLG Charter during the forthcoming EAS Congress 2006;
- The development of the methodology for the quantification of ICM socioeconomic benefits as documented in the technical report entitled, *A Perspective on the Environmental and Socioeconomic Benefits and Costs of ICM: the Case of Xiamen, PR China*;
- The signing of Executive Order No. 533 by the President of the Philippines, adopting ICM as a national strategy to ensure the sustainable development of the country's coastal and marine environment and resources, and establishing supporting mechanisms for its implementation, catalyzed by ICM practices and awareness activities embodied in the PEMSEA policy brief, *Integrated Coastal Management (ICM): Revitalizing the Coasts and Oceans Program in the Philippines*.
- The significant progress in the implementation of GEF/UNDP/IMO MSP on Development and Implementation of Public-Private Partnerships in Environmental Investments, particularly the establishment of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Public – Private Partnership (PPP) for a Wastewater Treatment System in Puerto Galera, Philippines, and the Letter of Intent on Improving Environmental Infrastructure in Haikou, PR China.

4.18 Participants voiced their support for the extension of the Regional Programme to 30 June 2007 in order to complete all of the Programme requirements and to implement the identified transitional activities.

- 4.19 Questions were raised if the Programme budget had sufficient funds for the purpose of the extension, and if the budget allocated for the MSP-PPP and PDF B projects could be used for the Programme extension. In response, Dr. Chua reiterated the accounting given in the RPD's Report, which confirmed that the estimated level of shortfall in the 2007 Programme budget could be fully covered by the RPO staff services and administrative costs for implementation of the MSP-PPP and the PDF-B projects. The cost recovery was based on the human resource use and operating expenses incurred by the Regional Programme in implementing the two projects.

#### *Terminal Evaluation Report*

- 4.20 Ms. Supetran of UNDP Manila presented the results of UNDP Terminal Evaluation of PEMSEA. She highlighted that the Evaluation Team viewed PEMSEA as a success worthy of close analysis and possible replication, indicating key elements for successful implementation. She then reviewed the main findings and conclusions at both the local and national levels. At the local level, local leaders and communities testified that improvements were made in terms of human health as well as accessibility to clean water and sanitary facilities. At the national level, PEMSEA facilitated the development of national coastal and ocean policies, legislation and action plans, and thereby strengthened coastal and ocean governance. Through PEMSEA's efforts, the integrated management efforts in sub-regional sea areas and pollution hotspots, such as Manila Bay, Bohai Sea and Gulf of Thailand, were significantly enhanced.
- 4.21 In conclusion, Ms. Supetran summarized key recommendations of the Terminal Evaluation, including: continued GEF funding support for the PEMSEA with stronger buy-ins from national governments; sustaining the momentum of progress; pursuing the proposal to establish the EAS Partnership Council; and encouraging international organizations to use the SDS-SEA framework and the PEMSEA platform for collectively achieving the visions and objectives of the sustainable development for the Seas of East Asia.

## **5.0 REGIONAL IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM FOR THE SDS-SEA**

### *Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements*

- 5.1 Ms. S.R. Bernad introduced the draft Partnership Agreement (PA) and the Partnership Operating Arrangements (POA). She referred to the basic principles upon which the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC accepted the drafts:
- the Putrajaya Declaration represented the commitment to implement the SDS-SEA, whereas the Partnership Agreement represents how the SDS-SEA will be implemented;
  - the documents are non-binding; and
  - every stakeholder has a role in the implementation of the SDS-SEA, and thus they are to be Partners.
- 5.2 Ms. Bernad informed the meeting that while the countries pursued national processes for approval of the drafts, RPO had communicated with regional stakeholders, some

of whom had already indicated their interest in becoming Partners. She referred to the comments received by the RPO on the draft documents, as well as the corresponding suggestions for revisions and additions.

- 5.3 The Meeting discussed whether there was still time for the countries and other regional stakeholders to submit comments and suggestions on the documents. The Meeting referred to the effort and long process that the countries had put into the development of the drafts, from the experts' meeting in Chengdu, Working Group meetings, two PSC meetings and other PEMSEA forums since 2003. However, as it is a new arrangement, the Meeting agreed that every effort should go into improving and clarifying the documents.
- 5.4 The Meeting agreed to finalize the two drafts for the purpose of bringing them to their respective Ministers for approval, and that any revisions requested by the Minister would be sent to the RPO at least two months before the Ministerial Forum. Furthermore, any suggested revisions should not be major, as this would necessitate renegotiations among the countries. Comments and suggestions from the regional stakeholders would be welcome as well.
- 5.5 A number of clarifications on and revisions to the text were made, and the Meeting decided to refer them to an ad hoc working group. The ad hoc working group reported back to the plenary session with a proposed revised text.
- 5.6 The plenary session made further revisions to the drafts. The Meeting adopted the revised drafts as final, subject to the earlier decision of bringing the same to their respective Ministers. A copy of the draft Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements, as adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC, are included in Annexes 5 and 6 respectively.

#### *Inaugural Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council*

- 5.7 Dr. Huming Yu introduced two documents, namely the draft Provisional Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council and the draft Guidelines for the Conduct of the Meeting, which will be held on 16 December 2006 in Haikou, China. He stated that the Proposed Agenda and the draft Guidelines followed the practices and took into consideration the experiences of PEMSEA over 12 years of operation. He pointed out that the Guidelines were established under the Partnership Operating Arrangements, and were very basic, with the objective of enabling the effective functioning of the Council and the conduct of the Inaugural Meeting. The Council could later adopt detailed rules of procedures and operational guidelines, as it deems appropriate.
- 5.8 Upon discussion by the Meeting, Agenda Item 2.0 of the proposed Provisional Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting of the Council was amended to read "Establishment of the Executive Committee" for clarity. A copy of the revised Provisional Agenda is included in Annex 7.
- 5.9 The IMO representative noted that the different parts of the Guidelines could be developed later, as more Council meetings were held. The Council's work program

could be the basis for setting the agenda and schedule for subsequent Council meetings and the development of documentation.

- 5.10 Clarification was made regarding the participation of Observers at the Inaugural Meeting. Potential Partners who had not yet completed the process of becoming Partners, as defined in the POA, could be invited to the meeting as Observers. Those who had completed the process would participate as full-fledged Partners.
- 5.11 The representative of Malaysia noted that the Council would be very different from the PSC, as the countries would be joined by the other regional stakeholders, including NGOs and other entities on equal footing. He indicated that, in his opinion, this would dilute the role of countries in the Council.
- 5.12 The Malaysian delegation further noted the possibility of PEMSEA being transformed into an intergovernmental organization, with the caveat that there are already two intergovernmental organizations in Southeast Asia, namely COBSEA and ASEAN.
- 5.13 The Meeting emphasized that this new arrangement represented the cooperative relationships already existing, and a way forward for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the ultimate objective being the common benefit. Other delegations stated that this concept was clear from the beginning of the process and was well understood. It was also noted that the structure of the regional mechanisms, as defined in the draft PA and POA, provided national governments with the authority to make the final decisions on policy issues and recommendations from the Technical Session, during the Intergovernmental Session of the Council.
- 5.14 With respect to the participation of intergovernmental organizations like COBSEA and ASEAN, the Meeting noted the changes that had been made in the POA to facilitate their participation. In addition, the Meeting noted that other modalities of cooperation and collaboration could be explored for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, if there was a difficulty for them to participate as PEMSEA Partners.
- 5.15 Pursuant to the suggested changes, the Secretariat was assigned to revise the draft Guidelines for the conduct of the EAS Partnership Council Meetings accordingly. A copy of the revised draft is included in Annex 8.

## **6.0 SDS-SEA IMPLEMENTATION**

### *Final Draft of the GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA*

- 6.1 Mr. Adrian Ross, Senior Programme Officer, PEMSEA Regional Programme Office, introduced the draft GEF Project Document, entitled *Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia*, to the Meeting. The Meeting was reminded of the decision of the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC, requesting the RPO to prepare the Project Document in consultation with participating countries and other stakeholders, for submission to the December 2006 GEF Council Meeting.
- 6.2 In introducing the draft Project Document, Mr. Ross highlighted the following:

- The extensive consultative process among PEMSEA participating countries and collaborators concerning the formulation of the follow-on phase of PEMSEA, which had been ongoing since August 2003;
- The delay in receiving the GEF PDF B grant to support the preparation of the Project Document and associated activities;
- The approval by GEF and UNDP for the RPO to proceed with the development of the Project Document, and to charge back the expenses to the GEF PDF B grant when it becomes available;
- The completion of 12 national forums and consultations on SDS-SEA implementation in 11 countries since January 2006; and
- The activities and time schedule for completion of the Project Document, its review and approval by UNDP, GEF Secretariat, the GEF Council and the GEF CEO, and signature of the Project Document by participating countries.

6.3 The Meeting was informed that the draft Project Document covers the first three years of a 10-year transformation program, involving a transition period (2007-2010), a transformation period (2010-2013), and a sustainability period (2013-2017). The specific objective of the project is the sustainable implementation of the SDS-SEA. The project will focus on:

- Operationalization of the regional mechanism for implementation of the SDS-SEA;
- Setting up a core of national policies on coastal and ocean governance;
- Developing and implementing national ICM scaling up programs;
- Putting in place South-South and North-South twinning arrangements in support of ecosystem-based management of subregional sea areas/pollution hotspots and their respective watershed areas;
- Strengthening the use of the region's intellectual capital/human resource capacity in SDS-SEA implementation through strengthening of Regional Task Forces and the creation of National Task Forces on ICM, organization of training networks and programs at the regional, national and sub-national levels, enhancing scientific and technical support services, and engaging community groups at the local level in coastal strategy implementation;
- Strengthening public and private sector investments in pollution reduction facilities and services at ICM sites and pollution hotspots; and
- Implementing strategic partnership arrangements and operating modalities among World Bank, UNDP, and PEMSEA to accelerate the achievement of regional and global targets for sustainable development, including investments in water, sewage and sanitation facilities and services among countries of the region.

6.4 The Meeting was advised that country co-financing is an outstanding issue that needs to be addressed before the Project Document can be submitted for GEF approval. The GEF target for country co-financing is US\$ 20 million, based on a 1:2 ratio of grant to co-financing, with an expected GEF grant of US\$ 10.8 million.

6.5 The Meeting requested clarification on the matter of co-financing. The Secretariat advised the Meeting that GEF and UNDP regarded the next phase of PEMSEA as the start-up of SDS-SEA implementation, and therefore countries needed to clearly identify their respective work programs and associated resource commitments in support of SDS-SEA objectives. The GEF funds would be used for purposes of

strengthening and catalysing national and regional programs. Co-financing commitments could be identified as 'in-cash', such as country support for the establishment of the PRF Secretariat, or 'in-kind', such as the human/program resource commitments to national ICM scaling up programs.

- 6.6 The delegations from China, Indonesia, RO Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam indicated that they are currently assessing their work programs and co-financing commitments in support of the SDS-SEA implementation. The representative from DPR Korea indicated that they need some more time to review and assess their possible co-financing commitments. The Malaysian delegation sought clarification regarding the timing and sequencing of submissions from countries regarding co-financing commitments.
- 6.7 The Secretariat advised the Meeting that, for countries requiring more time, at least 'indicative country co-financing allocations' should be submitted to the RPO by 15 September 2006, so that the information can be included in the documentation that will be reviewed by GEF Council in December 2006. Furthermore, in accordance with GEF requirements, 'letters of confirmation' of co-financing commitments must be included in the Project Document when it is forwarded to the GEF CEO for endorsement in January 2007. Such being the case, countries were requested to submit their letters of confirmation to the RPO before the end of December 2006.

#### *Strategic Partnership Arrangements*

- 6.8 Mr. Ross informed the Meeting of progress being made with regard to the World Bank/GEF Partnership Investment Fund on Pollution Reduction in the LMEs of East Asia. Six project proposals have been developed since the approval of the first tranche of funding in November 2005, including sewage and environmental conservation projects in Ningbo, Shandong, and Liaoning, PR China; East Java, Indonesia; Manila, Philippines; and several coastal cities in Vietnam. Of the six projects, Ningbo has moved into the implementation stage, while the remainder are at various stages of development. The total country co-financing earmarked for these six projects is around US\$ 1 billion.
- 6.9 The Meeting was advised that the Project Preparation Revolving Fund component of the World Bank/GEF Partnership Investment Fund has not been initiated, because of delays in identifying an appropriate Executing Agency. PEMSEA RPO has been requested by World Bank to implement a portion of this project, specifically undertaking a consultation process among PEMSEA countries on the need for and operating modality of such a revolving fund. However, this work cannot start until an Executing Agency has been confirmed and appropriate agreements are in place. At present, there is no indication from World Bank when such arrangements will be made.
- 6.10 The Meeting was also reminded that Component G of the draft Project Document on Implementation of the SDS-SEA was entitled Strategic Partnership Arrangements. Within that component, the project will address the development, evaluation and refinement of the operating modality for the proposed Project Preparation Revolving Fund, and the working arrangements between World Bank and PEMSEA for the sustainable implementation and expansion of such a fund.

## 7.0 COUNTRY STATEMENTS

### *Cambodia*

- 7.1 The representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia informed the Meeting that Cambodia is now in the process of thoroughly examining the country program in support of SDS-SEA implementation, recognizing the need to take on a stronger role, particularly in sustaining what has been started over the past 12 years with PEMSEA. He informed the Meeting that Cambodia fully supports PEMSEA as the regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, and as a Partner, Cambodia will endeavor to contribute to the regional activities to implement the SDS-SEA. Cambodia will also provide support in the endorsement of the draft PA and draft POA to the Ministerial Forum of the EAS Congress.
- 7.2 Cambodia will further cooperate and collaborate with its neighbouring countries and partners, Thailand and Vietnam, for the implementation of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan, and review the possibility of a Sub-Decree to create a legal and more binding framework for long-term implementation of the plan in Cambodia. Cambodia will continue efforts in beach water quality monitoring in implementing the Sihanoukville Coastal Strategy, in mainstreaming ICM and the PMO into the formal government structure, and in encouraging the participation of the Municipality of Koh Kong as a parallel ICM site, while pursuing partnerships in the process.

### *China*

- 7.3 The Chinese delegation informed the Meeting that this year is significant for the ocean in China for the following reasons:
- For the first time the ocean and its resources have an independent chapter in the 5-year national economic development plan;
  - the National Marine Economic Development Program, which will guide the marine economic development for the next several years, was formulated; and
  - the Project on the Investigation and Evaluation of China Near Sea Environment, involving all ocean-related institutions, was initiated and is currently fully implemented.
- 7.4 With regard to its PEMSEA activities, through the efforts to establish a marine environmental monitoring, management and protection system under the Bohai Sea environmental management project, the managerial capacities in marine affairs of the local governments surrounding Bohai Sea have been greatly enhanced and a visible infrastructure for ocean governance at the local level formulated. The Xiamen ICM Training Centre has held a series of training courses in the past several years for local and international participants. Xiamen municipal government is considering the extension of its efforts to Jiulongjiang River, by developing a project on river basin ecosystem management. Most importantly, China has developed ten new ICM parallel sites. China will be hosting the East Asian Seas Congress 2006 in Haikou. For this purpose, a National Organizing Committee has been jointly established by the State Oceanic Administration and the Hainan provincial government. Significant resources have been mobilized to prepare for and implement the Congress.

- 7.5 China has joined with other countries in the region in endorsing the establishment of the implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA. In addition, the government has committed to contribute one million Chinese YUAN (equivalent of US\$ 125,000) for the PEMSEA Resource Facility operations annually, for a period of five years starting from 2007 through a cost-sharing agreement (CSA) between the State Oceanic Administration of China and UNDP Manila. China is ready to sign the CSA with UNDP Manila.

#### *DPR Korea*

- 7.6 The DPR Korean delegation informed the Meeting of key achievements in implementing the Nampho ICM national demonstration site, in particular the successful implementation of the drinking water supply project of Nampho City, which contributed significantly to the welfare of 150,000 local community members. DPR Korea emphasized that sustainable leadership, as well as the continued commitments of participating countries, are critical to the successful implementation of the SDS-SEA.
- 7.7 DPRK expressed its commitments to the implementation of SDS-SEA in line with its socioeconomic conditions and capabilities, and informed the Meeting of the proposed National Consultation Forum scheduled in August 2006. The Forum will identify specific national priorities and collaborative activities within the framework of the GEF/UNDP Project Document for the Implementation of SDS-SEA. Among others, key initiatives would include the formulation of national coastal strategy and an action plan as well as the continuous implementation of Nampho Coastal Strategy and coastal use zoning plan, as well as scaling up of the ICM program along the Taedong River watershed.

#### *Indonesia*

- 7.8 The Indonesian delegation reiterated their commitment and support for the next phase of PEMSEA and the implementation of the SDS-SEA. The delegation acknowledged the achievement of the PEMSEA Regional Programme since 1994 in promoting a common vision and enhancing cooperation among East Asian countries on the protection of the coastal and marine environment. In support of the SDS-SEA, the country has undertaken a number of initiatives including: a draft National Policy on Marine Affairs and draft Law on Coastal Zone Management, which are up for adoption and enactment; development of national programs on marine pollution prevention, ecosystem degradation control, and national oil spill contingency plan; and establishment of new ICM sites in three regencies of Bali.
- 7.9 The delegation also informed the Meeting of the growing interest of various areas in the country to engage in ICM projects/activities. To further promote the ICM approach, the Government of Indonesia has included scaling-up of ICM throughout the coastal areas of Indonesia as one of its major environmental agenda.

#### *Japan*

- 7.10 The Japanese delegation reiterated the usefulness and effectiveness of PEMSEA's partnership approach, which enables participating countries to share experiences and

knowledge and promote regional collaboration for sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia.

- 7.11 Japan informed the Meeting that it would provide financial support, amounting to 14 million Japanese Yen for the fiscal year of 2006, to the PEMSEA Resource Facility Secretariat Services, emphasizing the need for the PRF Secretariat Services to be established and operated in a transparent and effective manner, in close collaboration with donor countries.

#### *Lao PDR*

- 7.12 The delegation from Lao PDR provided a brief overview of the country's environmental condition as well as the initiatives undertaken by the country to improve environmental management. However, the country recognized that to efficiently improve their environment there is a need for a more integrated and strategic approach. As a landlocked country with about 80% of its land area situated within the Mekong River basin, the delegation emphasized the significance of looking into the link between the upstream area and the coastal area.
- 7.13 Lao PDR sees cooperation with regional programs such as PEMSEA as an important endeavor. In view of the country's pending formal participation in PEMSEA, the Lao delegation identified three possible areas of activity in line with the implementation of the SDS-SEA: designation of Water Resource Coordination Committee (WRCC) of Lao PDR as PEMSEA National Focal Point; development of a pilot case study on integrated resources management based on sub-basin level; and establishment of collaborative activities on training, capacity building, and curriculum development.

#### *Malaysia*

- 7.14 Malaysia is a maritime nation, with an extended maritime jurisdiction of about 138,700 square nautical miles or about 42% of its total land area, a coastline of 4,600 kilometers and rich natural resources such as fisheries, mariculture, corals, mangroves and recreational areas. Therefore Malaysia always places high priorities to managing the coastal waters and the marine environment efficiently to ensure their sustainability. Port Klang and its coastal water were chosen under PEMSEA as a pioneer area for integrated coastal management and is the national demonstration site for Malaysia. Noting the importance of ICM, Malaysia has on its part taken the initiative in developing an integrated coastal zone management policy.
- 7.15 In line with the Putrajaya Declaration, signed by Malaysia together with 11 other countries from the East Asia region, the delegation informed the Meeting that Malaysia remains supportive towards sustainable development. The government acknowledges that regional cooperation would undeniably serve as a vital platform for countries and partners in exchanging crucial information as well as technical expertise. Malaysia has stated its readiness to contribute in terms of expenditure for its participation in regional meetings and discussions. Malaysia also expressed its willingness to make available training facilities and local resources towards capacity building in the region.

### *Philippines*

- 7.16 The delegation of the Philippines acknowledged the various significant initiatives of PEMSEA and congratulated the Programme for receiving a fully satisfactory commendation in the UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report.
- 7.17 The delegation presented the results of the National Consultation Workshop and Forum on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA, which identified seven key issues: a) national policies and programs on sustainable development, b) scaling-up of ICM, c) twinning arrangements for ecosystem-based management of interrelated river basins, estuaries and coastal seas, d) intellectual capital and human resources, e) public-private sector cooperation on sustainable coastal development, f) strategic partnership arrangements, and g) participation in the next phase of PEMSEA. The delegation also highlighted the issuance of Executive Order No. 533 in June 2006, which calls for the adoption of ICM as a National Strategy to ensure the sustainable development of the country's coastal and marine resources.
- 7.18 In support of PEMSEA and the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the Philippine delegation re-affirmed their commitment to continue to host the PRF and provide the required facilities and services.

### *RO Korea*

- 7.19 The RO Korean delegation informed the Meeting about key achievements in strengthening national institutional capacity in ecosystem-based management, including the enactment of relevant legislation, application of coastal use zoning and habitat no-net-loss policies, and the development of local ICM plans covering 21% of the national coastline. The delegation also expressed its appreciation to Thailand for sending the delegates from Chonburi ICM site to share ICM experiences with the Shihwa ICM parallel site, RO Korea. As a consequence, there is an initiative to develop a regular study tour program in Shihwa ICM site to share its experiences, knowledge and lessons with the other ICM sites in the region.
- 7.20 RO Korea reaffirmed its commitments to provide financial support to the establishment and operation of PRF Secretariat Services, subject to final budget approval by National Congress at the end of the year. The secondment of the staff to PRF Secretariat Services is also being explored. RO Korea also reported that the establishment of a Twinning Secretariat is underway.

### *Singapore*

- 7.21 The Singapore delegation informed the Meeting of key achievements and activities in support of the implementation of the SDS-SEA, including the technical cooperation of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP); the establishment of the web-based biodiversity meta-database by the National Parks Board; accession to all six annexes of the MARPOL Convention; collaboration with neighbouring countries on maritime safety and the prevention of ship-based pollution; organization of the third International Conference on Ballast Water Management in September 2006; and the implementation of the Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) Project.

- 7.22 Singapore emphasized the importance of involving NGOs and industry in coastal environmental protection and conservation. Appreciating the work of PEMSEA in the region, Singapore looked forward to working with other countries in the region on issues of mutual concern at the upcoming East Asian Seas Congress in December 2006.

#### *Thailand*

- 7.23 The Thailand delegation highlighted the importance of partnership and regional cooperation in addressing transboundary environmental problems in the Seas of East Asia, particularly in view of its interconnectivity. To effectively address the threats to the coastal and marine environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment has prepared the draft Marine and Coastal Management Act. The Thai delegation also informed the Meeting of progress made in the management of marine and coastal resources at the local level, with special focus on public participation, capacity building, equitable access, information management, and the designation of marine protected areas. Their efforts were further facilitated through a “Consultative Workshop for the Eastern Region on the implementation of SDS-SEA”, which was co-organized by Chonburi ICM National Demonstration Site, PEMSEA and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Such efforts will be continued in the other parts of the country in order to obtain a framework of country programs in support of the SDS-SEA implementation, in consideration of each region’s unique capability.
- 7.24 The Thai delegation advised the Meeting of the scaling-up efforts of Chonburi ICM experiences, which expanded its coverage from five coastal municipalities to nine municipalities and one sub-district. Finally, the delegation reiterated its support for the follow-on phase of PEMSEA, emphasizing that transformation of the PEMSEA RPO and the SDS-SEA implementation will promote collaboration among participating countries and facilitate capacity building.

#### *Vietnam*

- 7.25 Appreciating PEMSEA’s role in knowledge sharing, particularly in the area of national ocean policy and local ICM implementation, the Vietnam delegation informed the Meeting of their progress in implementing ICM at the national level, including the Master Project on Baseline Survey of Marine Resources and Environment, which will enable the formulation of a long-term vision and management framework for the marine environment and resources at the national level.
- 7.26 The Vietnam delegation also advised the Meeting of the key outputs of the National Forum and Consultation Workshop for implementation of the SDS-SEA, which was jointly organized with PEMSEA in March 2006. The event resulted in a work program for the formulation of national ICM policy and legislation, with special focus on livelihood improvement and poverty remediation; ICM scaling-up at the provincial level; strengthening the national lead agency for ICM; and formulation and implementation of the national marine resources and environment strategy. Finally, the Vietnam delegation reaffirmed its support for the transformation of PEMSEA into regional implementing mechanism of the SDS-SEA.
- 7.27 The full text of the country statements are attached as Annex 9.

## **8.0 EAS CONGRESS 2006 AND MINISTERIAL FORUM**

### *EAS Congress 2006*

- 8.1 Dr. Chua briefed the Meeting of the progress made with regard to the organization of the EAS Congress 2006, including the cooperation with 36 co-conveners in organizing 31 workshops and seminars for the International Conference on Coastal and Ocean Governance (12-14 December), the Ministerial Forum on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (15 December), the Inaugural EAS Partnership Council Meeting (16 December), the Inaugural Meeting of the PNLG, the Dialogue between ICM Sites, the EAS Youth Forum, the Exhibition, and the Field Trip.
- 8.2 Dr. Chua expressed his special appreciation to the Government of the PR China, for the contribution and support being extended by the State Oceanic Administration, and to the Hainan Provincial Government and Haikou City Government in ensuring the successful hosting and co-organization of the EAS Congress 2006.
- 8.3 The Chinese delegation informed the Meeting that its government has given special importance to the EAS Congress 2006 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Forum, and has prepared detailed arrangements to ensure their success. Among others, following are the key activities undertaken by the Chinese government:
- State Council approval;
  - national budget of 4 million RMB secured;
  - National Organizing Committee (NOC) established;
  - Working groups and subgroups formed;
  - details identified for opening and closing ceremonies, reception dinners, food and accommodation arrangements;
  - pre- and post- conference tours, transportation including vehicles for ministers and VIPs, conference and meeting venues,
  - communications, e.g. internet, media;
  - health services and food safety;
  - security, immigration, customs, publicity and media arrangements;
  - safety of products and services;
  - simultaneous translation during the Opening Ceremony; and
  - field trips.

### *Ministerial Forum and Senior Government Officials' Meeting*

- 8.4 Dr. Huming Yu presented the objectives, preliminary programs, and the progress made with regard to the organization of the Ministerial Forum, Senior Government Officials' Meeting (SGOM), and press conference, including the extension of official invitations to concerned Ministers and PEMSEA focal agencies in the participating countries.
- 8.5 The Second Ministerial Forum will serve as a venue for the signing of the Partnership Agreement and the Partnership Operating Arrangements on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA. The Ministerial Forum will be organized on 14 December, on board a

vessel cruising along the coast of Haikou City, which will symbolize the importance of sustainable coastal and ocean development.

- 8.6 Prior to the Ministerial Forum, an SGOM will be held on 11 December 2006, in order to examine and verify that all the preparations for the Ministerial Forum are duly accomplished for the effective conduct of the event, including the status of participation, agenda, documentation, and administrative and other arrangements.

## **9.0 COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS**

- 9.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng advised the Meeting that the collaborative activities with PEMSEA partners over the past year, from August 2005 to July 2006, covered the EAS Congress 2006, training and capacity building, ICM parallel site development and implementation, public awareness and communication, information sharing and exchange, environmental investments, and implementation of the SDS-SEA. PEMSEA partners ranged from national and local governments and agencies to private sector, university, research institutions, donors, NGOs and the media.
- 9.2 Ms. Angelita Cunanan, National Coordinator of UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme – Philippines, introduced the Programme activities of UNDP/GEF SGP in the Asian region. The Programme covers six countries, namely: Cambodia; Indonesia; Malaysia; Philippines; Thailand; and Vietnam. She advised the Meeting of the cooperative arrangements with PEMSEA through a Joint Communiqué signed in 2005, collaborating on the development and implementation of projects on community-based management of marine and coastal resources. The partnership has facilitated so far the development of a community-based management project in Balayan Bay, Batangas, Philippines, which is being implemented in collaboration with the Federation of Fisherfolk. UNDP/GEF SGP is also co-organizing a Seminar on Civil Society Participation in Sustainable Development at the EAS Congress 2006 as a co-convenor.
- 9.3 Highlighting the FAO's mission on "providing food for all", Mr. Derek Staples, Senior Fishery Officer of FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, indicated the interest of FAO Regional Office to become a PEMSEA Partner in implementing the SDS-SEA. He then informed the Meeting of FAO's competencies with regard to the implementation of the SDS-SEA, including: equitable and sustainable fisheries and conservation of fish stocks; and coastal and marine degradation from land-based human activities, especially related to agricultural activities. Integration of fisheries management into a broader context of ICM is still a big challenge, and FAO will be addressing this issue at the EAS Congress 2006. He also urged all PEMSEA participating countries to support SDS-SEA implementation through active participation and support of the Asian Pacific Fisheries Commission (APFIC).
- 9.4 Dr. Hiroshi Terashima, Executive Director of Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF), Japan, explained the long-term partnership built with PEMSEA and the various collaborative activities undertaken by OPRF in support of the implementation of the SDS-SEA. Highlighting the importance of "Securing the Oceans" concept, as identified in the Tokyo Ocean Declaration, he advised the Meeting that OPRF is organizing a "Workshop on the Tokyo Declaration: Upholding the Advocacy" at the

- EAS Congress 2006, as a co-convenor. The workshop will promote the advocacy for “Securing the Oceans” as a way forward to achieving peace and sustainable development in the oceans and seas. He concluded his remarks by expressing the firm commitment of OPRF to sustainable ocean development.
- 9.5 Dr. Jong-Deog Kim, Head of Coastal Management Team, Marine Environment and Coastal Management Division, Korea Maritime Institute, informed the Meeting of the technical expertise of KMI, its long-term vision, and the cooperative activities with PEMSEA over the past 5 years. PEMSEA and KMI are currently preparing a long-term partnership arrangement with the signing of an MOU in May 2006. He expressed KMI’s commitments to share its knowledge and experiences in the area of integrated ocean and coastal management with other participating countries. In line with such commitments, KMI is presently setting up the Secretariat of the Twinning Network for ecosystem-based management, as agreed by PEMSEA and RO Korea during the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC. Supporting the core concept of partnership and the philosophy of sustainable development in the Seas of East Asia, KMI will do its best for the successful implementation of the SDS-SEA as a research institute in the region.
- 9.6 Dr. Richard Cooper, the SEA-RLC Coordinator of GEF IW:LEARN, acknowledged the common areas of interest between IW:LEARN and the SDS-SEA, in particular the “Communicate” strategy. IW:LEARN provides learning and technical support to GEF IW projects, partners and other organizations with transboundary waters management interests. It seeks to apply IW:LEARN network’s global expertise and knowledge base to serve regional needs, while at the same time leveraging regional expertise to benefit projects globally. He suggested areas of potential collaboration with PEMSEA, including the development of content management system websites, a web-based GIS, on-line Expert Roster, and meta-databases.
- 9.7 Mr. Xiadong Zhong, Deputy Coordinator of Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) of UNEP, advised the Meeting about the background of NOWPAP, its overall goal, and the project activities being undertaken by four Regional Activity Centers (RACs) including: harmful algal blooms (HAB) and remote sensing applications; database and information management system; marine pollution preparedness and response, including NOWPAP Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan; contaminant inputs from atmosphere and rivers; and a regional action plan for marine litter. He confirmed that the overall goal of NOWPAP is in line with the shared vision and mission of the SDS-SEA, and indicated NOWPAP’s interest to become a Partner for the SDS-SEA implementation. He also suggested the following areas of potential collaboration with PEMSEA: sharing expertise, data and information obtained by NOWPAP and PEMSEA; exchanging publications, work plans, and project schedules; inviting partners to participate in conferences, workshops and technical meetings; co-organizing workshops on issues of mutual concern; cooperating with each other on public awareness events and using each other’s logos on promotional items for activities jointly agreed upon; and providing linkages to each other’s websites.
- 9.8 Dr. Michael A. Kendall of Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML), introduced the background, set-up and research activities of the PML, which focuses on biodiversity and sustainable ecosystems, marine biogeochemistry, environment, and health issues. He expressed the PML’s interest to collaborate with PEMSEA, in order to learn from PEMSEA’s ICM experiences, participate in ecosystem-based management,

and introduce PML's technical expertise to the region. He then briefed the Meeting on the COAST-IMPACT project funded by the EU, a project on Sustainable Options for People, Catchments and Aquatic Resources funded by the EU INCO-DEV, and the Coastal Biodiversity Project in Thailand.

- 9.9 Dr. Srisuda Jarayabhand, Coordinator of the UNEP East Asian Seas/Regional Coordinating Unit (COBSEA), briefed the Meeting on the background, participating countries, secretariat set-up and mission of the COBSEA, and informed that the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COBSEA identified priority areas, focusing on information management, capacity building, and project development. COBSEA has been closely collaborating with PEMSEA in various activities, including the co-organization of "The East Asian Seas GPA IGR-2 Preparatory Workshop", scheduled for 4-5 September 2006 in Bangkok, as well as a Workshop on "Integrated Coastal and Marine Information Management" at the EAS Congress 2006. With the enhanced understanding of PEMSEA's partnership approaches through her participation in the PSC meeting, she advised that the outcomes of this Meeting would be presented to COBSEA member countries for their decision in future partnership building.
- 9.10 Mr. Daniel Chan Kok Peng, Principal Oil Spill Specialist of East Asia Response Limited (EARL), informed the Meeting of their collaboration with PEMSEA in providing technical and advisory support in carrying out numerous training programs and in the process of development and implementation of the "Framework Programme for Partnership in Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand". He confirmed EARL's commitments to play a proactive role in the oil pollution response and preparedness activities within the framework of the SDS-SEA, in particular focusing on overall improvement of response capability and greater involvement of industries.
- 9.11 Mr. Yihang Jiang, Project Manager of the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project, informed the Meeting that as a project having similar objectives as PEMSEA, the YSLME project is quite interested in cooperating with PEMSEA. In particular, they are interested in exploring ways to use the SDS-SEA as a framework to formulate the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) of the Yellow Sea, bearing in mind differences in geographic scales and level of management considerations between the two projects. Development of the next phase of PEMSEA is another interesting approach that would provide an implementation mechanism in the region to protect marine environment and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources. The Yellow Sea Partnership, in which PEMSEA is participating, has been formed, and in turn the Yellow Sea project is observing with interest PEMSEA's experiences in building EAS partnership arrangements. They look forward to receiving the final draft of Partnership Operating Arrangements for the official review and discussion by member countries.
- 9.12 Dr. Anjan Datta, Programme Officer of UNEP-GPA, briefed the Meeting on the background, goals and specific functions of GPA. Building upon the past 5 years of collaboration with PEMSEA, UNEP-GPA is committed to make its contribution to strengthen the capacity of countries in the development of their national and regional programs and mechanisms to mainstream the objectives of the GPA, and to manage the risks and impacts of marine pollution. He informed the Meeting of the participation of UNEP/GPA in the EAS Congress 2006 as workshop co-convenor. He also advised

the Meeting of the planned activities during the forthcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Intergovernmental Review Meeting (IGR-2) of the GPA, which will be held from 16 to 20 October 2006 in Beijing, PR China, and encouraged the active participation of PEMSEA participating countries.

- 9.13 Mr. Jose Ingles, Ecoregion Coordinator, WWF Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Coordination Unit, informed the Meeting that WWF has been collaborating with PEMSEA on various activities for several years. One major activity is the collaboration on the replication of ICM in Balayan Bay, Province of Batangas, Philippines. Mr. Ingles hopes that the relationship between WWF Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion and PEMSEA will further prosper through the establishment of more collaborative or joint activities under the new phase of PEMSEA.
- 9.14 Mr. Takashi Ichioka, General Manager, Japan Association of Marine Safety (JAMS) Singapore Representative Office, provided the Meeting with a brief background on JAMS, highlighting the Association's role as a focal point for various cooperation projects by Japanese NGOs on navigational safety and ship-based marine pollution. In line with its activities, JAMS believes that continuous collaboration with PEMSEA would contribute significantly to moving the common objective of promoting the sustainable development of the seas of East Asia forward. In particular, Mr. Ichioka acknowledged the benefits of the partnership approach of PEMSEA, in the development of environmental networks and in the integrated management and protection of the coastal and marine environment of the region.
- 9.15 Mr. Randall Purcell, Regional Technical Advisor, Land Degradation and International Waters Global Environment Facility, UN Regional Centre in Bangkok, commended the PSC Meeting for providing a venue for various partners and countries to come together and share information on possible future collaboration on the management of the Seas of East Asia. Mr. Purcell shared the view of other participants that the PEMSEA Regional Programme is now at a critical juncture, given the pending closure of the current phase and the transition into a new phase. Mr. Purcell commended the Regional Programme for successfully overcoming various challenges in the last few months. As PEMSEA prepares for the transformation into a regional implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA, he emphasized the importance of securing co-financing to support the future activities as well as the operations of the PRF. In line with the transformation activities, in particular, the search for a new executing agency, Mr. Purcell informed the Meeting that UNDP New York has stated that the Direct Execution (DEX) may not be a possible option.

## **10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 The Meeting took up the issue of the East Asian Seas Congress 2009. The delegation of Thailand reiterated its expression of interest, made at the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PSC, to host the EAS Congress 2009. However, they needed more time to secure approval of the Cabinet. . This will be communicated to the RPO as soon as possible.

## **11.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 The delegate of Malaysia expressed his country's support to the partnership spirit and working model nourished over the years by PEMSEA that has proved successful. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts made in consultation and consensus building that underline the implementing mechanisms to be developed for the SDS-SEA. In his analysis, it is an important achievement that consensus has been reached among the PEMSEA participating countries on the implementing mechanisms for the SDS-SEA. However, as the SDS-SEA implementation involves many agencies and sectors, the scope of consensus reached within individual countries may vary. It is critical for the countries to fully understand the implications of the actions they are going to undertake as they are moving PEMSEA from a project to an intergovernmental body. Thus, unexpected responses from the countries to PEMSEA's new direction cannot be ruled out, despite the level of consensus reached thus far.
- 11.2 Dr. Chua expressed his appreciation for the comments made by the delegate of Malaysia, and took the opportunity to reiterate the importance of national multi-agency and multi-sectoral dialogue and consultation on the implementation of the SDS-SEA. He recognized the concerted effort made over the years by the representatives of the participating governments and other stakeholders at the PSC meetings, and the commitments and support of the participating governments and other stakeholders that made the success of PEMSEA possible. He spoke highly of the collective wisdom of the participating governments and other stakeholders that has guided PEMSEA to reach its present stage, and will continue leading PEMSEA into its new phase. He indicated that PEMSEA's vitality lies in its services to the needs of the countries. Thus the fate of PEMSEA is in the hands of the participating governments and other stakeholders. By this note, he expressed his confidence over the future of PEMSEA.
- 11.3 It was also noted that establishment of "sustainable regional mechanisms," including the establishment of "an implementing mechanism for the regional arrangement, and the Marine Environment Resource Facility (MERF)", and official launching of MERF are part of the Project Document requirements for the current phase of PEMSEA. By signing on to this Project Document, participating governments have agreed to achieve these objectives. In this connection, the establishment of the implementing mechanisms for the SDS-SEA, including the PRF, is an effort to implement the Project Document requirement without evoking new obligations or commitments.

### **Regional Programme Director's Report**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.4 The comprehensive review of the progress made and follow up activities identified in the Regional Programme Director's Report since the previous PSC meeting, with regard to the implementation of the Regional Programme, and the transformation of PEMSEA to a long-term, self-sustained implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA as envisaged by the PSC;

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- 11.5 The plan to finalize the Project Document on SDS-SEA implementation for submission to UNDP by September 2006, and for endorsement to the GEF Council in December 2006;
- 11.6 With appreciation, the commitments expressed by China, Japan and the RO Korea in providing financial support to the PRF Secretariat Services, and the on-going process of developing the Cost-Sharing Agreements (CSAs) between the supporting countries and the UNDP;
- 11.7 The proposed budget realignment for the Regional Programme, the GEF/UNDP/IMO MSP on PPP, and the GEF/UNDP/IMO PDF-B on Implementation of the SDS-SEA, in support of the extension of the Regional Programme to June 2007;
- 11.8 The need for the timely establishment of the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), including its Secretariat and Technical Services, for the purpose of meeting the requirement of the Project Document of the Regional Programme and facilitating the transitional process;
- 11.9 The proposed implementation plan, timetable and responsibility centers for the Regional Programme Office's (RPO) transition to a PRF;
- 11.10 The need to appoint an Interim Executive Director to facilitate the establishment of the PRF and the transitional activities between the current Regional Programme Office and the proposed PEMSEA Resource Facility;

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- 11.11 The accomplishments made by the Regional Programme during the intersessional period, particularly with regard to:
  - Sustaining and replicating effective Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) practices through the strengthening of institutional and legal arrangements for ICM operation, as well as the implementation of coastal strategies;
  - Establishing PEMSEA ICM parallel sites in 3 Regencies of Bali Province, Indonesia, as well as 10 coastal municipalities of PR China;
  - Packaging and dissemination of case studies for Batangas and Xiamen ICM experiences;
  - Forging long-term commitments for managing subregional sea areas with the signing of the Joint Statement on Partnership in Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand by Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam;
  - The signing of Executive Order 533 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, declaring ICM as a national policy framework to promote sustainable coastal and marine resources management in the Philippines;

- The adoption of Bohai Sea Sustainable Development Strategy and the submission of legislation on the management of the Bohai Sea to the People's Congress;
- The conduct of close to 80 trainings benefiting more than 1,500 trainees and preparing for future challenges in capacity building through technical and managerial empowerment activities;
- The establishment of the Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management System (PSHEMS) to promote safe and environment-friendly port and cargo operations, while protecting the health of port workers and the populations in surrounding communities;
- Transformation of regional network of local governments into local government driven, sustainable network, PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG), and the hosting of PNLG Secretariat by Xiamen Municipal Government;
- The upgrading of the Integrated Information Management System (IIMS) into a Web-based IIMS software version and the successful completion of Manila Bay Atlas using Manila Bay IIMS; and
- The development of PPP projects in Haikou, Hainan Province, PR China, and in Puerto Galera, Mindoro, Philippines, in collaboration with local government units.

#### *Terminal Evaluation*

- 11.12 The completion of a comprehensive assessment of the performance of the Regional Programme by a Terminal Evaluation Team, and delineation of new opportunities for growth and sustainability of PEMSEA;
- 11.13 The fully satisfactory rating of the PEMSEA Regional Programme, as determined by the Terminal Evaluation Team, as well as the various findings and conclusions and lessons learned from PEMSEA experiences at local and national levels;

#### *East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2006*

- 11.14 The progress made with regard to the organization of the EAS Congress 2006, including the cooperation with co-convenors in organizing over 30 workshops and seminars for the International Conference on Coastal and Ocean Governance (12-14 December), the Ministerial Forum on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (15 December), the Inaugural EAS Partnership Council Meeting (16 December), the EAS Youth Forum, Exhibition and other side events;
- 11.15 With appreciation, the contribution and support being extended by the State Oceanic Administration, Hainan Provincial Government and Haikou City of the PR China in ensuring the successful hosting and co-organization of the EAS Congress 2006;

*Resource Mobilization*

11.16 Co-financing contributions to the Regional Programme from sources other than GEF, totaling \$25,702,821.

The Meeting recommended:

11.17 Unanimously, the selection of UNDP Manila Direct Execution as the most appropriate option among potential executing agencies for the PEMSEA follow-on phase;

11.18 The Regional Programme Office officially communicate to UNDP on behalf of the countries, the recommendation of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting regarding Executing Agency for the next phase of PEMSEA;

11.19 The extension of the Regional Programme, and the retention of the existing RPO staff to implement project activities to 30 June 2007;

11.20 The establishment of the PRF Secretariat Services based on the outcomes of the CSAs between supporting countries and UNDP;

11.21 The establishment of the PRF Technical Services, based on the requirements of GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of SDS-SEA;

11.22 The appointment of the current PEMSEA Regional Programme Director to act as the Interim Executive Director during the transition period between 1 January 2007 and the arrival of the PRF Executive Director, but no later than 30 June 2007;

11.23 The adoption of the following implementation plan and timetable for the RPO and other concerned agencies for the transitional activities as specified in the RDP's report.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Proposed Activities</b>	<b>Responsibility Center</b>
<b>2006</b>		
August	Approval of timetable for transformation by 12 <sup>th</sup> PSC meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> PSC meeting decision
	Approval of the full Project Document by 12 <sup>th</sup> PSC meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> PSC meeting decision
September	Signing of CSAs by China, Japan (subject to further notification), and UNDP with the possibility of releasing their contributions within 2006 for the PRF operation in 2007	UNDP
	Finalization of the full Project Document and endorsement by GEF Country Focal Points	RPO
	Extension of current staff to June 2007	IMO
October	Submission of full Project Document to GEF Council	RPO
	Advertisement for hiring of staff for PRF Secretariat Services	Subject to UNDP concurrence
	Setting up Selection Committee for PRF Secretariat Services staffing	UNDP/RPO

<b>Month</b>	<b>Proposed Activities</b>	<b>Responsibility Center</b>
	Signing of CSA by ROK (subject to final approval by National Congress) and UNDP	UNDP
November	Processing of applications for international and national positions for PRF Secretariat Services	RPO/UNDP
December	Selection Committee Meeting for international staff recruitment and approval of recommended national staff	UNDP Selection Committee
	Appointment of PEMSEA RPD to serve as interim Executive Director	UNDP and IMO
	Partnership Council Meeting/EAS Congress 2006	RPD serves as Acting Executive Director
	Establishment of PEMSEA Resource Facility	Signing of Partnership Agreement
<b>2007</b>		
January	Recruitment of PRF Secretariat Services staff	UNDP/ Executing Agency
	Bridging activities	RPO
	Final revision of Project Document in response to Council comments	GEF Secretariat/UNDP
	Advertisement for hiring of GEF project staff including the Executive Director post	Executing Agency
	Launching of PRF in Manila	RPO
February	Setting up of PRF Secretariat Services	RPO
	Bridging activities	RPO
	Approval of Project Document by GEF CEO	RPO/UNDP facilitates UNDP National Focal Point endorsement
March	Refurbishment of expanded office building (Subject to available funding)	RPO and DENR
	Bridging activities	RPO
	Meeting of UNDP Selection Committee to hire Executive Director and international staff (PRF Technical Services)	UNDP Selection Committee
April	Bridging activities	RPO
	PRF Secretariat Services staff Reporting for duty	UNDP/ RPO
	Transfer of RPO Secretariat responsibility to PRF Secretariat Services	RPO; PRF Secretariat Services staff
	Recruitment of local staff to GEF project	UNDP/RPO
May	Bridging activities	RPO
	Recruitment of local staff to GEF project	UNDP/RPO
	Arrival of Executive Director and international staff for GEF project	Executing Agency; UNDP
June	Completion of transfer from RPO to PRF	IMO; Executing Agency
	Retirement of RPD; termination of contracts of RPO international and local staff	IMO; UNDP

11.24 The adoption of the Regional Programme Director's report with the following modifications and inclusions to the relevant paragraphs/tables:

- Paragraph 14 b.: Correction in the fiscal year of Japan, from April 2006 to March 2007;
- Paragraph 14 b.: The amount of Japan's contribution to the PRF Secretariat Services as 14 million Japanese Yen;
- Paragraph 57: The inclusion of 3 Regencies from Bali Province, Indonesia as ICM parallel sites, namely Buleleng, Jembrana, and Tabanan;
- Timetable for PEMSEA Transformation, paragraph 49:
  - The identification of "Selection Committee" under the column of Responsibility Center in the Timetable for PEMSEA RPO's Transition to a PEMSEA Resource Facility; and
  - Timing for signing of CSAs by Japan and RO Korea subject to notifications by the respective governments.

### **Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements**

The Meeting noted:

11.25 The consultation activities undertaken by RPO on the draft Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements (POA);

11.26 With appreciation, the suggested changes to the two documents, as presented to the Meeting by an ad hoc working group, comprised of country representatives from China, DPR Korea, Malaysia, RO Korea, Singapore and Thailand, as well as representatives from IMO, FAO, UNEP GPA, COBSEA, and the YSLME project.

The Meeting recommended:

11.27 The endorsement of the draft Partnership Agreement and draft Partnership Operating Arrangements, as revised by the Meeting and attached hereto;

11.28 Countries initiate their respective approval processes, in preparation for signature of the Partnership Agreement by Ministers during the EAS Congress 2006, bearing in mind the need to submit further comments to the RPO by 15 September 2006, to improve the clarity of the text without altering the consensus reached by the countries and other stakeholders on the two documents;

11.29 The RPO to undertake consultations with countries and other stakeholders concerning the refinement of the two documents before 31 October 2006, in response to feedback and comments received;

11.30 The RPO pursue development of MOAs or similar instruments for SDS-SEA implementation with regional stakeholders, and the signing of the Partnership Operating Arrangements in December 2006, as PEMSEA Partners.

## **Provisional Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council (EPC) and Guidelines for the Conduct of Meetings**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.31 The significance of the Inaugural Meeting of the EPC as the first step in the establishment of the regional implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA;
- 11.32 The quality outputs produced by the RPO in the preparation of the provisional agenda for the inaugural meeting of the EPC and the draft guidelines for the conduct of the Council meetings, in consultation with PEMSEA participating countries, according to the request of the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting;
- 11.33 The need identified by the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting for the Technical and Intergovernmental Sessions of the EPC, respectively, to formulate and adopt detailed rules of procedure, terms of reference and operational guidelines for the proper functioning of the regional mechanism;
- 11.34 The importance of the agenda of the Inaugural Meeting of the EPC and the guidelines for EPC meetings, as operational modalities for the start-up of the Council, and paving the way for the Council to further develop detailed rules of procedure, terms of reference and operational guidelines, as required, for the proper functioning of the regional mechanism.

The Meeting recommended:

- 11.35 The endorsement of the draft Provisional Agenda, as revised and attached hereto, for adoption by the Inaugural Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council in December 2006;
- 11.36 The RPO pursue preparations for the Inaugural Meeting of the EPC, including invitations to Partners and Observers;
- 11.37 The early nomination of Partner and Observer representatives to the Inaugural Meeting of the EPC;
- 11.38 Endorsement of the draft Guidelines for the Conduct of Council Meetings, as revised and attached, for adoption by the Inaugural Meeting of the EPC in December 2006;
- 11.39 The RPO conduct consultations with countries to facilitate consensus on the Council Chair and Session Chairs to be elected at the Inaugural Meeting, with due consideration the appropriate procedures provided in the Guidelines for the Conduct of Meetings.

## GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA

The Meeting noted:

- 11.40 With appreciation, the completion of the draft GEF Project Document entitled, Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), by the RPO in consultation with participating countries;
- 11.41 The conduct of national forums, consultative workshops and briefings on the implementation of the SDS-SEA since January 2006 in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam;
- 11.42 The national forums and consultative workshops on SDS-SEA implementation being planned in DPR Korea, Malaysia, and possibly Timor Leste, by the middle of September 2006;
- 11.43 With regret, the announcement by UNDP that Myanmar will not be eligible for GEF support in the next phase of PEMSEA;
- 11.44 The co-financing target of US\$ 20 million for the GEF project, based on a 1:2 ratio of GEF grant to co-financing commitment, with GEF contributing a grant of US\$ 10.8 million to the next phase of PEMSEA;
- 11.45 The work schedule for completing/approving the Project Document, as follows:

Activities	Milestone Dates
1. Submission of draft Project Document to the 12th PSC meeting	1-4 August 2006
2. Comments/inputs from participating countries to final draft of Project Document	20 August 2006
3. ProDoc & Executive Summary submission to UNDP, GEF (informal) and STAP for parallel Technical Reviews	1 September 2006
4. STAP Technical review submitted to RPO for RPO response	9 September 2006
5. Technical reviews of UNDP, GEF (informal) and STAP submitted to RPO	10 September 2006
6. Consensus on country work programs/all co-financing confirmed in writing	15 September 2006
7. Refinement of ProDoc; response to UNDP, GEF and STAP technical reviews; finalization of Executive Summary	20 September 2006
8. UNDP submission of ProDoc to GEFSEC	22 September 2006
9. GEFSEC Review Sheet received	9 October 2006
10. All final files due at UNDP including RPO response to GEFSEC review	20 October 2006
11. Submission by UNDP of final ProDoc and Executive Summary to GEF Council Review	23 October 2006
12. GEF Council Meeting	4-8 December 2006
13. Technical Comments by Council Members	31 December 2006

14. Response to Technical Comments prepared by RPO; ProDoc submitted to UNDP for final review prior to submission to GEF CEO for endorsement	31 January 2007
15. GEF CEO endorsement of ProDoc	28 February 2007
16. Signing of the ProDoc by participating countries, UNDP and Executing Agency	30 April

The Meeting recommended that:

- 11.46 The Project Document include a list of acronyms and their definitions, as used in the document;
- 11.47 Participating countries provide written comments to the Secretariat on the draft Project Document by 20 August 2006, so that the Secretariat can submit the document for technical review by UNDP, GEF and STAP on 1 September;
- 11.48 Countries finalize country work programs in support of SDS-SEA implementation, in collaboration with the Secretariat, by 15 September 2006;
- 11.49 Countries make every effort to provide written confirmation of co-financing commitments for the implementation of the GEF project to the Secretariat by 15 September 2006, but no later than 31 December 2006;
- 11.50 Countries support the approval of the PEMSEA Project Document at GEF Council in December 2006;
- 11.51 All GEF-eligible countries facilitate the endorsement of the draft Project Document by GEF Country Operating Agencies by 15 September 2006, in order to benefit from the GEF funding for the full project. All GEF Country Operating Agencies endorsement letters must be received by 15 September 2006 for inclusion in the 22 September formal submission of the ProDoc to the GEF Secretariat.

### **Strategic Partnership Arrangement**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.52 The progress being made by the World Bank and participating countries in implementing the GEF/World Bank Partnership Investment Fund for Pollution Reduction in the LMEs of East Asia, as approved by GEF Council in November 2005, namely the projects under implementation in Ningbo (China), and the proposed projects in Shandong and Liaoning (China); East Java (Indonesia); Manila (Philippines), and Coastal Cities in Vietnam;
- 11.53 The lack of progress with respect to the implementation of the Project Preparation Revolving Fund component of the GEF/World Bank Partnership Investment Fund, due to the absence of an Executing Agency for the project;
- 11.54 The goal of developing and testing operating modalities between the SDS-SEA implementation project and the Partnership Investment Fund project, as part of

Component G (i.e., Strategic Partnership Arrangements) of the GEF/UNDP Project on Implementation of the SDS-SEA.

### **Country Statements**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.55 With appreciation, the support and initiatives undertaken by the countries with respect to the implementation of the SDS-SEA and the commitment to further strengthen country involvement in PEMSEA programs;
- 11.56 With appreciation, the commitment of Lao PDR to actively participate in the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
- 11.57 The significant contribution of PEMSEA, as recognized by the countries, in the improvement of the management of the coastal and marine environment in East Asia for the past twelve years, and in particular, the implementation of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Programs, capacity building and knowledge sharing activities, establishment of networks, promotion of coastal and marine issues into national policies, and environmental investments;
- 11.58 The emphasis by all countries on the need to build on the achievements and lessons learned during the Regional Programme and the significance of pursuing the partnership approach to further advance PEMSEA initiatives through the establishment of the regional implementing mechanisms for the SDS-SEA;
- 11.59 The importance given by countries and other stakeholders to the partnership approach that enables the participation by all the countries and other stakeholders within their respective capacity and resources;
- 11.60 With appreciation, the commitments expressed by China, Japan and RO Korea in providing financial support for the operation of the PRF Secretariat Services;
- 11.61 With appreciation, the commitment expressed by the Philippines to host the PRF for the next phase of PEMSEA.

### **EAS Congress 2006**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.62 With appreciation, the contribution and support being extended by the State Oceanic Administration, Hainan Provincial Government and Haikou City of the PR China in hosting and co-organizing the EAS Congress 2006;
- 11.63 With sincere appreciation, the Chinese government giving special importance to the EAS Congress 2006 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Forum, including the national budget allocation of 4 million RMB, establishing a national organizing committee as well as

working groups at both provincial and city levels, and preparing detailed arrangements to ensure a successful event;

- 11.64 The progress made with regard to the organization of the EAS Congress, including the preparation of the Congress Program, featuring the Ministerial Forum on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (14-15 December), the International Conference on Coastal and Ocean Governance (12-14 December), the Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council (16 December), and side events including the Inaugural Meeting of the PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG), Dialogue between ICM Sites, the EAS Youth Forum, the Exhibition, and the Field Trip;
- 11.65 That approximately 700 individuals are expected to take part in the five-day event, and, to date, 233 have expressed their interest in participating in the Congress;
- 11.66 With appreciation, the active participation of 36 co-convenors in co-organizing 31 workshops and seminars as part of the International Conference of the EAS Congress 2006.

The Meeting recommended:

- 11.67 National Focal Points of countries that have not designated contact persons to coordinate Congress preparations, inform RPO of such contacts as early as possible;
- 11.68 Urgent action by National Focal Points to identify and confirm the participation of various national and local stakeholders within their countries in the diverse activities of the EAS Congress 2006.

### **Ministerial Forum 2006**

The Meeting noted:

- 11.69 The decision of the 10<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting to organize the EAS Congress 2006 as a venue for a Ministerial Forum concerning the SDS-SEA implementation;
- 11.70 The draft program for the Ministerial Forum of the EAS Congress 2006, along with the draft agenda and program for the Senior Government Officials' Meeting as the Forum's preparatory meeting, and the Press Conference to facilitate direct contact between high level policy makers and the mass media;
- 11.71 The limitation on the number of Partners and Observers that can be accommodated on-board the Chinese vessel that will be used to transport Ministers during the Ministerial Forum.

The Meeting recommended:

- 11.72 The adoption of the provisional program for the Ministerial Forum of EAS Congress 2006, the agenda for the Senior Government Officials' Meeting, and the program for the Press Conference;

- 11.73 The participating governments confirm the participation of their delegations in the Ministerial Forum and the SGOM in the soonest possible manner, to allow sufficient time for the host country and the Conference Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for safety, security, protocol, travel and local accommodations during the events;
- 11.74 The RPO extend invitations to observer organizations, institutions, programs and projects with expressed interest in cooperation with PEMSEA for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, to attend the Ministerial Forum and SGOM, taking into account the space limitation in the available Forum facilities, and the policies and rules of PEMSEA sponsoring agencies.

### **Cooperation and Collaboration with Partners**

The Meeting noted with appreciation:

- 11.75 The collaborative activities being undertaken by the RPO with various PEMSEA partners from August 2005 to July 2006, including Korea Environment Institute (KEI); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI); Nippon Foundation; East Asia Response Limited (EARL); UNEP-GPA; UNEP EAS/RCU COBSEA; City University of Hong Kong; Coastal Management Center; Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF); UNDP Small Grants Programme (SGP); League of Cities of the Philippines; Local Government Academy (LGA) Philippines; Louis Berger Group, Inc., and Municipality of Puerto Galera, Philippines;
- 11.76 The expressions of interest by the UNDP GEF SGP, FAO Regional Office, OPRF, KMI, IW-Learn Bangkok, NOWPAP, PML, EARL, YSLME, UNEP-GPA, WWF Sulu-Sulawesi Sea Marine Ecoregion Coordination Unit, and JAMS Singapore to identify specific collaborative activities with PEMSEA, and to become Partners in the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
- 11.77 The expression of interest by COBSEA to identify collaborative activities with PEMSEA in the implementation of the SDS-SEA, and to explore the possibility of becoming a PEMSEA Partner in consultation with member countries.

The Meeting recommended:

- 11.78 The Regional Programme continue to develop collaborative and partnership arrangements with governments at the national and local levels, the private sector, universities, research institutions, donors, NGOs, UN agencies, international organization and institutions, for the implementation of the SDS-SEA.

### **Other Business**

- 11.79 The Meeting noted with gratitude, the expression of interest by the delegation of Thailand to host the East Asian Seas Congress 2009, subject to confirmation and approval of the government.

11.80 The Meeting requested the RPO to follow up on this matter with the Government of Thailand, and to advise the PEMSEA member countries and UNDP accordingly.

## **12.0 ADOPTION OF THE TECHNICAL SESSION REPORT**

12.1 The Meeting adopted the Technical Session Report at 10:30 AM, 04 August 2006.

## **13.0 CLOSING CEREMONY**

13.1 The Co-Chair, Mr. Francisco Bravo, commended the participants and the Secretariat for the successful conduct and conclusion of the Technical Session. Usec. Bravo urged the continuous participation of the participants to future PEMSEA activities, in particular, in the East Asian Seas Congress in December 2006 in Haikou City, Hainan, PR China.

13.2 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng expressed his gratitude to the Philippine Government through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for hosting the Meeting. The RPD also conveyed his appreciation to the Co-Chair for his leadership during the Meeting.

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## **ANNEX 1**

### **List of Participants**

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**12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee Meeting**  
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## **ANNEX 2**

### **Full Text of Speeches**

#### **Opening Ceremony**

## **Opening Remarks of Dr. Chua Thia-Eng Regional Programme Director, GEF/UNDP/IMO – PEMSEA**

Honorable Secretary Angelo Reyes, Department of Environment and Natural Resources,  
Honorable Dr. Mok Mareth, Senior Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Cambodia,  
Councilor Leo Avila of Davao City,  
My colleagues from UNDP and IMO,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of PEMSEA, I wish to welcome the delegations from Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. I also wish to welcome our partners and collaborators from COBSEA, IW:LEARN, FAO, NOWPAP, UNEP-GPA, GEF/UNDP- Small Grants Programme, Yellow Sea Project, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, OPRF, JAMS, EARL, KEI and WWF Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Eco-region Coordination Unit. The Regional Programme Office is very pleased that our colleagues from IMO, UNDP and UNDP/ GEF unit from the Bangkok Office are also here to guide us in the deliberation of many important agenda in the next few days.

### Achievements in coastal and ocean governance

This is the last PSC meeting of the current phase of PEMSEA. As you know, the first PSC meeting took place in Manila twelve (12) years ago. This meeting is therefore of special significance to us all as it marks the completion of a very important milestone of regional cooperation in the seas of East Asia. Perhaps it is about time that we take stock of what we have achieved and how we can do better. Over these years, we have witnessed four major achievements as follows:

1. Countries of the region have given more attention to the governance of the coasts and oceans. This is best reflected by the increasing efforts in: a) coastal and ocean policy development, b) enactment of ocean related legislations, c) institutional rearrangements, d) greater compliance with international environmental instruments, and e) the adoption and practices of integrated management approach in coastal planning and management. Despite their socio-economic, political, and cultural differences, the countries of the region have worked together in harmony during these long years. This is indeed a big achievement especially in addressing complicated transboundary coastal and ocean issues.
2. Now, the region has a marine strategy, the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) which provides the needed common framework for addressing various coastal and ocean related issues of the region. The marine strategy also provides the needed platform for regional cooperation amongst intergovernmental and stakeholder partners, in particular for the regional implementation of the WSSD Plan of Action, Agenda 21 and the MDG;
3. A partnership arrangement involving all partner stakeholders is being forged and is now taking shape. It is an arrangement that will help to integrate national and regional implementation of the SDS-SEA. The partnership arrangement helps in achieving national, regional and global agenda particularly the sustainable use of goods and services from the regional seas of East Asia.

4. A collective effort of the region in implementing on-the-ground activities in environmental improvement, strengthening local governance and systematic involvement of various stakeholders. The local experience gained has provided the region a wealth of knowledge and management related, practice-oriented experience which laid the important groundwork for scaling up of ICM practices in the countries and the region at large.

#### PEMSEA transformation

PEMSEA is undergoing the process of transformation into the new PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) which is an important component of a regional implementing mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA. The PRF is the result of a collaborative effort of the countries of the region and the GEF/UNDP in providing the necessary financial resources for the PRF Secretariat Services and the PRF Technical Services respectively. We wish to thank the government of China, Japan, ROK and the Philippines for their forthcoming contributions for the establishment of the PRF Secretariat Services. As you are aware, the GEF has been supporting the region for the last 12 years. We are pleased that the GEF has been very positive in supporting the region for another 3 years during the transition period of PEMSEA (2007-2010) and hopefully another 3 more years (2010-2013) in the transformation phase. After 18 years of support, it is hoped that the country will be equipped to implement the SDS-SEA largely by themselves.

#### Challenges ahead

The challenges ahead of us are how to narrow the gap of capacities of countries in the region especially in the capacity to plan and manage coastal and marine resources, and the willingness and commitment of the country to take full ownership and responsibility in the governance of the regional seas.

#### Major Emphasis of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC

The major focus of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC meeting, among others are:

- a. To finalize the Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangement for submission for approval of the Ministerial Forum in December this year;
- b. To approve the strategy and timetable for the transition of PEMSEA to PEMSEA Resource Facility
- c. To review the preparation of the EAS Congress, the Ministerial Forum, exhibits and side events; and
- d. To review and endorse the Project Document on SDS-SEA implementation for GEF approval.

#### Concluding Remarks

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the delegates and partners for their cooperation and unwavering support given to me and the staff of the Regional Programme in the implementation of the two EAS projects. If there are any areas that we have not done enough or any shortcomings from the Regional Programme Office (RPO) or myself, I seek your kind understanding. We also request that you provide us with your guidance so we could serve you better.

Please join me also in acknowledging the efforts of the Secretariat in making this PSC Meeting possible. This time it is led by Ms. Kathrine Rose Gallardo together with our local Secretariat led by Mr. Robert Jara of the DENR. If you need any help or information, please do not hesitate to contact them or any member of the Secretariat.

Last but not the least, while we will make you work very hard for the next few days, the local Secretariat has organized some exciting field trips that will make your visit to this beautiful city of Davao a memorable one.

Thank you and a pleasant good morning!

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**Opening Remarks of Ms. Amelia Dulce Supetran  
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Our Partners and Friends from the Member States of PEMSEA  
Excellencies  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Morning (Maayong Buntag).

On behalf of Ms. Nileema Noble, Resident Representative of UNDP-Philippines, also the Principal Programme Resident Representative of PEMSEA, as well as, our colleague from UNDP-GEF who will be with us shortly within the day, let me say how glad we are to join you once again for the 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee meeting in this beautiful City of Davao.

Indeed, how fast time flies, especially if there is still so much to be done. PEMSEA is entering a new and exciting phase, a stage which would require much more from all of us who had committed to this partnership over the last 12 years. Looking back, we can take pride in the fact that all of us here, plus so many more, have nurtured a mechanism which actually works to bring together diverse interests for a more sustainable development of the region.

Let us reflect on the fact that this Programme has brought together networks, not just individual persons, institutions or even governments. That it is, de facto, a network of dynamic partnerships working together to claim the promise of our seas for a brighter future for our people. As has been proven time and again, people and the partnerships among them, are what moves this region to greater heights, drawing on the richness of our seas and coasts.

But as we earlier indicated, PEMSEA is entering a new era - a new phase which will determine whether we can continue to work together despite our multi-faceted, diverse interests. This new phase would require more commitment- resources, time and effort to continue and build on what we have already collectively started. Proof of PEMSEA's success, and a recognition of the enormous and time consuming task that still needs to be done, to truly derive the ultimate benefits from our coastal and marine heritage, is the latest provision by the Global Environment Facility, of new and additional financial resources to enable PEMSEA to start the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia or SDS-SEA through the various member countries. However, we should already seriously think about life beyond GEF. And we are thankful that many of you have already committed to providing resources to establish a permanent Secretariat to move the SDS-SEA forward. In addition, we await the formal adoption of the instruments- the Partnership Agreement and Partnership Operating Arrangements, which will give rise to the East Asian Seas Partnership Council, to be formalized in the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> East Asian Seas Congress to be held in China in December this year. These partnership instruments would

herald the dawning of a new and bright era for sustainable operating arrangements for the region's marine and coastal resources development.

As we mull PEMSEA's achievements over these past many years (which Dr. Chua has so ably cited) and its requirements for the future, we would like to pay tribute to and thank an institutional partner which has made these accomplishments possible. On behalf of UNDP, we would like to formally thank the International Maritime Organization for taking on the difficult task of being the Executing Agency for the Programme for the past 12 years. But while it formally relegates its role as executing agency for this Programme, we hope that it will continue to be part of this Partnership which it has helped build and nurture for over a decade.

We reiterate UNDP's continued full support in the implementation of the SDS-SEA and the nurturing of the PRF Secretariat through its maturity into a full-pledged regional mechanism which would address the needs of the people of the East Asian Seas. We envision a more intensive involvement in the coming years, as we continue to nurture PEMSEA towards a sustainable and more active presence in the region.

In closing, we wish to express our gratitude to the Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Environment of Natural Resources and the City of Davao for their support in hosting this 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting. We hope that we will all have the time during this week to enjoy this city of flowers, sun and fun and its immediate environs.

Thank you and Good Day.

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**Opening Remarks of Mr. James Paw  
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The Honorable Minister, His Excellency Dr. Mok Mareth,  
The Honorable Secretary, Mr. Angelo Reyes,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Morning!

It is a great pleasure for me to speak on behalf of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the opening of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Programme Steering Committee. Mr. Jean-Claude Sainlos, Director of Marine Environment Division who is unable to attend this Meeting due to unexpected urgent commitments sends his greetings to all and for a successful meeting. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our Host, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements for this Meeting. At this juncture, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep sympathy to the people of Indonesia who were devastated by an earthquake and tsunami more than a fortnight ago and to the peoples of the Philippines, DPRK, and China who were affected by the two successive typhoons last week.

### **IMO and PEMSEA**

IMO's involvement with the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Development Programme in the East Asian Seas region goes back 13 years and 12 of those years have been as Executing Agency of the PEMSEA and its earlier programme. As all of you will recall, IMO's role as Executing Agency will end with the closure of the current phase. Thus, this 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee Meeting is in a critical path towards the establishment of a sustainable regional mechanism for the PEMSEA participating countries and partners. At this Meeting, new initiatives that will contribute to the operationalization of the PEMSEA Resource Facility and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia will be considered. As well, this Meeting will consider arrangements on important events that will strengthen co-operation, collaboration and partnership among the PEMSEA participating countries and relevant stakeholders.

### **Initiatives at IMO**

Over the years, PEMSEA has also played a significant role in enhancing IMO's activities in this region, specifically the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme or ITCP. This is to recall that since the inception of PEMSEA, 23 training courses and workshops have been undertaken by the Regional Programme for ITCP, namely on chemical and oil pollution control and response and on port safety and environmental management systems. The Regional Programme has also contributed to the dissemination of information on IMO environmental Conventions promoting and increasing the number of States ratifying or acceding to these instruments.

Under IMO's Technical Co-operation Sub-Programme for the Protection of the Marine Environment, several major projects, including the PEMSEA are being implemented namely: the Removal of barriers to the effective implementation of ballast water control and management in Developing Countries and the Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) Demonstration Project in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. The MEH Project was approved for implementation by the World Bank Board on 13 June 2006 and preparatory activities for the start-up phase are currently being implemented.

At IMO, the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) held in March 2006 made important progress on matters relating to the protection of the marine environment, some of which have bearings in this region, such as:

- the adoption of amendments to IMO mandatory instruments such as MARPOL Annex I on revised guidelines on carriage of vegetable oils and of Annex VI on the revision of the regulation to take into account current technology and the need to further reduce air pollution from ships;
- creation of an Internet-based Port Reception Facility Database System as part of the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System and is available since March 2006;
- development of a legally binding instrument on ship recycling; and
- development of guidelines called under the Ballast Water Management Convention.

Also, the MEPC 54 approved a revised Guidance Document for submitting PSSA proposals to IMO together with uniform MEPC resolutions to designate PSSAs.

Most of the countries in the region are Members States of IMO. Some aspects of the Sustainable Development Strategy relate to what IMO is doing. It is hope, therefore, that Member Governments will make an effort to ratify or accede to the IMO environmental Conventions soonest.

## **Next Phase**

Excellency, Distinguished Delegates,

The Project is now entering into a new and challenging phase with its goals and objectives having a more regional dimension. Over the past 12 years, the Project has carried out various innovative activities that built on local initiatives and ownership. The application of Integrated Coastal Management at the local level represents an effective paradigm in the management and conservation of coastal resources and activities with the need for economic development and growth.

Evidently, the Project has also embarked on activities to develop a common platform for regional co-operation alongside a framework for policy and programme development and implementation at the local and national levels. The Sustainable Development Strategy and the proposed regional mechanism are in front of you, which this Meeting and the activities in the months ahead will bring about their transformation and realization. As well, the coming years leading to the transformation of PEMSEA into a country-supported regional mechanism will be critical times for the Project and a challenge for the countries to decide and commit. Many aspects of these forthcoming activities are beyond the remit of IMO and

although the Organization will not serve as the executing agency for the next phase, IMO would like to assure the participating countries of its full support for the new project and to the establishment of the Regional Mechanism. IMO looks forward to a new partnership with the next phase to carry out action programmes of the Sustainable Development Strategy that are within its area of responsibility. For now, IMO will work closely with the Regional Programme Office and the UNDP to ensure a proper closure of the current phase and a seamless transition into the next Project.

In closing, I would like, once again, to thank the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for their generous hosting of the 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee Meeting and I wish all of you a fruitful and successful meeting.

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Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Regional Programme Director, PEMSEA

Distinguished senior officials and representatives of the member nations of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia, PEMSEA's partners, guests, ladies and gentlemen- Good morning.

The honor is ours and it is with great pride that I welcome you on behalf of the City Government of Davao. Occasions like this are quite important as it brings together a network of peers with the same ideals and aspirations for our region.

The pursuit of the vision for sustainable coastal and marine development under a common sustainable development strategy gives the highest degree of confidence in its eventual success.

Our countries and our people are interconnected by our seas. We all share its resources, its problems, its opportunities, potential and its challenges. We are all aware that there is need for a collective and integrated approach to properly manage the complex problems in our coastal areas and other seas.

Davao City with 60.1 kilometers has one of the longest shorelines among all coastal cities in the Philippines. The City waters cover an area of 19,827 hectares, about 10% of the total area of Davao Gulf which is a major fishing area and priority biodiversity conservation area in the Celebes Sea.

104,204 or 43% of all households in Davao City are situated in the coastal areas and 430,758 or 38% of the City's population are dependent on coastal areas for settlement occupying only 9,300 hectares of the City's land area of 244,000 hectares.

The most recent study of the Davao City coastal Zone done by the City Government and its constituents with the technical assistance of the DENR-USAID under the EcoGov Project show that the socio-economic and ecological value of the coastal and marine resources of the city have not been sufficiently assessed; there are clear indications that these resources are highly threatened by increasing economic activities and there is an urgent need for integrated management efforts towards the Sustainable Development of these resources. Issues arising from the existing conditions of the coastal zone include improper waste management, illegal fishing, Overfishing, congested coastal settlements, resource-use conflicts among various water and land-based activities and industrial pollution. It is safe to say that the same situation is true in many areas in the seas of East Asia.

It is my hope that you will successfully resolve the critical matters essential to the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia. There is no doubt in my mind that our local efforts will be complemented and we will benefit from

these initiatives for the sake of our children and our grandchildren, we cannot and we must not fail.

It is also my hope that while you devote much of your time on serious matters affecting our seas, you will have the opportunity to enjoy your stay in our city, savor the food, taste its fruits, bask in the sun, enjoy the sights and forge friendships with our people.

Again, welcome to Davao City- the most livable and the most competitive metro city in the Philippines.

Good Morning. Mabuhay!

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**Welcome Remarks of Hon. Angelo T. Reyes  
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines**

Minister Mok Mareth of Cambodia

Ms. Amelia Dulce Supetran, Portfolio Manager-Environment, UNDP MANILA

Mr. James Paw, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Republic of the Philippines and its Department of Environment and Natural Resources, I am honored to welcome you to this 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme known as PEMSEA, or Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia.

This will be our most pivotal meeting to date, because it will usher in a new and higher stage in the development of PEMSEA.

Coming December in Hainan, People's Republic of China, we are going to formalize our partnership agreement on the implementation of our sustainable development strategy for the Seas of East Asia. That formal Partnership Agreement marks an important milestone, but it would largely be symbolic unless a mechanism is set up to effectively transform its vision into reality. Thus, the PEMSEA itself will be transformed from a project-based arrangement into a self-sustained regional collaborative mechanism.

This meeting comes immediately after the Philippine National Forum on Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia. During that National Forum on June 07, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Executive Order No. 533, "Adopting integrated coastal management as a national strategy to ensure the sustainable development of the country's coastal and marine environment and resources and establishing supporting mechanisms for its implementation".

That Executive Order sets the stage for fulfilling the Philippine Government's commitment to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia, or SDS-SEA. Our country's program on implementing the SDS-SEA is built into the national integrated coastal management program, or NICMP, to which the executive order has given impetus.

Also, Executive Order No. 533 calls for the implementation of the Operational Plan of the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy, a major output of the Manila Bay Environmental Management Project, which was implemented under PEMSEA.

Our NICMP provides for the replication of the lessons learned from the integrated coastal management projects for Batangas bay and the provinces of Bataan and Cavite, as well as the experience of Xiamen, China. starting next year, critical and priority and coastal areas of our country will start to formulate their own ICM strategies and plans, which shall be harmonized with the NICMP. In implementing our NICMP, of course, we will look forward to the technical support to be provided by PEMSEA, in its new form as the East Asian Seas Partnership Council.

Consistent with our commitment to PEMSEA and in the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the Philippines shall continue to host the Regional Programme Office and the future EAS Partnership Council Secretariat and Technical Resource Facility, and provide for the technical and operational needs and kind.

In the next three days, we will be discussing issues related to the transformation of the current PEMSEA into the EAS Partnership Council. Indeed, we have heavy schedule and organizational sessions ahead. Fortunately, the major concerns have been reduced to draft documents, to facilitate discussions. Such foresight and efficiency are admirable; for the sake of our seas, they are also vitally necessary. We do not have the luxury of time nor of extended debates; the state of our seas demand urgent and concerted action.

PEMSEA has come a long way since the Putrajaya Declaration of 2003. From a relatively simple concept, it has developed into a highly complex mechanism for coordinating the efforts of 14 nations and regional and international organizations in saving the seas of East Asia. The complexity cannot be avoided, because little is simple about the sea, or about international relations for that matter, especially in East Asia, whose people are sensitive about their seas. For centuries, the seafaring peoples of East Asia have associated the seas with myths as well as with food, maritime commerce, wealth and power. The seas continue to exert a profound influence upon our lives, but in their diminished and polluted state, that influence is becoming more negative, compelling us to join forces to save our seas and, ultimately, our peoples.

As of now, there are 15 nations and international organizations behind PEMSEA. There will be more, with the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Timor-Leste at the door. The Lao PDR may be landlocked, but Southeast Asia's longest river, the Mekong transits it on its journey the South China Sea. Variegated as the peoples of East Asia are by nationality and language, they share one sea, like islands in a lake, although that sea is known by many names as latitudes and longitudes change. There are no barriers between seas, except, those in the minds of men. Indeed, our goal is to make the seas of East Asia one ocean, for one people with one vision.

In ending, I urge everyone to contribute his or her best to the success of this meeting and of PEMSEA. I believe we can get this meeting's objectives done with time to spare, and to be able to savor the refreshing bounties and hospitality of Davao City.

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## **ANNEX 3**

### **List of Documents**

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 Davao City, Philippines**

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## **ANNEX 4**

### **12th PSC Agenda**

**12th Programme Steering Committee Meeting  
Waterfront Insular Hotel  
Davao City, Philippines  
01 – 04 August 2006**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**1 August 2006 (Tuesday)**

08:00 Registration

09:00 Opening Ceremony

09:20 Group Photo

**TECHNICAL SESSION**

09:30 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

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 4.0 Regional Programme Director's Report

12:30 Lunch

14:00 5.0 Regional Implementing Mechanism for the SDS-SEA

5.1 Draft Partnership Agreement 2006

5.2 Draft Partnership Operating Arrangements for the  
Implementation of SDS-SEA

5.3 Draft Provisional Agenda for the EAS Partnership Council  
Inaugural Meeting

5.4 Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of the EAS Partnership  
Council Meetings

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 5.0

17:30 Close of Session

**2 August 2006 (Wednesday)**

08:30 6.0 SDS-SEA Implementation  
6.1 GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of SDS-SEA  
6.2 Strategic Partnership Arrangement

09:30 7.0 Country Statements

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 7.0

11:30 8.0 EAS Congress 2006 and Ministerial Forum  
8.1 EAS Congress 2006  
8.2 Ministerial Forum and Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 9.0 Cooperation and Collaboration with Partners

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 9.0

17:30 Close of Session

**3 August 2006 (Thursday)**

08:30 10.0 Other Business

09:00 11.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

10:00 Close of Session

11:00 Field Trip

**4 August 2006 (Friday)**

08:30 12.0 Adoption of the Technical Session Report

09:30 Closing of the Technical Session

10:00 Coffee Break

### **TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION**

10:30 1.0 Organizational Matters

2.0 Adoption of Provisional Agenda

3.0 Matters Arising from the 2005 TPR Meeting

11:00 4.0 Adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the  
Technical Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting

4.1 UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report

4.2 Selection of Executing Agency

4.3 Extension of PEMSEA Project

4.4 Extension of Services of Staff

4.5 Finalization of Cost-Sharing Agreements (CSA)

4.6 Terms of Reference of the Executive Director (ED) and other  
International Staff

4.7 Appointment of Interim Executive Director

4.8 Endorsement of GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of  
the SDS-SEA and Co-financing

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 4.0

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 5.0 Adoption of Work Plan and Budget

17:30 6.0 Conclusions and Decisions

Closing Ceremony

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## **ANNEX 5**

### **HAIKOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA**

**HAIKOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGY FOR THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA**

**Ministerial Forum, East Asian Seas Congress**

**Haikou, Hainan, People's Republic of China, December 2006**

1. We, the representatives of the countries of the Seas of East Asia region, have gathered together to establish implementing arrangements for the *Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA)*, building upon the foundation laid down in the *Putrajaya Declaration*. On 12 December 2003, this Forum adopted the SDS-SEA, through the *Putrajaya Declaration*, as the Region's common platform for achieving the goals and objectives of the *World Summit on Sustainable Development Plan of Implementation* and the *United Nations Millennium Development Goals* concerning sustainable coastal and ocean development. The *Putrajaya Declaration* is the first regional expression of commitment to the implementation of SDS-SEA.
2. We recognize the importance and urgency of putting into effect the SDS-SEA in order to sustain the resources provided by our seas. In this regard, we consider our cooperation for the SDS-SEA implementation as an essential part of the regional economic cooperation and integration.
3. Over the past decades, advocacy, political commitments and conservation efforts have been undertaken at national and regional levels. However, the environment of the Seas of East Asia continues to degrade at an increasing pace. One of the important concerns imparted by the tsunami which swept across the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004 is how to prevent our people and coasts from being caught unprepared, thereby avoiding such devastating consequences. To arrest the trend of further degradation and to minimize both human and nature induced threats against our shared resource base, people's lives and properties are far more challenging than mere natural disaster response.

**Long-Term Partnership for the SDS-SEA Implementation**

4. We believe that participation in the SDS-SEA implementation by all the countries and other stakeholders, within their respective capacities and resources, holds the key to confronting the challenges facing us. In the past, intergovernmental arrangements have placed the responsibility for environmental and resource management primarily on government, with other users and beneficiaries of those resources functioning primarily as interested observers. The partnership approach encourages all stakeholders to work together as complements of each other, to act dynamically and in a coordinated manner to bring into full play the role of each stakeholder within the framework of the SDS-SEA.
5. We consider partnership as an effective mechanism to facilitate concerted actions in our common endeavor to implement the SDS-SEA as it gives due consideration to

the initiatives, shared responsibilities, desired outcomes, mutually supportive roles and the need to address disparities in capacity among the concerned countries and other stakeholders, including national and local governments, international agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), the private sector, academic and scientific institutions, communities, financial institutions and donor agencies.

6. In this context, we are committed to forging a long-term stakeholder partnership for the implementation of the SDS-SEA. We encourage paradigm shifts, in management concept and action, from single-sector or single-purpose interventions to integrated coastal and ocean governance, from crisis-driven response to long-term capacity-building efforts, and from planning to ground-level implementation.

### **Priority Targets for SDS-SEA Implementation**

7. We agree on and endeavour to achieve the following priority targets for the implementation of the SDS-SEA:
  - a. Mobilization of the necessary resources, capacities and services, as well as legal, financial and economic arrangements, including the adoption of a rolling ten-year regional partnership programme and the production of a regional State of the Coasts report by 2009, building on the existing relevant national and regional initiatives and programmes.
  - b. Formulation and implementation of national policies and action plans for sustainable coastal and ocean development in at least 70 percent of the participating countries by 2015, in order to develop and strengthen integrated coastal and ocean governance at the national level.
  - c. Implementation of integrated coastal management (ICM) programmes in at least 20 percent of the Region's coasts by 2015, to achieve the sustainable development of coastal lands and waters and to promote intra-and inter-regional partnerships in ICM capacity building.

### **Regional Implementing Mechanism for the SDS-SEA**

8. We are heartened to see tangible outcomes achieved by the Global Environment Facility/United Nations Development Programme/International Maritime Organization Regional Programme on Building Partnerships in the Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). Over the past decade, through its pilot and present phases, PEMSEA has put in place and extended on-the-ground integrated coastal and marine management mechanisms and processes for bridging resource sustainability and economic growth; mobilized stakeholder involvement and support; promoted public and private sector partnership processes; and contributed to the formation of critical masses of expertise on the regional, national and local levels in addressing priority coastal and marine issues in policy, science and financing.
9. We have noted in particular that these efforts have led to, in many of the program sites, the reduction of multiple use conflicts, the improvement of environmental quality,

the restoration of damaged habitats, beach cleanup, and the protection of endangered species such as marine mammals and sea birds. In addition, PEMSEA has catalyzed the concerted efforts by the countries of the Region, regional and international organizations, NGOs, concerned programmes, and financing and donor institutions in the formulation of the SDS-SEA. Furthermore, PEMSEA is actively engaged in the coordination of efforts by the countries of the Region in the implementation of the SDS-SEA through the provision of technical guidance and assistance, as well as the promotion of bilateral and multilateral cooperation. In addition, PEMSEA has demonstrated itself as an effective collaborative mechanism in promoting partnership on the local, national and regional levels.

10. We recognize PEMSEA as the regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA and resolve to transform PEMSEA from the existing project-based arrangement to a self-sustained and effective regional collaborative mechanism with a mandate to pursue the implementation of the SDS-SEA through collaborative, synergistic and responsible actions and the accomplishment of our individual commitments. For this purpose, we agree to adopt and implement, within the framework of PEMSEA, the *Partnership Operating Arrangements for the Implementation of the SDS-SEA*, particularly with regard to:
  - a. An EAS Congress to be held every three years to serve as a vehicle for various stakeholders, partners and the collaborators in the SDS-SEA to share knowledge and monitor the progress of SDS-SEA implementation;
  - b. An East Asian Seas (EAS) Partnership Council which will provide the policy and operational guidance for, as well as steer, monitor and review the progress of, SDS-SEA implementation;
  - c. A PEMSEA Resource Facility, which will provide two services in support of SDS-SEA implementation, namely:
    - i. Secretariat services to the EAS Partnership Council, overseeing the implementation of Council decisions, the organization of the EAS Congress, and monitoring and reporting on the progress of SDS-SEA implementation; and
    - ii. Technical support services to PEMSEA countries, including delivery and mobilization of policy and technical advice, capacity building and technical support for sustainable coastal ocean governance;
  - d. A Regional Partnership Fund to channel and ensure the best use of voluntary contributions from interested countries, donor agencies, institutions and individuals.

### **Follow-up Actions**

11. Within the next three years, we will undertake the following actions and report on the results at the EAS Congress 2009:

- a. Developing work plans, mobilizing resources and support, and undertaking concrete measures and steps to achieve the priority targets and *the Partnership Operating Arrangements for the Implementation of the SDS-SEA* as stated above, based on our respective international obligations, national laws and capacities, as well as in consultation and cooperation with our collaborators in the SDS-SEA and other interested parties;
- b. Forging collaborative arrangements between and among various stakeholders to enhance and make the best use of the Region's intellectual capital for integrated management and sustainable uses of coastal and marine environment and natural resources, through stakeholder participation and networking, as well as scientific, technical and information support;
- c. Enhancing our efforts on coastal and marine water pollution reduction at the national and regional levels, particularly for achieving time-bound wastewater emission targets and sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation in pollution hotspots;
- d. Establishing innovative financing mechanisms, with a view to leveraging private sector investment and public-private sector partnerships, in collaboration with interested financing institutions and other stakeholders;
- e. Fostering collaboration, cooperation and partnership between PEMSEA and other relevant regional and international organizations, initiatives and programmes, in order to minimize duplication of efforts and enhance synergy among them;
- f. Developing and strengthening national interagency, multisectoral and multidisciplinary mechanisms and processes for facilitating the implementation of the SDS-SEA, taking into account specific national and local concerns and needs;
- g. Promoting public awareness and stakeholder involvement to ensure broad based participation in the SDS-SEA implementation at the local, national and regional levels.

We thank the People's Republic of China for her hospitality and tremendous efforts in making our Forum a success.

Adopted at the East Asian Seas Congress 2006, Haikou, Hainan, (Date) December 2006, in English language.

[Signatures by the national representatives of the participating countries]

## **ANNEX 6**

### **PARTNERSHIP OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA**

## **PARTNERSHIP OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA**

### **I. THE PARTNERSHIP**

1. Partnerships in the Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) is a partnership arrangement involving all the stakeholders of the Seas of East Asia, including national and local governments, civil society, the private sector, research and education institutions, communities, international agencies, regional programmes, financial institutions and donors.
2. PEMSEA is also the regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA).
3. PEMSEA's role is to facilitate the realization of the shared vision, mission, action programmes and desired changes of the SDS-SEA.
4. PEMSEA brings together the stakeholders to work as complements of each other, act dynamically and in a coordinated manner bring into full play the role of each stakeholder within the framework of the SDS-SEA.

### **Objectives**

5. The objectives of the Partnership are to:
  - a) Strengthen consensus among partners on approaches and strategies for addressing the identified threats to the environment and sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia;
  - b) Build confidence among partners through collaborative projects and programmes;
  - c) Achieve synergies and linkages in implementing the SDS-SEA among partners; and
  - d) Reduce in-country and regional disparities in capacities for sustainable coastal and ocean development and management.

### **Scope**

6. The Partnership addresses priority concerns challenging the sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia region, including the six large marine ecosystems, namely the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea, the South China Sea, the Sulu-Sulawesi Sea, the Indonesian Seas and the Gulf of Thailand, their associated coastal lands and waters, and their interconnections with river basins and straits. Special attention is given to those concerns that cut across legal and administrative boundaries.
7. The Partnership encourages the active participation in, and support for, the implementation of SDS-SEA by all the stakeholders, as well as the implementation of their individual programmes and actions that are consistent with the SDS-SEA.

## **II. THE PARTNERS**

8. The Partners are, subject to paragraphs 14-18 on inclusion of Partners, the following:
  - a) Countries of the Seas of East Asia region;
  - b) Other countries using the Seas of East Asia region;
  - c) Local governments in the region;
  - d) Communities in the region;
  - e) Non-government organizations (NGOs) and other members of civil society in the region;
  - f) Research and educational institutions;
  - g) The private sector;
  - h) UN and international agencies that support or sponsor the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - i) Financial institutions that support or sponsor the implementation of the SDS-SEA; and
  - j) Other Concerned regional and global entities and programmes.
  
9. The Partners observe the following practices:
  - a) Work together in the spirit of partnership;
  - b) Seek actions that advance the goals of the Partnership without compromising the interests of individual Partners;
  - c) Strengthen communication and dialogue with each other regarding activities affecting the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - d) Undertake activities and honor schedules collectively agreed upon by the Partnership;
  - e) Act in a spirit of mutual assistance, good neighborliness and complementarity towards achieving the common goals; and
  - f) Exercise flexibility and take adaptive measures when needed.

### **Rights of Partners**

10. Partners have the following rights:
  - a) To participate, as provided in paragraphs 25-42, in the EAS Partnership Council;
  - b) To participate in the EAS Congress, the Regional Networks, and other activities and forums of PEMSEA, subject to the rules of these activities;
  - c) To access the opportunities offered by the partnership arrangements for SDS-SEA implementation;
  - d) To access PEMSEA's technical and secretariat services and information products; and
  - e) To participate in PEMSEA's knowledge sharing network.

### **Roles of Partners**

11. All Partners participate in the regional collaborative efforts to implement the SDS-SEA, and ensure that their individual programmes and actions are consistent with the SDS-SEA.

12. All Partners contribute to the regional endeavor to implement the SDS-SEA and support their respective representatives to attend the EAS Partnership Council meetings, meetings of the regional networks, and EAS Congresses, within their capacities.
13. The specific roles for the Partners are provided in the SDS-SEA.

### **Inclusion of Partners**

14.
  - a) The countries of the Seas of East Asia region, referred to in paragraph 8 (a), will sign the Partnership Agreement.
  - b) Other Partners, referred to in paragraph 8 (b) to (j) will sign on to the Partnership Operating Arrangements.
  - c) These Partners will convene the first EAS Partnership Council Meeting.
15. Other countries of the East Asian Seas region can join the EAS Partnership Council by signing the Partnership Agreement.
16. Other stakeholders who are not yet Partners but are interested in participating in the implementation of the SDS-SEA may request for inclusion as a Partner of PEMSEA by sending a written notification to the Executive Director (as referred to in paragraph 46) of the PEMSEA Resource Facility of:
  - a) its adherence to the Partnership Agreement and the Partnership Operating Arrangements, and the policies and decisions of the Council, and
  - b) agreeing to enter into a partnership arrangement with PEMSEA through a Memorandum of Agreement or similar instrument on the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
17. Upon receiving the required written notification from the stakeholder, the Executive Director will submit a report concerning the request to the next meeting of the Executive Committee (as referred to in paragraphs 32 to 34), together with the relevant information on the requesting stakeholder. The Executive Committee will decide whether or not to include the requesting stakeholder as a partner of PEMSEA.
18. The EAS Partnership Council may modify the qualifications and procedures for the inclusion of Partners and withdrawal by Partners when it deems appropriate.

### **III. MAJOR OPERATING MECHANISMS**

19. There are four major operating mechanisms: the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress, the East Asian Seas (EAS) Partnership Council, the PEMSEA Resource Facility, and the Regional Partnership Fund.

#### **East Asian Seas Congress**

20. PEMSEA holds an EAS Congress every three years, consisting of a Ministerial Forum, an International Conference and other related activities.

21. The Ministerial Forum of the EAS Congress provides policy directions and commitments for improving and strengthening the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
22. The International Conference serves as the forum for:
  - a) Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - b) Facilitating knowledge exchange, advocacy and multi-stakeholder participation, through sessions, workshops, side events and exhibitions, etc.;
  - c) Promoting the ocean agenda as a priority programme in international and regional forums;
  - d) Promoting the development of financing mechanisms and investment opportunities for sustainable coastal and marine development;
  - e) Encouraging corporate responsibility and accountability in the business community; and
  - f) Discussing specific sectoral and cross-sectoral issues and concerns, as well as partnership arrangements for the subregional seas or environmentally sensitive areas, for the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
23. The hosting and venue of the EAS Congress will be determined by the EAS Partnership Council in consultation with the Partner countries.
24. The EAS Congress presents its conclusions and recommendations to the EAS Partnership Council for implementation.

## **EAS Partnership Council**

### ***Nature of Council***

25. The EAS Partnership Council is a regular body composed of all Partners, as defined in Section II, paragraph 8 of this document.
26. The Council formulates both program and operational policy in support of the implementation of the SDS-SEA, based on policy direction, recommendations and commitments provided by the Ministerial Forum, EAS Congress, and other Partners.

### ***Council Composition***

27. The Council has an Executive Committee and two types of sessions, an Intergovernmental Session and a Technical Session.
28. The Council elects a Chair to a three-year term. The Council Chair is the Chair of the Executive Committee and will sit in the Intergovernmental Session and the Technical Session *ex officio*.
29. The Intergovernmental Session and Technical Session elect their respective Session Chairs to a three-year term, who also serve as members of the Executive Committee.
30. Nominations for the positions of Council Chair and Session Chairs will be in accordance with the criteria and guidelines as established by Council.

31. The Executive Director of the PEMSEA Resource Facility serves as the Secretary of the Council and of the Executive Committee.

#### ***Executive Committee***

32. The Executive Committee, comprised of the Council Chair, the Session Chairs, and the Secretary, act as officers of the EAS Partnership Council.
33. The Executive Committee ensures and oversees the implementation of the decisions of Council, and reports to the Council.
34. The Executive Committee will develop and adopt its terms of reference.

#### ***Intergovernmental Session***

35. The Intergovernmental Session is composed of the duly designated representatives of the Partner countries of the Seas of East Asia region.
36. The Intergovernmental Session may formulate guidelines concerning the participation of other Partners in the Session, as it deems appropriate.
37. The Intergovernmental Session considers the recommendations of the Technical Session, and provides policy guidance, coordination, and evaluation of the progress of the SDS-SEA implementation.

#### ***Technical Session***

38. The Technical Session is composed of the duly designated representatives of the Partners.
39. The Technical Session, preceding the Intergovernmental Session, discusses issues, submissions and topics related to the scientific, technical and financial aspects of SDS-SEA implementation, partnership opportunities, collaborative research, capacity building and knowledge sharing, and makes recommendations to the Intergovernmental Session as appropriate.

#### ***Council Meetings***

40. The Council convenes every eighteen months, and makes decisions on a consensus basis.
41. The Council formulates and adopts rules of procedure, including consensus building and conflict resolution.
42. The Technical Session and Intergovernmental Session will develop their respective terms of reference.

## **PEMSEA Resource Facility**

43. The PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) has two functions:
- a) Providing Secretariat Services; and
  - b) Providing Technical Services.
44. The PRF Secretariat Services performs the following functions:
- a) Providing secretariat support to the EAS Partnership Council, the Executive Committee, the Ministerial Forum, the Regional Partnership Fund and the EAS Congress;
  - b) Facilitating knowledge transfer and capacity building;
  - c) Preparing proposals for new initiatives, and mobilizing resources for their implementation, taking into account as appropriate the business plan and marketing strategy of the Technical Services for the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - d) Preparing and submitting to the Council a consolidated report of the programme development and implementation, including financial statements;
  - e) Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - f) Coordinating the updating of the SDS-SEA, taking into account changing conditions, emerging issues and other related factors, on a periodic basis; and
  - g) Performing such other functions as may be assigned to it by the EAS Partnership Council.
45. The PRF Technical Services performs the following functions:
- a) Developing and implementing a dynamic business plan and marketing strategy for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, in coordination with the PRF Secretariat Service in terms of project proposal development;
  - b) Providing technical, financial, investment and management services for specific projects and programmes, as appropriate;
  - c) Developing and implementing a process for recognizing and certifying good practices in the implementation of the SDS-SEA;
  - d) Recommending the operation and management of the Regional Partnership Fund to the EAS Partnership Council, and implementing the Council's decision; and
  - e) Implementing projects approved by the EAS Partnership Council.
46. The PRF is headed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director ensures the coordination between the Secretariat and Technical Services particularly in terms of programme development and implementation.
47. The PRF Secretariat is funded by voluntary contributions from the Partner countries of the Seas of East Asia region and from other available sources. The PRF Technical Services are funded through sponsored projects and programmes.

## **Regional Partnership Fund**

48. The Regional Partnership Fund, set up by the EAS Partnership Council, receives voluntary financial contributions from countries, international agencies, donors, institutions, individuals and any other entity for the implementation of the SDS-SEA.
49. The depositary of the Fund will be a sponsoring UN Agency for PEMSEA.
50. The Executive Committee ensures the best use of the Fund towards achieving the shared vision, mission and desired changes of the SDS-SEA by:
  - a) Developing policies and operational guidelines governing the identification of activities to be funded, its disbursement, replenishment, management, audit, and the guidance for the countries to consider their voluntary contributions to ensure that it serves its objectives;
  - b) Ensuring that earmarked funds are properly managed for its purpose; and
  - c) Appointing a fund manager as appropriate. The appointment is reviewed every three years.
51. The Council may organize fund-raising activities, such as donors' meetings.

## **IV. SUPPLEMENTAL MATTERS**

52. The official language of PEMSEA is English.
53. These Partnership Operating Arrangements and any terms of reference, operating mechanisms, and rules of procedure referred to herein may be amended, modified, superseded or terminated in whole or in part by the EAS Partnership Council.

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## **ANNEX 7**

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE EAS COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING**

**Inaugural Meeting of the EAS Partnership Council  
16 December 2006, Haikou, China**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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| 8:00-8:30   | <b>A. REGISTRATION</b>  |
|             | <b>B. OPENING CEREMONY</b>  |
| 8:30-8:50   | Welcome Remarks   |
| 8:50-9:20   | Introduction of Partners  |
| 9:20-9:35   | Group Photo   |
|             | <b>C. TECHNICAL SESSION</b>   |
|             | <b>1.0 Organizational Matters</b>   |
| 10:00-10:30 | 1.1 Adoption of Council Guidelines on Conduct of the Meeting                    |
| 10:30-10:45 | 1.2 Election of Council Chair   |
| 10:45-11:00 | 1.3 Election of Technical Session Chair   |
| 11:00-11:10 | 1.4 Adoption of Agenda  |
| 11:10-11:40 | <b>2.0 Establishment of the Executive Committee</b>                             |
| 11:40-12:40 | <b>3.0 Regional Framework Programme for the Implementation of the SDS-SEA</b>   |
| 14:00-14:15 | <b>4.0 Other Business</b>   |
|             | 4.1 Next Partnership Meeting  |
| 14:15-14:45 | <b>5.0 Conclusions and Recommendations</b>                                      |
| 14:45-15:00 | <b>6.0 Adoption of Technical Session Minutes</b>                                |
|             | <b>D. INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION</b>   |
|             | <b>1.0 Organizational Matters</b>   |
| 15:15-15:30 | 1.1 Election of Intergovernmental Session Chair                                 |
| 15:30-15:40 | 1.2 Adoption of Agenda  |
| 16:00-16:15 | <b>2.0 Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations of the Technical Session</b> |
| 16:15-17:00 | <b>3.0 GEF Regional Programme Workplan and Budget</b>                           |
| 17:00-17:30 | <b>4.0 Conclusions and Decisions</b>  |
| 17:30-17:45 | <b>5.0 Adoption of Intergovernmental Session Minutes</b>                        |
| 17:45-18:00 | <b>E. CLOSING</b>   |

**ANNEX 8**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE EAS PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

## **East Asian Seas Partnership Council**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

#### **1.0 COUNCIL**

1.1 The East Asian Seas Partnership Council (the Council) is established in accordance with the Partnership Operating Arrangements (POA) for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA). The Council carries out its role and functions as specified in the POA.

1.2 The Executive Director serves as the Secretary of the Council.

#### **2.0 MEETINGS**

##### **2.1 Schedule and Venue of Meetings**

The Council decides the dates and venues for its regular meetings upon the recommendation of the Executive Director in consultation with the Partner members of the Council. The Executive Committee may organize special meetings of the Council as it deems necessary or upon the recommendation of Partner members of the Council.

##### **2.2 Agenda and Timetable**

The Executive Director, in consultation with the other members of the Executive Committee, prepares a provisional agenda and timetable for each Council meeting, consisting of agenda and timetable for both Technical and Intergovernmental Sessions. The Technical Session and Intergovernmental Session review and adopt the agenda and timetable pertaining to their respective sessions.

##### **2.3 Meeting Documents**

The Executive Director circulates copies of the provisional agenda and timetable among all the Council meeting participants five months prior to each meeting. Draft meeting documents, including the reports from the countries, for distribution among the participants are submitted to the Executive Director three months prior to the meeting for compilation. The Executive Director circulates the working and information documents for the Council meeting one month prior to the meeting.

##### **2.4 Minutes of the Council Meeting**

The Executive Director is responsible for the preparation of the minutes of each Council meeting. The Council Meeting reviews the minutes for adoption by the respective sessions at the end of the said sessions. The Executive Director distributes the adopted minutes to the meeting participants within 30 days after the completion of the meeting.

## **2.5 Representation**

Representatives of the Partners to the Council Meetings are duly nominated through official notification to the Executive Director by the heads of Partner agencies, organizations and institutions concerned.

## **2.6 Order of Business**

2.6.1 Council meetings are conducted in the following order:

- A. Technical Session
  - i. Opening ceremony
  - ii. Organizational matters (including election of Council Chair and of Technical Session Chair)
  - iii. Matters arising from the previous meeting
  - iv. Substantive matters pertaining to the implementation of the SDS-SEA
  - v. Other business
  - vi. Conclusions and recommendations
  - vii. Adoption of session minutes
  
- B. Intergovernmental Session
  - i. Organizational matters (including election of the Intergovernmental Session Chair)
  - ii. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Session
  - iii. Matters pertaining to the GEF Regional Programme
  - iv. Other business
  - v. Conclusions and decisions
  - vi. Adoption of session minutes

2.6.2 The Executive Director may modify the order of business for justifiable reasons and incorporate it into the provisional agenda and timetable for review by the Council meeting.

## **2.7 Committees and Working Groups**

The Council establishes committees, working groups and other mechanisms as needed in the discharge of its terms of reference, in accordance with the approved work programme and budget.

## **2.8 Immediate Past Executive Director**

The immediate past Executive Director assists the Council Chair and the Executive Committee in providing continuity to the work of the Council, and sits *ex officio* in both sessions of the Council meeting.

## **2.9 Resource Persons**

The Executive Director may invite resource persons to the meeting to provide necessary information to the participants as a reference for discussion in relation to the agenda items.

## **2.10 Observers**

The Council Meeting provides guidance to the Executive Director on the invitation of observers within the framework of the Partnership Operating Arrangements. Observer agencies, organizations and institutions notify the Executive Director of their representatives to the Council Meeting.

## **3.0 OFFICERS**

The Officers of the EAS Partnership Council are the Council Chair, the Technical Session Chair and the Intergovernmental Session Chair.

## **3.1 Functions**

3.1.1 The Council Chair has the following functions:

- a) Chair the Executive Committee;
- b) Coordinate the agenda and decisions of the Technical Session and the Intergovernmental Session, and participate in each Session in an advisory capacity to the respective Chairs; and
- c) Act as Technical Session Chair or Intergovernmental Session Chair in the temporary absence of either.

3.1.2 The Technical Session Chair and the Intergovernmental Chair have the following functions:

- a) Chair their respective sessions; and
- b) Act as members of the Executive Committee.

3.1.3 The Council Chair and Session Chairs do not act as representatives of their respective Partners at any meeting or activity of the Council.

3.1.4 The officers discharge their respective functions in an honorary capacity. Travel costs of their missions in performing their functions for the Council are financed through resources available to PEMSEA.

## **3.2 Qualifications**

3.2.1 The officers are elected in accordance with the procedures provided below from individuals nominated for their personal qualifications by State Partner members of the Council for the Council Chair and Intergovernmental Session Chair, and by Partner members of the Council for the Technical Session Chair.

- 3.2.2 The personal qualifications of the Council Chair and Session Chairs include proven international standing, knowledge, experience and working capability in the English language.

### **3.3 Election**

The Council Chair, Technical Session Chair and Intergovernmental Session Chair are elected by consensus of the Council by the following procedure.

- 3.3.1 Nominations for the officers are submitted to the Executive Committee through the Executive Director's office during a one-month nomination period beginning at least three months prior to the election.
- 3.3.2 After the nomination period, the Executive Committee conducts consultations in order to reach a consensus among the Partner members of the Council regarding the nominees. The Executive Committee may develop the protocol for the nomination and related consultation as necessary to facilitate consensus building.
- 3.3.3 The Executive Committee reports the results of its consultation to the Council. The Council elects the officers by consensus with due consideration to the consultation results.

### **3.4 Term**

- 3.4.1 The term of the officers lasts for three years beginning immediately upon election. The term ends upon the election of their respective successors.
- 3.4.2 The officers are not eligible for a second term in the same position.
- 3.4.3 If the position of the Council Chair becomes vacant before the end of the term for any reason, the Executive Committee of the Council designates an Acting Chair chosen from the Technical and Intergovernmental Session Chairs to assume the Council Chair's responsibility until a new election is held on the next regular Council meeting. The Acting Chair so designated continues discharging the Session Chair's responsibility.
- 3.4.4 If the position of the Technical Session Chair or the Intergovernmental Session Chair becomes vacant before the end of the term for any reason, the Council Chair acts as the Session Chair until a new election is held on the next regular Council meeting, while continuing as Council Chair.

## **4.0 AMENDMENT OF GUIDELINES**

These guidelines may be amended, modified or replaced by Council decision in consideration of changing circumstances.

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**ANNEX 9**  
**COUNTRY STATEMENTS**

## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF CAMBODIA

Distinguished colleagues and delegates  
Ladies and gentlemen

It is a great pleasure to be back in this beautiful country for an undoubtedly, another memorable event - the 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee of the Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).

Traveling all the way from Cambodia, one cannot help but notice the rich cultural and environmental landscape of the Philippines, and in particular, Davao. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has certainly made great effort in preserving the natural resources in the Philippines.

Cambodia has been actively participating in PEMSEA for the past 12 years. We have certainly benefited from the opportunity to be part of this regional program that has, since its establishment in 1994, made significant contributions to coastal and marine management. We have, in the past years, gained more knowledge of our local situation, and from that understanding, created more concrete and quicker actions to sustainably manage our coastal resources. ICM provides a comprehensive framework where people can work together to address common coastal environmental concerns. PEMSEA has provided us with the necessary tools that we now use to effectively engage the various sectors – from local stakeholders to national government agencies.

Much needs to be done for Cambodia – from policy strengthening to getting these policies working on the ground. With assistance from PEMSEA, we have, for the first time, conducted an assessment of the existing institutions, policies and projects related to the implementation of the SDS-SEA. Through the national workshop on sustainable coasts and environment in national development, policy makers, coastal managers, funding agencies, NGOs, local communities and other stakeholders, were able to come together and discuss the limitations and strengths of coastal management in Cambodia. Democratic deliberation has been strengthened – issues were raised with a common goal in mind – that of transcending barriers to further advance our country's initiative in SDS-SEA implementation.

Based on some of the identified activities for the next phase, we are now in the process of thoroughly examining the Draft Country Programme for Cambodia and in identifying some of the activities where the Ministry and our partner implementing institutions and organizations (such as UNEP/COBSEA, IDRC) can co-finance. As PEMSEA moves on to the next phase of implementation, we recognize the need to take on stronger role particularly in sustaining what has been started for the past years.

The Kingdom of Cambodia would also like to express its full support to PEMSEA as the regional coordinating mechanism for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA). As a partner, Cambodia shall endeavor to contribute to the regional activities to implement the SDS-SEA. On this note, we are pleased that GEF has approved the PDF-B project for the preparation of a project document for the implementation of the SDS-SEA.

At the national level, Cambodia shall provide support, particularly in endorsing the draft Partnership Agreement and draft Partnership Operating Arrangements to the Ministerial Forum of the EAS Congress 2006. The Cambodian delegation will also actively participate in the East Asian Seas Congress, particularly in the International Conference, Exhibits and the Ministerial Forum.

In relation to the preparatory activities for the next phase of PEMSEA, we will encourage our partner agencies and institutions to further review the Draft Country Program Framework and facilitate the identification of activities that can be considered co-financing, to clearly map-out the strategic activities for Cambodia.

As for the Gulf of Thailand Project, we shall further cooperate and collaborate with our neighboring countries and partners, Thailand and Vietnam, for the implementation the Oil Spill Contingency Plan and review the possibility of coming up with a Sub-Decree to create a legal and a more binding framework for long-term implementation of this Plan in Cambodia. We appreciate the role of EARL in facilitating the activities in the Gulf of Thailand and we hope that EARL will continue to be an important partner.

Part of the effort in beach water quality monitoring is to review the results of the beach water quality monitoring conducted through the Sihanoukville Environmental Laboratory (SEL). To further support its operation, the Ministry of Environment is working closely with concerned agencies such as the Department of Industry, Mines and Energy, Department of Environment, DANIDA CZM Project, Municipality of Sihanoukville and all organizations currently running beach water quality monitoring to set-up the interim beach water quality monitoring standards and criteria for Sihanoukville. Eventually, we hope that this could facilitate a more thorough review, and if necessary, amendment of the Sub-Decree on Marine Water Pollution Control to include some of the vital parameters and criteria not previously included in the Sub-Decree. The continuous operation of the SEL, therefore, is most critical at this juncture, and as such, we look for ways to improve and sustain its operation.

At the local level, we shall continue to strengthen the implementation of the Sihanoukville Coastal Strategy by engaging local communities and encouraging the participation of the Municipality of Koh Kong as a parallel site for ICM implementation. The Sihanoukville PMO can then share their experiences and provide guidance in capacity development activities to its neighbor and promote a more holistic approach to ICM.

Part of the effort to mainstream ICM within formal governmental structure is the cooperation between the Ministry of Interior and the Municipality of Sihanoukville to ensure that the Project Management Office becomes part of the regular government operation. The PMO is seen to evolve from a project-based office into a regular government structure that will oversee coastal and marine management in Sihanoukville.

As Cambodia pursues decentralized governance, we strongly believe that PEMSEA's role in the next few years would be more critical particularly in strengthening environmental governance at the local level while providing guidance in the formulation and strengthening the implementation of SDS-SEA related policies at the national level. We will continue to pursue these objectives as we work with PEMSEA in the years ahead.

From a personal perspective, I have been associated with PEMSEA since its beginning in 1994. I am pleased to note the contribution PEMSEA has made. However, in order for PEMSEA to move ahead on its own, we the countries of the region have to take a more proactive in strengthening the proposed new mechanism and collectively make the system work for the benefits of the region. I agree with the RPO approach to adopt an incremental, stepwise approach in moving PEMSEA ahead.

On behalf of the Kingdom of Cambodia, we wish to express our sincerest gratitude to PEMSEA for being with us in our pursuit of sustainable development and in helping us create an atmosphere of trust among stakeholders and implementers, while building the confidence of national and local agencies in implementing the ICM Project in Sihanoukville and the Gulf of Thailand Projects.

And to our host, the Philippine Government, thank you for graciously hosting this important event.

Thank you for your attention

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## **COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

This year is great year for ocean in China, since it is for the first time that Ocean and its resources has been considered as an independent chapter incorporated into the 5-year national economic development plan. It indicates that the Government of China attaches even more importance to ocean. And more recently the National Marine Economic Development Program has been formulated, which will guide the marine economic development for the next several years. Another important project worth-mentioning is the Project on the Investigation and Evaluation of China Near Sea Environment, which has involved all ocean related institutions both at central and local level.

Since the year 2000, with efforts made by all member states and PEMSEA/RPO, PEMSEA (second phase) has obtained great achievements and a regional cooperation framework in the field of marine environmental management has been established. The implementation of PEMSEA (second phase) has promoted coastal and ocean governance in the member states and improved their capacities in the coastal and ocean management.

In the implementation of the Bohai Sea environmental management project, China has also made efforts of establishing a marine environmental monitoring, management and protection system. Provinces and municipalities surrounding Bohai Sea have participated very actively in the implementation of the project and achieved effective results. Through their involvement, the managerial capacities of the local governments in marine affairs have been greatly enhanced and to some extent, a visible infrastructure for the ocean governance at the local level has been formulated.

Follow up to the successful completion of the Xiamen ICM demonstration project, including the work of the XIAMEN ICM Training Centre, (a series of training courses have been held for the past several years for the participants from both domestic and abroad) Xiamen municipal government is considering to extend its efforts to Jiulongjiang River, and try to develop a project on River basin-based ecosystem management.

During the implementation of PEMSEA (second phase), China has developed ten new ICM parallel sites which will greatly promote the achievement of objectives established in the PEMSEA (third phase).

With regard to the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of PEMSEA, China has joined with other countries in the region endorsing the establishment of implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA. And for that endorsement, China will contribute one million Chinese YUAN (equivalent of 125,000 US\$) FOR PEMSEA RESOURCES FACILITIES operations every year for a period of five years starting from 2007. A cost-sharing agreement between the State Oceanic Administration of China and UNDP Manila Representative has been prepared and SOA is ready to sign.

China will host the East Asia Seas Congress 2006 in Haikou. For this purpose, a Chinese organizing committee has been jointly established by the State Oceanic Administration and the Hainan provincial government. Huge amount of resources has been mobilized for making preparation of the congress.

China will continue its contribution to the implementation of PEMSEA (third phase) together with all other participating countries of the program.

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## **COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Mr. Chairman  
Distinguished Delegates  
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of DPRK delegation, I would like to express my gratitude to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines and the PEMSEA RPO for the kind invitation to the 12<sup>th</sup> PEMSEA Programme Steering Committee Meeting and warm hospitality.

12 years have passed since the PEMSEA Regional Programme was initiated by collaborative efforts of the 12 participating countries for the environmental management in the Seas of East Asia. The 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee meeting would be a significant opportunity to recall the achievements, experiences and lessons gained in environmental management for the Seas of East Asia based on the spirit of partnership and to discuss the key issues concerning forthcoming 10 years activities for the implementation of the SDS-SEA endorsed through the Putrajaya Declaration.

As one of the participating countries to the PEMSEA Regional Programme and a maritime State, the DPR of Korea has contributed to the successful implementation of the PEMSEA by actively participating in the Programme during the last decade, and was able to strengthen its national and local capacity in coastal and marine protection and management. Based on the coastal and marine policy of the Government and the substantial and technical basis provided by the PEMSEA, we have been successfully implementing the Nampho ICM Project during the current phase. Drinking water supply and sanitation project of Nampho City was one of major outputs produced through the implementation of the Nampho Coastal Strategy. To address this issue, the People's Committee of Nampho City initiated a drinking water supply and sanitation project during the period from May 2004 to April 2006. Thanks to the strong support and cooperation of the PEMSEA RPO, we have successfully completed the project, and the drinking water supply system was improved and brought visible benefits to the daily life of more than 150 thousands citizens in the city. On behalf of the People's Committee of Nampho City, I would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the PEMSEA RPO, in particular, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and his Senior Programme Officers for their devoted efforts and contribution to the achievements of Nampho ICM Demonstration Project.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are pleased that yesterday meeting reached a consensus on the key issues regarding the regional implementing mechanism for the SDS, which is the priority factor for the successful implementation of SDS-SEA. We believe that the SDS-SEA can be only implemented successfully when the sustainable leadership under the proposed Partnership Operating Arrangements is ensured before starting the follow-on phase and the PEMSEA participating countries fulfill their roles and responsibilities through the partnership. In this point of views, I would like the 12 PSC Meeting to put more collaborative efforts for finding the best way to succeed in sustainable way the current leadership to the next phase of PEMSEA.

The government of DPRK has given great significance to the protection and management of its coastal and marine area, while effectively and rationally using the coastal and marine natural resources of the country. Based on coastal and marine policy and law of the

government, DPRK will do its best efforts for implementing the SDS-SEA in correspondence with our actual conditions and capability. The National Consultation Forum to be held in Pyongyang in the mid-August would provide us with an opportunity to identify specific components and activities in the GEF/UNDP Project Document for the implementation of SDS-SEA to be engaged by our country. This Forum would also provide a platform to find suitable and potential way for co-financing the regional implementation of SDS-SEA and draft a goal and an action plan for scaling-up the ICM program. Through active participation to the implementation of SDS-SEA, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will develop a national coastal strategy and an action plan in accordance with its specific conditions and circumstance and continue the implementation of Nampho Coastal Strategy and Coastal Use Zoning Plan. Based on the achievements and experiences in the ICM implementation, DPRK is going to support the regional collaborative efforts for the implementation of SDS-SEA by scaling up ICM program to the Taedong River watershed and making significant contributions in various ways. As it has done in the previous phases, the DPR of Korea would fulfill its role and responsibility in the implementation of SDS-SEA in collaboration with the PEMSEA participating countries.

In closing I would like to thank the PEMSEA Regional Programme Office and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines for their generous hosting of the 12<sup>th</sup> PEMSEA PSC Meeting and warm hospitality.

Thank you.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF INDONESIA

Honorable Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines and other Officials of Philippine governments;  
Distinguished representatives of other governments of the East Asian countries;  
Distinguished Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Director of PEMSEA and all PEMSEA officers and staffs;  
Distinguished representatives of international and regional organizations;  
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to be here and having an opportunity to give an official Country Statement on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee Meeting of PEMSEA Regional Programme.

First of all, indeed, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for wonderful host for this Meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As we all understand that this 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Program Steering Committee of PEMSEA is of particularly important, as we are about to end our second five years road and at the same time approaching a new, third phase of PEMSEA Regional Programme. We all understand that considerable efforts have been made at both national and regional levels by countries and regional organizations and programmes in managing the environment and natural resources of the East Asia Seas in last over ten years. The evolution of regional common understanding, vision and consolidated efforts among countries in the region for the pollution prevention and the protection and management of marine environment and natural resources of the East Asian Seas, with the auspice of successive PEMSEA Regional Programme from its first phase in 1994 has resulted in remarkable achievement. One of it is the Putrajaya Declaration of Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development for the Seas of East Asia and the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA).

I would like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize the importance of Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), as a reflection of common visions and consensus among the governments of the Region concerning the applicable principles, instruments and approaches for achieving sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia. We do believe that all countries in the Region have started and will consistently do their best effort in developing and implementing policies, strategies and programs at its national level which are in line with the implementation of SDS-SEA.

For Indonesia, a number of policies and programs pertaining to the management of coastal and marine environment and natural resources have been developed and implemented at national and local levels. In respect of legislative arrangement, a draft National Policy on Marine Affairs and draft Law on Coastal Zone Management are two major legislation / policy that have been developed and now being finalised for their adoption and enactment. The Government of Indonesia have also developed and take into effect a number of national legislations in area of coastal and marine environment and natural resource management, ranging from marine pollution prevention and ecosystem degradation control, as well as national oil spill contingency plan. Further, quite a number of integrated coastal management

programs and projects have been developed and implemented at local levels by different government agencies in cooperation with local governments and stakeholders. Of particular concerns are Bali ICM Demonstration and Sukabumi ICM Parallel sites, which have been successfully developed and implemented under supports of PEMSEA. Continuing Bali ICM Demonstration Project, under PEMSEA II, which covers five municipality and regencies along south-east coasts of Bali, other three coastal regencies on south-west, west and north of Bali, namely Regencies of Tabanan, Jembrana and Buleleng have committed to implement ICM framework. It is indicated by signing of MOAs on ICM Parallel Site between respective Regencies Heads with PEMSEA Director, in conjunction with a Local Leaders Forum and National Workshop on Sustainable Development of Indonesia's Coast and Ocean that was held in Jakarta on 25-27 April 2006.

The National Workshop also provided a special forum for the initiation for the development and implementation of Jakarta Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program. The initiative for Jakarta Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program that taken by the Ministry of Environment with support of PEMSEA during the National Workshop has been followed up with Technical Workshop organised by Provincial Government of Jakarta Capital Special Area, just recently on last 26 July 2006, with outputs of a draft short-term road map for development and implementation of Jakarta Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program.

With respect of developing national capacity in oil spill preparedness and response, Government of Indonesia has also organised on regular basis of oil spill response exercise that also called MARPOLEX, at the national level as well as regional level with cooperation with a number of neighbouring countries.

We do understand that all efforts done need to be continued with a better and systematic approach and consistent manner. One of major agendas for the Government of Indonesia now is to package lessons learned from different ICM initiatives in the country to move forward to develop and implement ICM scaling up and replication program throughout Indonesia in gradual basis subject to our national and local resources. In line with the increasing understanding and awareness of integrated coastal management, most of local governments are now interested in, and some have started, developing and implementing ICM frameworks as part of their local governance over their coastal areas. One of challenges and opportunities for not only Indonesia, but other countries might be, is how to manage national as well as potential regional resources to effectively meet the need for better, wider scale of development and implementation of integrated coastal management frameworks as part of national and local coastal governance.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Government of Indonesia finds the new, third PEMSEA Regional Programme initiative that focusing on the implementation of Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) as strategic and important not only for Indonesia, but also for utmost benefit of countries, the people and the seas of East Asia region. Having said that, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, I am pleased to extend our commitment to continue to participate in the third phase of PEMSEA Regional Programme that focusing on implementation of SDS-SEA.

Finally, I would like to re-extend our high appreciation and sincere thanks to our host country, the Philippines, for warm hospitality and to PEMSEA Regional Programme Office for the hard working and continues support in organize this 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting.

Thank you very much.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF JAPAN

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates of member countries and international organizations, ladies and gentlemen; I am honored to have an opportunity to make a statement at this important meeting.

First, I would like to thank the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines, for hosting the 12th Programme Steering Committee Meeting and warm hospitality. I also would like to convey my delegation's appreciation to the PEMSEA secretariat for elaborate preparations for the meeting.

We recognize the fundamental concept of PEMSEA, "partnership," very useful and effective, through which we can share experiences and knowledge about sustainable development and integrated coastal management in the Seas of East Asia. It is important to promote regional collaboration based on the concept of "partnership."

As you know, GEF requests PEMSEA to be developed into a financially sustainable regional mechanism so that PEMSEA could continue its operations without support from GEF in the long run. To make financial contribution to PRF, Japan is now under consultation with RPO. The amount of the contribution in the fiscal year of 2006 is 14,000,000 Japanese Yen. We also would like to continue in-kind contribution of traveling expenses as we did so far.

Thus, Japan has been making arrangements to provide the financial support to PRF. However, it turned out that there is a problem in considering the contribution to the PRF secretariat service. In the late June 2006, we were informed by RPO that PRF will not have sufficient fund and not be established as the organization as it was planned. This shortfall was caused because RPO did not take into consideration the overhead charges by UNDP and a new executing agency when RPO made the cost estimate of PRF in December 2004.

Since then, we discussed with RPO intensively, and RPO presented an option to solve this financial difficulty. As a result, currently, there is no concern with regard to PRF shortfall caused by the overhead charges. Japan strongly hopes that PRF will be established in a sound manner so that such a problem would not happen again.

As a donating country, Japan requests the PEMSEA secretariat that detailed information on the PRF be provided to donating countries as appropriate. The requisites for financial contribution by Japan are the establishment and management of PRF in a sound and transparent manner, and periodical reports to Japan. Failure to manage PRF properly may make it impossible for Japan to make future financial contributions. Therefore, we would like to ask RPO to make further efforts to ensure the establishment of PRF that can function properly.

Finally, I hope PEMSEA will promote the sustainable development in the Seas of East Asia and cooperation and collaboration among member countries and other stakeholders.

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## **COUNTRY STATEMENT OF LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

Generally it is reported that the environment in Lao PDR is still in good condition. However, since the previous years, Lao PDR has confronted with some environmental challenges, due to the negative impacts from its socio-economic development. The unsustainable exploitation of resources has resulted in degradation of land and loss of natural habitats. This degradation, combined with declining water quality and increasing threats to air quality, is disproportionately impacting the poorest groups in the country.

In response to declining environmental conditions, the country has made important strides in instituting changes in partnership with local communities and international organizations. Over the past five years, the country has invested millions of dollars in improving environmental management, focusing on building capacity among Government agencies and raising awareness more broadly, establishing protocols for monitoring and managing environment indicators, and making site-based investments. The results of these investments have been mixed. The challenges facing the environment in Lao PDR are many and varied, requiring a more strategic approach.

Environmental and ecological management in estuaries and coastal zones could not be separately considered without looking at the activities happening in the upstream watersheds. Environmental Impacts occurred along the coastal zones may not be caused by the local activities themselves, but also from activities in the seas and in-land. It is supposed that most of the trans-geographical environmental incidences occurred caused by land-based activities where most of the human activities are taken place.

Lao PDR is ranked among the land-lock countries, but has a significant role contributing in the Mekong Basin. Around 80% of the country's area lies within the Mekong River Basin. The remaining 20% drains through Viet Nam directly to the South China Sea. The total annual flow of the Mekong's tributaries within the territory of Lao PDR is estimated at 270,000 million cubic meters, equivalent to 35% of the average annual flow of the whole Mekong Basin, while its quality is considerably in good condition.

The Lao Government is intensively recognizing the international and regional integrations as the basis for its policy development. As one of the riparian countries of the Mekong River Commission, the country fully contributes to implement the 1995 Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin and other MRC regulations agreed by four riparian countries. Based on the MRC visions and mission, mutual benefits in economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally sound are shared among the riparian countries, particularly the Lao PDR as one of the upstream countries with the downstream countries.

Within its territory, the country has played an effort to promote the management of water resources based on the geographical area of river basin as management unit. In this regard, the IWRM context has initially been introduced at the national, provincial / basin levels. The on-going Nam Ngum River Basin Development Sector Project is designed as a pilot project for further extension.

International/regional integration and partnership have been undertaken through different means, these include institutional and regulatory framework, project and program

cooperation, technical assistance, etc. The country initiatives related to SDS-SEA are given below:

- Lao PDR has ratified and been the member of a number of regional /international agreements, which are integrated and transformed into different national legislations, regulations, strategies and plans for locally practical implementations.
- A number of integrated natural resources management and development programs and projects are existed under the scope of the above-mentioned institutional and regulatory framework, which are implemented at the basin, sub-basin, watershed, and sub-watershed levels, under the responsibilities of different authorities concerned.
- Along with the mentioned activities, technical enhancements and capacity buildings are also identified, in order to ensure that those projects and programs are effectively implemented.

The Lao PDR is geographically classified as in-land country. Some principal environmental concerns are include: forest cover degradation, insufficient access to clean water, aquatic resources deterioration, threat to biodiversity, land degradation, inadequate solid waste management, inadequate hazardous waste management, and impacts from climate changes.

In the course of the past three decades, much of existing accessible forest in Laos was significantly degraded. The annual rate of deforestation averaged about 0.3% of the total country land area (MAF, 1999). To date the total forest cover is less than 50% approximately. Shifting cultivation and inappropriate farming practices in the uplands, exploitative timber harvesting, and absence of a well developed forest management planning system were among the contributing factors. It is generally agreed that forest cover degradation is the major cause of watershed degradation which could possibly affect to ecological balance and livelihoods, such as bio-degradation, high sediment load, water quality deterioration, land slide, flash and severe flooding, extreme drought, soil innutrition, aquatic resources deterioration, inadequate livelihood opportunity, etc.

Other causes of water quality deterioration are inadequate solid and hazardous waste managements, and poor sanitation and sewerage system. The generation of solid waste in urban areas in Lao PDR is on the rise, and poses an emerging threat to the quality of surface and groundwater. The current annual waste generation is 270,000 tons. Domestic waste accounts for the bulk of it. The average daily urban waste production is 0.75 kg per capita. Vientiane Capital City and the four secondary towns account for 0.8–1.4 kg per capita per day. Only Vientiane and the four secondary towns have landfills, but the disposal areas are small, and have no leachate collection or monitoring wells. Over two thirds of municipal waste could be recycled, but the current scale of recycling in Lao PDR is still very modest.

Expanding urban populations, combined with poor collection efficiencies, and largely inadequate disposal facilities are compounding the level of pollution. In Lao PDR, surface water is the major water source for urban water supply as most towns are located along the rivers, while groundwater is the main source for the rural population. Both surface and groundwater quality is declining, but does not exceed standards. Throughout Lao PDR, there is a high incidence of diarrhea and dysentery caused in part by inadequate water supply, poor sanitation and sewerage, and absence of wastewater treatment facilities. With rising populations in urban and upland areas, water pollution is getting worse.

There is limited information on the current levels of hazardous chemicals (including heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants or POPs) in the aquatic and terrestrial environment of Lao PDR. As the country continues to develop its industrial capacity, it is expected that hazardous chemicals will become an increasingly important issue in the future.

The Government of Lao PDR has made important strides in instituting changes that could slow the pace of natural resources degradation, in partnership with local communities and international organizations. Recent institutional achievements include: enacting the environmental impact assessment decree; development of a policy to safeguard the environmental and social sustainability of the hydropower sector; creation of an Environment Protection Fund; strengthening the regulation for wildlife trade in endangered species; addressing mechanisms for integrated river basin and watershed management; decentralizing environmental functions to provinces; improving water and air quality monitoring; and establishing a third-party monitoring protocol to report on environmental impacts of development projects. Furthermore, sustainable management of the country's natural resources and responsible governance of the benefits accrued from their use has been identified as an integral part of the government's recently approved National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES).

The government policy of land allocation to upland households has helped reduce the pressure on the forest resource especially during the last five years or so. The government targets to achieve the increase of forest cover by 70% in 2020.

Through local governments and Urban Development and Administration Authorities (UDAA), the Government is expanding access to safe water supply and sanitation to cope with increasing demand for environmental services; and improving sewage systems, solid waste collection, recycling and disposal.

These strategic actions would be the basis for enabling the Lao PDR to fully participate in the PEMSEA programs, especially the implementation of the SDS-SEA in the future.

For further regional cooperation in terms of environmental and sustainable development issues within the PEMSEA framework, the following national integrations, regarding the SDS-SEA, would be proposed:

- National Focal Point, represented by the WRCC, should be strengthened, in order to support its task of national coordinator for overall PEMSEA activities within the country.
- Pilot case study on integrated resources management should be addressed in an appropriate area, in order to be the basis for further extension and regional exchange. The initial concept is to base on sub-basin level as a case for integrated study on resources management and sustainable development.
- Regional network should be built and strengthened, which would be the channel for regional coordination among the member countries and others. Through this channel, there would be the cooperation on research activities, curricular development, teaching and training activities for the networking universities and research institutes, data and information system development and exchange, technical cooperation and assistance, awareness raising, regulatory development and dissemination, etc.

Even though, Lao PDR is preparing to join the PEMSEA activities, the country would strongly support and participate in the PEMSEA future program in case by case basis, especially the co-implementation of the SDS-SEA along with other member countries. Based on the national policy, the Lao PDR is paying an intention to a great deal of regional cooperation and partnership, in order to achieve the vision, mission and strategic framework toward the context of regional cooperation and sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF MALAYSIA

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a great honour for me to be here and if I may on behalf of the Government of Malaysia, place on record my heartfelt gratitude to the host country as well as the Regional Programme Office (RPO) for the excellent arrangements and efforts that has been made so far in preparation for this highly important meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia is endowed with a relatively long coastline measuring up to 4,600 kilometers which is generally rich in natural resources, including fisheries, mariculture, corals, mangroves and recreational areas. The extended maritime jurisdiction of Malaysia covers an area of about 138,700 square nautical miles or about 42% of its total land area. Being a maritime nation, Malaysia is well aware and has always placed high priorities on the importance in managing the coastal waters and the marine environment efficiently to ensure their sustainability.

The establishment of PEMSEA in 1994 was parallel to various efforts in upgrading environmental quality particularly the implementation of the Agenda 21 of the Rio Declaration 1992 and the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD) 1992. In national context, Port Klang and its coastal water were chosen under PEMSEA as a pioneer area for integrated coastal management and is the national demonstration site for Malaysia.

Noting the importance of integrated coastal management, Malaysia has on its part taken the initiative in developing an integrated coastal zone management policy. The policy is deemed critical and would serve as a viable tool to fulfill the vision of a healthy and wisely managed coastline. In line with the development of the policy and the Putrajaya Declaration signed by Malaysia together with 11 other countries from the East Asia region, we remain supportive towards sustainable development of the region.

We acknowledge that regional cooperation would undeniably serve as a vital platform for countries and partners in exchanging crucial information as well as technical expertise. Malaysia therefore would like to state its readiness to contribute in terms of expenditure for its participation in regional meetings and discussions. We would also like to express our willingness to make available training facilities and local resources towards the capacity building of the region.

On the last note, Malaysia recognizes the benefits in working together regionally and is fully supportive to regional cooperation and collaboration.

Thank you.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines is pleased to host the 12<sup>th</sup> Program Steering Committee Meeting and is very glad to welcome everyone.

First of all we would like to congratulate PEMSEA for receiving highly satisfactory rating from the Project Review undertaken by the GEF for their success and effectiveness in addressing the objective of the program which is to protect the life-support system and enable the sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources in the East Asian Seas Region.

The Philippines would also like to acknowledge the various significant initiatives made by PEMSEA to achieve and ensure sustainable development of the region's shared waters. Among PEMSEA's achievements are:

- Demonstrating, replicating and laying the foundation for the scaling-up of Integrated Coastal Management or ICM sites in the region
- Publication of various environmental management tools and methodologies, applying the twinning approach in ecosystem-based management
- Establishing of institutional arrangements in other countries
- Building partnerships at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, among others

In the Philippines, several projects and activities have also been undertaken under PEMSEA's support. These include the Batangas ICM Demonstration site and the ICM Parallel Site in Bataan and Cavite; the formulation of the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy and the transformation of the Manila Bay Strategy into Operational Plan and Activities; and the Manila third Sewerage Project Development, among others.

The successful implementation of the different activities mentioned above is a result of the innovative partnership which brings all stakeholders to work together under a common framework. We consider partnerships as an effective mechanism to implement SDS-SEA as it gives due consideration to the initiatives, shared responsibilities desired outcomes, mutually supportive roles and the need to address disparities in capacity among countries and other stakeholders.

In support to regional cooperation to address environmental and sustainable development issues the Philippines has:

1. Launched the Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy, and currently working a US \$5 million GEF/World Bank project aimed at improving investments in pollution reduction in the Laguna Lake-Pasig River-Manila Bay watershed area, the ultimate objective being full compliance with the Clean Water Act;
2. Set up a National ICM Program, to provide local governments and their stakeholders with the capacity and technical support to improve governance and sustainability of coastal and marine resources at more than 150 local government units by 2015;

3. Built interagency and multisectoral partnerships at the national and international levels to increase investments in environmental infrastructure and resource conservation programmes, facilitating the transfer and application of innovative approaches, technologies, scientific information and financing arrangements that different partners can share and use in advancing our national program;
4. Put in place a national monitoring and reporting system on the State of Coasts in the Philippines, to provide the government, the scientific community, the private sector/investors and the general public with information on trends or changes that are occurring in the marine environment, the driving forces for those changes, the social economic and environmental implications, and the effectiveness of the management interventions at the national and local levels;
5. Organized a National Forum which served as a venue for sharing of knowledge and experiences in the management of our marine and coastal resources among government agencies and programmes, as well as projects supported by donors and international agencies, and to renew commitments among partners to sustainable development objectives and targets;
6. Worked in partnership with the 14 other countries that are parties to the Putrajaya Declaration, as a member of the East Asian Seas Partnership council, and intergovernmental and multi-sectoral regional mechanism that will oversee and guide the implementation of the SDS-SEA at the regional level, as well as monitor contributions by governments and other stakeholders to agreed regional targets.

To strengthen the implementation of SDS-SEA a National Consultation was conducted which resulted in the formulation of a National Work Program for SDS-SEA focusing on:

1. National Policies and Programme for Sustainable Coastal and Ocean Governance
2. Scaling-Up Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Program
3. Twinning Arrangements for the Implementation of Ecosystem-Based Management of Watersheds, Estuaries, and Adjacent Coastal Seas
4. Intellectual Capital and Human Resources
5. Public-Private Sector Cooperation in sustainable Coastal Development and Investment and financing of Environmental Infrastructure Projects and Services
6. Strategic Partnership Arrangements
7. Participation in the Country Driven Regional Mechanism

A more comprehensive approach on the sustainable development of the country's marine and coastal resources has been in place as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) embarks on implementing Executive Order No. 533. The Executive Order was issued by the President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the National Forum held on June 7, 2006 which calls for the adoption of Integrated Coastal Management as a

National Strategy to ensure the Sustainable Development of the Country's Coastal and Marine Resources. The executive order is also a response of the country as its commitment to implement the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asian (SDS-SEA) which requires concrete efforts towards integrated coastal and ocean management.

In support of the Strategic Partnership for sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia, the Government of the Philippines reiterates its commitment to provide the required facilities, services including staff requirements for the proposed Partnership Council and for Sustainable Operation of the regional arrangements for the implementation of the SDS-SEA.

Also, as an expression of support to PEMSEA we are hosting this PSC meeting which discussed the Regional Implementing Mechanism for the SDS-SEA for endorsement to the Ministerial Forum of the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2006 for adoption.

With strong partnerships and concerted action among concerned sectors and other stakeholders we hope for the success of the SDS-SEA implementation.

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## **COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Our wonderful host of the government of Philippines, the representatives of UNDP and IMO, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, the Regional Programme Director of PEMSEA and PEMSEA staffs, distinguished delegates of member countries, and Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, it is my honor to have the opportunity to make an official country statement to look back upon the successful efforts of PEMSEA during the past 12 years and to discuss more matured and strong cooperation in the future, with the presence of the representatives of 14 member countries and international organization in this world's renowned beautiful city of Davao, Philippines.

For me, it is my second PSC meeting including last year's PSC at Siem Reap, Cambodia. It is a great pleasure for me to meet with you through PEMSEA.

The Republic of Korea acknowledges that PEMSEA has shown great success in our region what was hardly expected in the beginning of the programme. I believe that the success story of PEMSEA will be continued in the next phase.

Honorable participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Republic of Korea has participated in PEMSEA since its launching in 1994. Especially MOMAF has been working with PEMSEA for mutual progress since the designation of Shihwa Coastal Area as a PEMSEA's ICM parallel site in 2001.

In particular, the second phase of PEMSEA, which began in 1999 greatly contributed to the development of sound foundation of PEMSEA-RO Korea relationship. Through cooperation with PEMSEA, RO Korea has better chance of working together in the field of marine environment and coastal management, nationally and regionally. These efforts help RO Korea improve the institutional capacity.

With these efforts, major institutional changes such as the enactment of Marine Ecosystem Conservation Act and Comprehensive Marine Environment Management Act are on going. Also, the amendment of Coastal Management Act to incorporate the zoning mechanism and habitat no-net-loss is on the track. I believe that institutional framework mentioned above becomes very important ground to RO Korea's marine and coastal management policies.

Regarding the integrated coastal management, as of July 2006, we established local integrated coastal management plan in 21% of RO Korea's coast, and it will be completed by the end of 2007. I hope RO Korea's effort on this issue would contribute the priority target for SDS-SEA in Partnership Agreement that is implementation of integrated coastal management programme in at least 20% of the region's coast by 2015.

Also, the management of Shihwa parallel site is in the process of revision. We developed a plan to expand the management project term to 2010 including the setup of tidal power plant and establishment of Working Council for conflict mediation in cooperation with related stakeholders to enhance sustainable management of Shihwa area. Given this opportunity, I would like to thanks especially to Chonburi, Thailand for the visit of our country in June. We want to develop regular Shihwa study tour program with PEMSEA in the near future.

And I strongly believe that East Asian Seas can enter the new era of Partnership when efforts conducted by each country cope with the SDS-SEA and when we do not hesitate true sharing of our experiences, knowledge, and resources.

Honorable all participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Now, PEMSEA and its member countries are moving forward to next step, the 3rd phase. New director and staffs will be recruited and appointed. Thus, I believe that this is very critical stage for both PEMSEA and all participating countries. We may face with new challenges in launching the 3rd phase. However, I am sure that we can resolve those challenges as long as we bear the spirit of PEMSEA, which is the spirit of cooperation and mutual progress.

In May this year, RO Korea hosted the PEMSEA consultation workshop for cooperation strategy development for the PEMSEA 3rd phase in Seoul. In this workshop, many public and private institutions were participated showing huge interests in PEMSEA's next phase.

The Republic of Korea is preparing financial support to the PEMSEA secretariat for the next phase. Since the financial allocation process will be ended officially in December, I cannot say for sure at the moment. However, it is very positive for us to support PEMSEA secretariat as I proposed last year. Since we have many excellent experts in my country, I hope that our expert can contribute in the PEMSEA secretariat in the third phase.

In the mean time, we will try to help the secretariat by seconding the staff from RO Korea. Although the secondment of government officer is very difficult due to internal regulation of officer secondment, we will keep working on seconding our officer in the near future because it is very critical for smooth operation of PRF.

As mentioned earlier, we will establish the Twinning Network secretariat. I believe that the secretariat will be a core activity in the third phase of PEMSEA.

Dr. Chua;  
Ladies and Gentleman,

In conclusion, I will reiterate the question raised by Dr. Chua during the consultation workshop in May, RO Korea. He asked "Until when we should depend on outside of the region in achieving our goal of sustainable development?" He said "It is time for us to move forward sustainable development through strong regional cooperation and collaboration." I agree with his perspectives. We have to work together to make our region more sustainable and more beautiful.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Philippines and PEMSEA secretariat for their strong support and excellent effort to hold this meeting successfully.

Thank you.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF SINGAPORE

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished delegates, Colleagues.

I would like to express my delegation's appreciation to the PEMSEA Secretariat for convening this 12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee meeting. I would also like to thank our host, the Philippines, for the excellent hospitality offered to the delegates.

Singapore believes that there is much that countries in the region could learn from one another in terms of marine environmental management. In the last few years, Singapore has contributed to the sharing of technical expertise in this field by offering courses on marine environmental management to regional countries. This is done under the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), which is managed by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We welcome further exchange of know-how by regional countries.

To prepare for implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), Singapore has introduced a series of activities and new initiatives. These include systematic documentation of marine biodiversity in Singapore waters, and research on the ecology of marine habitats and organisms, including the implementation of coral enhancement projects in selected areas. A new initiative in 2006 is the setting up of a web-based biodiversity meta-database by our National Parks Board. This database will integrate marine (and terrestrial) biodiversity data from Singapore, collected and managed by various organizations. Among other benefits, this database will allow key decisions affecting natural marine habitats to be based on a more comprehensive understanding of marine biodiversity and ecology.

Singapore is pleased to inform that we have acceded to all six annexes of the MARPOL Convention. The Singapore Maritime Port Authority (MPA) is consistently working closely with its counterparts from neighboring countries on maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships through the Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TTEG), the Revolving Fund Committee, and the ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG).

In addition, MPA is also collaborating with the Tropical Marine Science Institute (TMSI), the National University of Singapore (NUS), the National Technical University (NTU) and the Institute of Environmental Science and Engineering (IESE) in ballast water R&D to reduce threat of invasive aquatic species to the world's oceans. Singapore will organize the third International Conference on Ballast Water Management in the last week of September 2006 to generate and encourage exchange of information on ballast water management among scientists, policy makers and shipping firms from around the world.

The Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) Project is an integrated information system which aims to improve the safety of navigation and the prevention of marine pollution in the busy seas of the East Asia. Singapore, together with Malaysia, Indonesia, the IMO and other partners like the International Hydrographic Organisation, INTERTANKO and the International Chamber of Shipping, has been actively involved in this GEF/World Bank funded project.

In Singapore, we believe that the implementation of programmes for the SDS-SEA would only be truly effective with the active participation of our 3P partners (namely the Public, Private and People sectors). We therefore actively encourage NGOs and industry to join the government in taking ownership of coastal environmental protection and conservation.

Singapore is not a direct beneficiary of GEF's programmes. The extent of our involvement in PEMSEA's activities, in terms of the siting of projects, is also limited due to our relatively short coastline. However, being an island state in the midst of Southeast Asia, Singapore's marine and coastal environment cannot be considered separately from that of our neighbours.

Hence, Singapore is appreciative of the work of PEMSEA in our region and we look forward to working with other regional countries on issues of mutual concern at the upcoming East Asian Seas Congress in Dec 2006.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished delegates, Colleagues.

With this, I conclude. Thank you.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THAILAND

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates and Representative,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to express – on behalf of the Royal Thai Government– our appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for a very warm welcome and for hosting the meeting. I also would like to thank PEMSEA for inviting Thai delegates and making excellent preparations. We are appreciated for the very active and supportive effort of PEMSEA in promoting sustainable environmental management in the region. Because of the Seas' interconnectivity, the concept of partnership and regional cooperation for the implementation of SDS-SEA is well-recognized in addressing transboundary environmental problems.

Thailand has been trying to address all these problems. Realizing the values of the marine and coastal environment, the threats to these values, and the necessity for an integrated and coordinated approach in addressing these threats and managing the coastal and marine environment in a sustainable manner, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, with the support from ADB, has finished the draft Marine and Coastal Management Act with an expectation that the management on marine and coastal resources would be integrated and systematic to ensure the sustainable use of the Seas. During the past years, Thailand has carried out progress on varieties of local, regional and international activities emphasized on public participation in ICZM., capacity building and equitable access, proactive and integrated management, development of database and network in local and region, establishing marine protected area and management of coastal resources such as coral reefs, seagrass beds, wetland and etc.

In March 2006, we organized a consultative workshop for the Eastern Region on the implementation of SDS-SEA. Taking into consideration the importance of stakeholder participation, we invited all sectors; central government, private sector, non-government organization and academic institutes to participate and provide input to the workshop. The workshop was co-organized by Sriracha Municipality, Chonburi, which is one of PEMSEA's ICM Demonstration Site, and was supported by PEMSEA.

The workshop consisted of two related components: 1) the sharing of experiences and lessons learned from various coastal management programmes and projects implemented in the five provinces in the eastern part of Thailand, and 2) participants suggested activities in the eastern region which should be undertaken with regard to each project component to implement the SDS-SEA.

With the success from the workshop, Thailand is expected to organize the same workshop in other parts of the country in order to obtain a framework of country programme in support of the SDS-SEA implementation focused on each region's capability.

Further to the success of the workshop, the Chonburi ICM Demonstration Site, was able to scaling-up ICM implementation from five coastal municipalities to nine municipalities and one sub-district administration organization. In the Chonburi Declaration, the municipalities agreed to mutually collaborate in the protection, conservation and sustainable development

of the coastal and marine resources of Chonburi through the application of the ICM framework and process.

In supporting PEMSEA's financial program, Thailand's GEF National Focal Point has endorsed the GEF-UNDP PDF-B project. We believe that the transformation of RPO and SDS-SEA implementation will assist member countries' collaboration and effective capacity building. We, therefore, look forward to our working together on a wider range of activities to implement the SDS-SEA.

Finally, on behalf of the Royal Thai Government, I would like to extend our gratitude and sincere thanks again to Dr. Chua Tia-Eng and PEMSEA's staff for all hard working and warm hospitality.

Thank you for your attention.

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## COUNTRY STATEMENT OF VIETNAM

In December 2003, Vietnam is honored to be together with 11 member states of the regional cooperation program, the Program for Environmental Management of the Seas of East Asia Sea (PEMSEA) to officially sign the Putrajaya Declaration to approve the Sustainable Development Strategy of the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), one among most important outcomes of PEMSEA. It show that Vietnam acknowledge SDS-SEA as the guiding principle to achieve objectives of the World Summit on Sustainable and MDGs of the UN relevant to the sustainable development of oceans and coastal zones as well as the commitment of Vietnam in realizing SDS-SEA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Since the joining of PEMSEA, Vietnam have received many useful knowledge and experience from international organizations and other countries in the region, especially in the area of national policy building on marine resources environmental management to develop effectively the integrated coastal zone management model for provinces with the international support.

Through the approach of the integrated coastal zone management of PEMSEA as well as demonstration projects as well as in parallel with the integrated coastal zone management, all levels and branches gradually understand the integrated coastal zone management for sustainable development. That is why the integrated coastal zone management gradually attracts the active participation of all levels and branches from central to local as well as all strata of people. In particular, the awareness of provincial leaders and people in the provinces, cities implementing the integrated coastal zone management has been improved significantly, that makes leaders at all levels more and more supports the integrated coastal zone management approach.

On 01 March 2006, the Prime Minister of the Government of Vietnam issued the Master Project on Baseline Survey on marine resources and environment to 2010, vision to 2020. It is the solid foundation together with appropriate management models that will help strengthen the baseline survey and the marine resources and environment for the coastal zones and helps coastal provinces to better invest and manage their marine resources and environment with concrete actions and long-term vision.

On 29 to 31 March 2006, with the support from PEMSEA, Vietnam held the National Forum and Consulting Workshop for implementation the SDS-SEA to overview and assess the coastal zone and marine management activities, its achievements and demands, obstacles to the marine and coastal zones sustainable development, through those identifying focal issues as:

- Perfect and strengthen national policy on integrated coastal zone management, incl. livelihood and coastal areas;
- Strengthen the focal agency for integrated coastal zone management;
- Build the integrated coastal zone management strategy;
- Plan the integrated coastal zone management;
- Regulation for the integrated coastal zone management.

In order to achieve the above results, Vietnam realized that the support from PEMSEA is very necessary and important, and also Vietnam always supports the operation of PEMSEA in the coming future. The focal agency of PEMSEA in Vietnam will try its best to have Vietnam become an official member of PEMSEA in the new development period of PEMSEA.

Moreover, through PEMSEA, Vietnam wish to receive the close cooperation with other member states through PEMSEA in the marine resources and environment in various forms of cooperation.

Taking this chance, on behalf of the delegate from Vietnam in the meeting, I will express my sincere gratitude the support, the cooperation of PEMSEA and other member states to actively cooperate with Vietnam in the integrated coastal zone management.

We expect that PEMSEA will continue to develop its achievements and we are always ready for the active cooperation with PEMSEA and other member states to utilize effectively the SDS-SEA in order to contribute to the regional sustainable development

Wish the meeting of the Program Steering Committee success.

Thank you very much.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PROGRAMME  
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**TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION**

**Davao City, Philippines, 04 August 2006**

**GEF/UNDP/IMO REGIONAL PROGRAMME ON BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN  
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**TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION**

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**INTRODUCTION**

- i. The Tripartite Review (TPR) Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting was held at the Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City, Philippines on 4 August 2006. The TPR was hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippines.
- ii. The TPR was attended by representatives from twelve participating countries of the Regional Programme, including: Cambodia; People's Republic of China; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Singapore; Thailand; and Vietnam. A representative from Lao PDR also attended the Session.
- iii. In addition, the TPR was attended by representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Office in Manila, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, and the Regional Programme Office (RPO), Manila.
- iv. A list of participants is attached as Annex 10.

**1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

- 1.1 Ms. Nileema Noble, Resident Representative of UNDP Philippines and Principal Programme Resident Representative of PEMSEA, chaired the Meeting and declared it open at 10:45 AM, 4 August 2006. Undersecretary Francisco Bravo, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, served as Co-Chair for the Session.

**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 2005 TRIPARTITE REVIEW SESSION**

- 3.1 The Regional Programme Director, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, informed the Meeting that the entire 11<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee was a Tripartite Review Session. Thus

matters taken up then were already reported and discussed during the Technical Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting. However, matters that require policy analysis and decisions from the country were highlighted for the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC TPR Session.

#### **4.0 ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF TECHNICAL SESSION OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> PSC MEETING**

4.1 The Meeting adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the Technical Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting as amended by the Technical Session.

4.2 The Chair outlined the specific matters requiring decisions by the TPR Session as well as the actions to be undertaken with the adoption of the conclusions and recommendations, namely:

- a) Adoption of the UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report;
- b) Identification of the preferred option for the selection of an Executing Agency;
- c) Extension of the current PEMSEA project to June 2007;
- d) Extension of the services of RPO staff to June 2007;
- e) Finalization of Cost-Sharing Agreements (CSAs);
- f) Adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Executive Director (ED) and other international staff;
- g) Endorsement of the GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA; and
- h) Adoption of Work Plan and Budget for 2006-2007.

#### *UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report*

4.3 Dr. Cielito Habito presented the Meeting with a brief summary of the PEMSEA's Terminal Evaluation. He introduced the three members of the Terminal Evaluation Team, and provided the specific objectives, approaches and methodologies of the evaluation. Overall, the Terminal Evaluation Team attributed the success of PEMSEA to the following factors:

- clearly articulated programme logic or the so-called "PEMSEA formula";
- effective stakeholder participation;
- responsive approach to capacity building;
- good collaboration among disciplines, sectors, agencies and levels of government; management-relevant technical analysis;
- a diverse and adaptive approach to the problems of the region; and
- a high level of leadership and staff professionalism.

4.4 Dr. Habito also highlighted some remaining challenges, including:

- the need to build the critical mass at national and regional levels;
- political and financial constraints in implementing public-private partnerships; and
- the need to widen the scope for more meaningful youth participation.

- 4.5 Key lessons learned were then shared with the Meeting together with the recommendations, which are:
- to continue GEF funding support over a transition period of six years;
  - to seek further commitments from other governments;
  - to sustain the current momentum;
  - to continue monitoring the progress; and
  - to encourage international partners to use SDS-SEA as a framework of cooperation.
- 4.6 In response to the concerns raised by the Malaysian delegate pertaining to the methodologies of analysis and the timeframe of evaluation, Dr. Habito clarified that a two-month period was given by UNDP to the evaluators for a desktop review, field visits, and telephone interviews with national focal points and partners, which provided a fairly comprehensive basis for the Terminal Evaluation Team to acquire a good sense of programme progress, outputs, outcomes and lessons.
- 4.7 Dr. Chua and the UNDP representative reminded the Meeting that the Terminal Evaluation was built on the results of the Mid-Term Evaluation, and therefore the field visits were also designed in consideration of the visits that were undertaken during the Mid-Term Evaluation. In selecting the members of the Terminal Evaluation Team, diverse coverage of issue areas was considered, and three independent international experts were then selected with varying backgrounds, ranging from coastal and ocean governance, policy and institutional development, and integrated coastal and marine management.
- 4.8 It was emphasized that the focus of the evaluation was not only on PEMSEA's success, which has been broadly recognized, but also on the challenges and shortcomings, which have been identified in the Terminal Evaluation. The lessons learned will be useful in the development and implementation of programmes in PEMSEA's follow-on phase on the SDS-SEA implementation.
- 4.9 The Meeting agreed that the next phase of PEMSEA will be developed by taking due account of the results of Terminal Evaluation, in particular the identified drawbacks and challenges, in the same way that the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation were reflected in refining the implementation of the current Regional Programme activities. The UNDP representative assured the Meeting that all the recommendations of the Terminal Evaluation will be considered in the project design for the next phase.
- 4.10 The Meeting adopted the Terminal Evaluation Report as presented.

#### *Selection of Executing Agency*

- 4.11 The UNDP representative noted the recommendations of the Technical Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting regarding the selection of an Executing Agency. As for the implementation of the Cost-Sharing Agreements (CSAs) for the operation of the PRF Secretariat Services, the UNDP will apply the "Direct Execution" by UNDP Manila as was recommended by the Technical Session. The determination of an Executing Agency for the implementation of GEF/UNDP Regional Project on the Implementation of SDS-SEA is, however, subject to further consultation with UNDP New York and

other concerned entities. The UNDP will revert to participating governments for consultation in the coming months as progress is being made.

## **5.0 ADOPTION OF WORK PLAN AND BUDGET**

- 5.1 Mr. Adrian Ross presented the work plan and budget for 2006 to 2007. In accordance with the recommendation of the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting, the RPO proposed a budget realignment in support of the extension of the Regional Programme to June 2007. Mr. Ross presented the current status of work programs and budget, focusing on the major commitments of the Regional Programme, the PDF-B on Implementation of the SDS-SEA, the MSP on Public-Private Partnerships, and the World Bank-GEF Partnership Investment Fund.
- 5.2 He emphasized that the total funds required to extend the Regional Programme to the end of June 2007, and to complete the bridging activities as identified by the 11<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting were \$905,165. However, the available funds from the Regional Programme for 2007 were only \$489,413. The projected shortfall of \$415,752, however, could be addressed by integrating project activities and available funds from the following sources:
- PDF-B project (\$330,752); and
  - MSP-PPP project (\$85,000).
- 5.3 The Meeting approved the 2006-2007 Work Plan and Budget for the Regional Programme and bridging activities and transformation to the new phase.

## **6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS**

### *UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.1 That a Terminal Evaluation was undertaken from 20 February to 27 April 2006 by a Terminal Evaluation Team made up of three international experts in fulfillment of the GEF/UNDP Monitoring and Evaluation requirements;
- 6.2 The overall findings and recommendations put forward by the Terminal Evaluation Team, highlighting PEMSEA's major outputs, encouraging outcomes and positive impacts to the global environment as well as addressing lessons learned from the challenges it has encountered.

The Meeting decided:

- 6.3 To adopt the UNDP Terminal Evaluation Report as presented;
- 6.4 To request the Regional Programme Office to address the identified actions or recommendations of the Terminal Evaluation team in the preparation of the GEF Project Document for the next phase of PEMSEA, in collaboration with the participating countries, international agencies and regional organizations.

### *Selection of Executing Agency*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.5 The three options for Executing Agency for PEMSEA's next phase, and the pros and cons of each option;
- 6.6 That further consultation and negotiation will be made to determine an Executing Agency for the implementation of GEF/UNDP Regional Project on the Implementation of SDS-SEA, and that the RPO and UNDP Manila will revert to participating governments in the coming months as progress is being made.

The Meeting decided that:

- 6.7 Direct Execution (DEX) by UNDP Manila was the preferred option for efficient and cost-effective execution of the CSAs and the PRF Secretariat Services staffing and operation.

### *Extension of PEMSEA Project and Services of Staff*

The Meeting decided:

- 6.8 To extend the Regional Programme, including the existing staff services to 30 June 2007.

### *Finalization of Cost-Sharing Agreements*

The Meeting decided:

- 6.9 To approve the process of the Cost-Sharing Agreements as a vehicle for the cash contributions to the PRF Secretariat Services;
- 6.10 To request UNDP to finalize the CSAs with China, Japan and RO Korea.

### *Terms of Reference of Executive Director and other International Staff*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.11 The recommendation of the Technical Session to establish PRF Secretariat Services based on the outcomes of the CSAs between supporting countries and UNDP, including the TORs of the Executive Director and other members of the PRF Secretariat Services as contained in the RPD's Report;

The Meeting decided:

- 6.12 To adopt the TORs of the Executive Director, Senior Programme Officer, Programme Officer and other staff of the PEMSEA Resource Facility Secretariat Services.

### *Appointment of Interim Executive Director*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.13 The recommendation of the Technical Session to appoint the current Regional Programme Director to act as the Interim Executive Director to facilitate the establishment of the PRF and the transitional activities between the current Regional Programme Office and the proposed PEMSEA Resource Facility.

The Meeting decided:

- 6.14. To endorse the appointment of the Regional Programme Director to serve as the interim Executive Director of the PEMSEA Resource Facility during the transitional period between 1 January 2007 and the arrival of the PRF Executive Director, but no later than 30 June 2007, to UNDP and IMO.

### *Endorsement of GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.15 The work schedule for the completion of the Project Document for submission to GEF Council in December 2006;
- 6.16 The recommendations from the Technical Session regarding country input to the work program and co-financing commitments of the Project Document; and
- 6.17 The need for GEF Operating Agencies in GEF-eligible countries to endorse the draft Project Document by 15 September 2006.

The Meeting decided:

- 6.18 To adopt the work schedule for completion of the Project Document, and the recommendations of the Technical Session.

### *Adoption of Work Plan and Budget*

The Meeting noted:

- 6.19 The proposed Work Plan and Budget for 2006 to 2007; and
- 6.20 The efforts of the RPO in identifying possible means and sources to ensure availability of funds for the bridging activities and transition to new phase of PEMSEA.

The Meeting decided:

- 6.21 To endorse the proposed work plan and realignment of budget for 2006 to 2007 to UNDP;
- 6.22 That the Regional Programme Director be given the responsibility and flexibility to implement the work plan and budget in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

## 7.0 CLOSING REMARKS

- 7.1 All country representatives expressed their appreciation to the Philippine Government through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for graciously hosting the Meeting, as well as the RPO for the detailed preparation and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting. The representatives reiterated their continuous support for and active participation in PEMSEA and the implementation of the SDS-SEA. They noted in particular the significance of the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting and the results achieved in providing a strong foundation for the preparations on the forthcoming transformation of PEMSEA. Countries further recognized the opportunity provided by the Meeting for governments and other entities to share their comments and views on the important matters pertaining to PEMSEA activities and future plans. The country delegations congratulated the Secretariat, the participants, and the Co-Chairs for the successful conduct of the Meeting.
- 7.2 The Co-Chair, Undersecretary Francisco Bravo, emphasized the responsibility of each country in securing the coastal and marine environment and resources of the East Asian region. He further emphasized that the participants' active participation as well as the exchange of information and ideas had contributed significantly in the successful conduct of the Meeting. In closing, Usec. Bravo commended the Secretariat for the efficient organization and conduct of the meeting and invited the country participants to the EAS Congress 2006.
- 7.3 Mr. James Paw, Programme Coordination Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization, reiterated IMO's interest to sustain the established cooperation with PEMSEA and the countries in the region. He informed the Meeting that IMO is currently working with various divisions to identify and develop projects that can be delivered in the East Asian Seas region in the future. Mr. Paw further expressed his gratitude to the countries for their support to the PEMSEA Regional Programme, and commended the RPO for the efficient implementation of the project.
- 7.4 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Regional Programme Director, PEMSEA, reflected that the region has accomplished a great deal in the past 12 years. He highlighted, in particular, the adoption and implementation of the SDS-SEA as a momentous achievement, putting East Asia ahead of other regions in designing a concrete action program in response to the WSSD plan of implementation. The RPD underlined the importance of cooperation and partnerships in providing a strong foundation for the region to move forward. As the region enters a new phase, the RPD expressed optimism that the 12-year partnership had made the region stronger and that good relationships established would further prosper.
- 7.5 Dr. Chua accorded special thanks to the UNDP and IMO for their support to PEMSEA as well as to the Philippine Government for providing the necessary facilities and assistance to the PEMSEA RPO. He urged the Meeting that, for the Programme's success to continue, it was important for countries to provide their unwavering support to the incoming Executive Director in the same way that the countries supported him for the past 12 years, and to make full use of the regional expertise amassed.

- 7.6 The Chair, Ms. Nileema Noble, informed the Meeting that she had been associated with the PEMSEA Regional Programme's in its formative years, and that being so, congratulated all concerned for PEMSEA's emergence as a successful regional program. She attributed the Programme's development and achievements on the strong partnership established within the region. Ms. Noble expressed her gratitude to the Philippine Government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting. She accorded recognition to Dr. Chua and his team for their mission and drive to move the region forward. Finally, she thanked the IMO and UNDP Manila for their support to the Regional Programme over the past 12 years.

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**ANNEX 10**  
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**12<sup>th</sup> Programme Steering Committee Meeting**  
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