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**REPORT OF THE MEETING**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. The Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP) and three supporting Resolutions were adopted at the First Intergovernmental Meeting (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 14 September 1994).
2. The Second Intergovernmental Meeting, held in Tokyo on 20 November 1996 decided on the geographical scope of NOWPAP and approved a workplan and budget for the 1997/1998 biennium. However, it was decided that further Trust Fund arrangements and establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) would to be discussed at a later date.
3. The Third Intergovernmental Meeting, held in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, on 9 April 1998, reviewed progress on the implementation by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in cooperation with other international agencies, of five priority projects in the workplan, and decided on the procedure for the establishment of a network of Regional Activity Centres.
4. The Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, on 6 and 7 April 1999, adopted a workplan and budget for the 1999-2000 biennium. It decided on the need to establish a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU), and requested the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare a proposal for its creation for the consideration of the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting.
5. The Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting, held at Inch'on, Republic of Korea, on 29 and 30 March 2000, further reviewed progress in the implementation of NOWPAP in the 1999-2000 biennium. Three resolutions were adopted in the meeting. Resolution 1 on programme implementation approved a workplan and budget for the rescheduled 2000-2001 biennium, including the study and review of proposals for the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Sources of Pollution and Integrated Coastal Area Planning and Management, possibly in cooperation with the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Resolution 2 on institutional arrangements adopted a procedure for the establishment the NOWPAP RCU, as well as its terms of reference. In Resolution 3, the Member States adopted financial arrangements for the implementation of NOWPAP in 2000-2001, including the budget and a tentative scale of contributions.
6. Paragraph 2 of Resolution 2 of Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting requested the Executive Director of UNEP to convene the Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting early in December 2000 in Japan, to be hosted by the Government of Japan in Tokyo. The present is the record of the discussions and deliberations of that Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.
7. Representatives of the States in the Northwest Pacific region (Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation participated in the meeting. Observers were also present from ... (the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the United Nations Development Programme, Northwest Pacific Environment

Cooperation Centre)...(to be completed). The full list of participants is attached as ANNEX I to the present report.

#### Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

8. On behalf of Mr. Klaus Töpfer, UNEP Executive Director, the meeting was opened by Mr. Jorge Illueca, Assistant Executive Director, Division of Environmental Conventions, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In his opening remarks, he extended a warm welcome to all the participants and expressed his thanks to the Government of Japan for hosting the Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP. He said that the most important task and the top priority was the decision on the establishment of the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU), which NOWPAP needed, to give it a strong institutional infrastructure that would guarantee its future success. Aside from the establishment of the RCU, the other major step, fundamental for the implementation of NOWPAP, had been the work of setting up the regional activity centres (RACs); two of these had already been established and the other two planned were in the process of finalization.

9. The meeting would also have the opportunity to review the outcome of the Consultative Workshop on the development of priority projects for GEF funding in two critical areas, namely, pollution from land-based activities and an ecosystem-based management of fisheries, and to consider recommendations from the Workshop in that regard. In conclusion, he said that he was certain that the kind of cooperation seen in previous NOWPAP meetings would continue, so that NOWPAP could become one of the most important regional seas programmes in the world, and he wished the participants every success in their deliberations.

10. The representative of the delegation of the Japanese Government, Mr. Yukio Takasu made a welcoming statement, and expressed his gratitude to UNEP for making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting. He said that his Government attached great importance to the conservation of the marine environment, and from ancient times the Northwest Pacific had not only been an historic, economic and cultural crossroads, but also a precious common heritage. Effective conservation of the marine environment required more than any single country's efforts, and all nations sharing the same coastline needed to have a common understanding of what the problems were and to cooperate in tackling them. He fully expected that member countries of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan would further increase their efforts after the present meeting, which he believed would result in a productive agreement to further strengthen regional cooperation.

11. The meeting was also addressed, respectively, by representatives of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

12. The representative of the Government of the People's Republic of China referred to the many important tasks facing the meeting, and encouraged all the participants to cooperate to try to protect their common ecosystem.

13. The representative of the Government of the Republic of Korea expressed his country's appreciation of UNEP's efforts in keeping a close watch over NOWPAP, and said that they were

particularly grateful for the visit of the Executive Director to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as part of an effort of encouragement to take part in NOWPAP.

14. The representative of the Russian Federation made a brief statement, in which he expressed the appreciation of his Government to everyone responsible for organizing the present meeting, and said he hoped a common approach could be found for the establishment of the Regional Coordinating Unit.

Agenda item 2: Organization of the meeting

15. The meeting participants elected a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur, as follows:

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|-------------|--|
| Chair:      | Mr. Yukio Takasu (Japan)                       |
| Vice-chair: | Mr. Cho Whan-Bok (Republic of Korea)           |
| Vice-chair: | Mr. Hao Chunti (People's Republic of China)    |
| Rapporteur: | Mr. Sergey B. Tveritinov ( Russian Federation) |

16. The Chair proposed for the meeting's consideration that the rules of procedure of the UNEP Governing Council, as applicable to the meetings convened by the Executive Director, would apply *mutatis mutandis*, for this meeting. The meeting approved the proposal.

17. The Chair proposed that the meeting carry out its work in plenary session in principle. The meeting approved the proposal. Furthermore, the proposed timetable was introduced.

18. The meeting was conducted in English. The secretariat introduced the provisional list of documents (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/Inf.1). The final list of documents is attached to the present report as ANNEX II.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the agenda

19. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/1) and the Annotated Provisional Agenda (UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/2) were introduced by the Chair.

20. The meeting adopted the proposed agenda, as follows:

- Item 1. Opening of the meeting
- Item 2. Organization of the meeting
- Item 3. Adoption of the agenda
- Item 4. Report of the Executive Director on his visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 2-3 November 2000
- Item 5. Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan
  - (a) Progress made in the implementation of activities in the year 2000
  - (b) Workshop on GEF project proposals for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)

- (c) Institutional arrangements for the implementation of NOWPAP
- Item 6. Status of NOWPAP Trust Fund and contributions by member States
- Item 7. Establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) for the NOWPAP Region
  - (a) Review and analysis of proposed bids received by UNEP
  - (b) Decision on the location for the establishment of NOWPAP RCU
  - (c) Report on progress in UNEP in establishing posts for NOWPAP RCU
- Item 8. Resolutions
- Item 9. Preparation for the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting
- Item 10. Other matters
- Item 11. Adoption of the report of the meeting
- Item 11. Report on the credentials
- Item 12. Closure of the meeting

Agenda item 4. Report of the Executive Director on his visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 2-3 November 2000

21. Mr. Jorge Illueca, Assistant Executive Director, Division of Environmental Conventions, on behalf of the Executive Director, gave a brief report on the Executive Director's visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He said that on the 1999 World Environment Day, Mr. Töpfer received an invitation to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where in total he spent four days, and had very fruitful talks on collaboration with UNEP. Afterwards he had said that his mission there was one of the most important visits he had made during his time as Executive Director. The Executive Director had expressed his thanks to the United Nations Development Programme for their support during his visit. The Executive Director had engaged in three main activities there: discussion of the participation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in international environmental conventions, and at a regional level, in NOWPAP, bilateral support by UNEP to that end, and three site visits to environment-related projects.

22. In the subsequent discussion, some representatives invited UNEP to keep the Democratic People's Republic of Korea fully informed about NOWPAP, and expressed their intention to encourage the participation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea in any way they could. All the participants who took the floor expressed their appreciation of this initiative, and expressed the readiness of their countries to assist the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with information and give their cooperation in any way they could.

23. Mr. Illueca, in reply to questions regarding the next step, said that there were precedents for countries taking part in action plans without having first to make contributions, and that kind of flexibility could help. He said, however, that NOWPAP member States would need to take a political decision concerning the participation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, particularly as regards contribution to the NOWPAP Trust Fund.

Agenda item 5. Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan

Agenda item 5 (a) Progress made in implementation of activities in the year 2000

24. Mr. Jorge Illueca, Assistant Executive Director, Division of Environmental Conventions, UNEP, introduced document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/4, entitled "Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)", which basically covered a period of seven months since the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting in March 2000. He said he would give an overview of some aspects of the report and then ask Mr. Elik Adler to report on the four regional activity centres.

25. Mr. Illueca said that in summary, UNEP believed that the implementation of NOWPAP would continue to be slow until the member States established an RCU; without it, delays would occur in implementation, because there was no agency or unit in place with the time to devote to follow-up. How to move forward in environmental legislation was an important issue: in this regard, progress was being made, as draft reports on national legislation had been submitted by all member States, and, with the support of the UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Policy, are currently being edited. He described the progress of various other projects, including NOWPAP/6, on public awareness raising, with an output including a video film on the marine and coastal environment of the Northwest Pacific, broadcast by the BBC in mid-June 2000. Language versions and copies would be sent to member States after the release.

26. Mr. Elik Adler, Regional Seas Coordinator, Division of Environmental Conventions, UNEP, described his visits to three of the four regional activity centres (RACs), and the work carried out in them; he found a positive attitude in the staff in those centres and believed they had a commitment to implement activities.

27. In a brief discussion that followed, some participants expressed their concerns about delays, and about the gap between allocations and the work done; some felt that additional efforts to close that gap were more important than new projects. Mr. Illueca said that he was confident that the new appointment of Mr. Adler would have an effect, as forty per cent of his time would be spent on working within NOWPAP.

Agenda item 5 (b) Workshop on GEF project proposals for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan

28. Mr. Elik Adler (UNEP), introducing document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/INF/1, the Report of the Workshop to Review GEF Project Proposals for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan, held on 4 December 2000, said that the workshop had proved to be very useful, providing an overview of two PDF B project proposals for possible submission to GEF and a positive exchange of views on land-based sources of pollution as well as on the ecosystem-based management of fisheries. Both of those areas would broaden the scope of NOWPAP, to include land-based sources of pollution for the first time. The meeting might wish to consider the recommendations of the Workshop contained in the Report, and incorporate these into a resolution the secretariat was preparing on programme implementation.

29. Several representatives of member States took part in the brief discussion that followed, and all expressed their agreement in regard to the project proposal on land-based sources of pollution. In regard to the project proposal on ecosystem management of fisheries, several representatives of member States said that, while agreeing in principle to the proposal going forward for consideration to the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP, they wished to consult their home Governments on the matter, as the concept was a new one.

30. Following the discussion, the Chair said that the secretariat would take the views of the participants into account when framing a resolution on programme implementation to put before the meeting.

#### Implementation of activities on land-based sources of pollution

31. Ms. Monica Borobia (GPA Coordination Office, the Hague, Netherlands) made a presentation on the first intergovernmental review meeting on the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), to be held in Canada in November 2001, following decision 20/19B (confirm number) of the UNEP Governing Council. That review meeting would consider the progress achieved in the implementation of GPA since its adoption in 1995, and would help with future implementation. Two main types of preparatory activities had been identified, reviews of the current status of implementation and needs for further action. She recalled the decisions taken at the Third Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, held in Monaco, 6-11 November 2000, regarding the role of regional seas conventions and action plans. She indicated that the preparatory process provided an excellent opportunity for closer cooperation between NOWPAP member States and the GPA Coordination Office for the implementation of GPA in the NOWPAP Region.

32. Referring to the presentation, the Chair said that, for NOWPAP to take part in a regional preparatory process for the 2001 intergovernmental review meeting on GPA, it would need to endorse the recommendations of the Third Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans as contained in a summary extract of that Meeting, before the present meeting as document UNEP/NOWPAP IG/6/INF/5, and he suggested that such an endorsement could be included in a general resolution on programme implementation, in the part dealing with pollution from land-based activities. Additionally, the Executive Director in his report had referred to another aspect of the above-mentioned Third Global Meeting, namely, strengthening of the linkages between the regional seas programmes and other global conventions and agreements; for that reason, the Chair proposed that the general resolution referred to should also endorse collaboration with the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.



Agenda item 5 (c) Institutional arrangements for the implementation of NOWPAP

33. This sub item would be dealt with under agenda item 7.

Agenda item 6. Status of NOWPAP Trust Fund and contributions by member States

34. At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Jorge Illueca introduced document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/6 on the status of the NOWPAP Trust Fund and contributions by the member States. He said that there was a draft resolution prepared by the secretariat for submission to the meeting to cover certain technical issues, and to endorse the same scale of contributions.

35. The representative of Japan said that his country had completed its internal procedures for payment of its contribution of US\$ 125,000 for the year 2000, while the representative of the Russian Federation confirmed that they had paid their contributions covering the last three years. The representative of Korea said they had also contributed for 2000, and asked UNEP to continue seeking external funding for NOWPAP. The representatives of the People's Republic of China said that his country had also paid its contribution to the Trust-Fund for the year 2000.

Agenda item 7. Establishment of a Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) for NOWPAP

Agenda item 7(a) Review and analysis of proposed bids received by UNEP

36. Upon the invitation of the Chairman, the UNEP representative, Mr. Illueca, introduced document UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/7, on the comparative analysis of offers presented by Governments for hosting the Regional Coordinating Unit for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP/RCU). In summary, he said that UNEP had tried very hard to be objective in compiling the comparison tables. The offers from Japan and Korea were very similar, and both generous.

Agenda item 7(b) Decision on the location for the establishment of NOWPAP RCU

37. The Chair invited representatives of both Korea and Japan to give presentations of their offers to host the RCU, and both gave brief presentations. The presentation on the Korean offer was completed by the Director of the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) of Pusan, which was the location proposed by Korea, while the Japanese presentation was completed with a statement by a representative of the Prefecture of Toyama.

38. Both representatives, in turn, stated that they wished to point out that their presentations had been based on the original offers and did not reflect recent consultations which had taken place between the two parties and with UNEP in recent weeks. The import of those consultations was that the two parties wished to propose that they would co-host the RCU, with two offices, one in Pusan and one in Toyama Prefecture. Each representative gave the main reasons for this change; in both cases these were a desire to make a compromise to achieve consensus and cooperation.

39. The representative of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of Japan and the Republic of Korea, provided a detailed explanation on the background of the subsequent agreement between the two Governments to co-host the RCU of NOWPAP in Toyama and Pusan.

40. While all the representatives of the other member States expressed their appreciation of the spirit in which this change took place, certain concerns were raised: about the financial implications for the other member States, about the legality, functionality and feasibility of a co-hosting arrangement. The representative of the People's Republic of China said that it had come as a complete surprise, only the previous day, and even the briefing through diplomatic channels that they had received on it was inaccurate, in that it had been mentioned as the establishment of two RCUs, not just one, in two cities.

41. Assurances were given by the offering parties that no extra financial commitment would be required of the other two member States, and the Chair then asked Mr. Illueca to clarify the legal, administrative and management aspects of such a move. Mr. Illueca emphasized that the RCU would fall under United Nations Rules for staffing and budgetary purposes, and there could be no question of two RCUs: he said they had consulted the United Nations Secretariat on the matter, and there were no legal obstacles: however, it seemed essential that there be one Coordinator only, with a Deputy, and possibly a plan for rotation every so often, perhaps in three-year periods; functions could be divided between the two offices, but not management. The modalities would need to be studied thoroughly and discussed between the parties co-hosting, and with the other member States.

42. The Chair, summing up the discussion so far, said that if the member States wished to put the proposed solution to the UNEP Governing Council, which would have to approve the establishment of the RCU in any event, a draft resolution would have to be submitted.

43. The representative of the Republic of Korea said that it had not been the intention of his Government to host the RCU on an interim basis, as operating on such a basis would not be desirable for the stable and effective operation of the RCU, especially in its initial stages. He also emphasized that, as the arrangement of the RCU was to be periodically reviewed for its continuous improvement, the concern raised by the delegate of the People's Republic of China should be satisfactorily addressed.

44. The representative of the People's Republic of China said that it was only in the course of the present meeting that his delegation had received information that the Government of Japan and the Republic of Korea had arrived at an understanding concerning the co-hosting of the NOWPAP RCU in both Toyama and Pusan. Nevertheless, in consideration of mutual benefit it might bring to all member States, the People's Republic of China, after consultations within their Government, had agreed to join the other member States in approving Resolution 2 on this topic. The People's Republic of China, like the Russian Federation, strongly recommended that the co-hosting arrangement of a single RCU in two locations should be subject to periodic reviews, and, if necessary, be adjusted and improved.

Agenda item 7(c) Report on progress in UNEP in establishing posts for NOWPAP RCU

45. Mr. Illueca gave a brief report on staffing options for the RCU. He also reported on preliminary steps taken to establish posts for the RCU.

Agenda item 8 Resolutions

46. The Meeting adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution 1 “ Programme Implementation in the 2000-2001 Biennium: Activities on Land-based Sources of Pollution and Ecosystem-based Management of Fisheries”

Resolution 2 “ Establishment of the NOWPAP Coordinating unit (RCU)”

Resolution 3 “ Financial Arrangements for Implementation of NOWPAP”

The full text of the resolutions is attached as Annex III. to the present report.

Agenda item 9 Preparation for the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting

47. The member States welcome the offer of the Russian Federation to host the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP in 2001. The Chair said that the Secretariat would consult further with the Government of the Russian Federation on the exact date and other details of that meeting, and inform the member States thereon.

Agenda item 10 Other matters

48. Mr. Illueca reported to the Meeting that, following an original suggestion made at an earlier occasion by the Russian Federation, UNEP was studying the possibility of convening a Summit of the five Regional Seas Conventions and Secretariats in the Pacific Ocean. Member States would be kept abreast of developments in this respect and would also be consulted in more detail in due course.

49. The People's Republic of China requested clarification on the question of rules of procedures for other Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans. Mr. Illueca on behalf of the Secretariat informed the Meeting that rules of procedures had been adopted only in the case of some Regional Seas and that such rules followed those of the Governing Council of UNEP. The Secretariat agreed to prepare a background paper on the Status of Rules of Procedures of other Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans for discussion and consideration at the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting of NOWPAP.

Agenda item 11. Report on the credentials

50. The Chair reported to the meeting that the credentials of all of the representatives of the member States had been presented and reviewed prior to or during the meeting by the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur, together with the secretariat, and that those credentials had been accepted.

Agenda item 12. Adoption of the report of the meeting

51. The Rapporteur tabled the draft report of the meeting, which was approved after amendments.

Agenda item 13. Closure of the meeting

52. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2.40 p.m. on 6 December 2000. He thanked all the representatives for their active participation.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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| UNEP/NOWPAP IG.6/6 | Status of NOWPAP Trust Fund and Contributions by Member States  |
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**ANNEX III**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 1****PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION IN THE 2000-2001 BIENNIUM:**  
**ACTIVITIES ON LAND-BASED SOURCES OF POLLUTION**  
**AND**  
**ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES****The Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.**

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

**Based also on** Resolution 2 of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting and Resolution 1 of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Intergovernmental Meetings,

**Noting** that the implementation of the priority projects in the work programme for the 2000/2001 biennium is ongoing,

**Considering** that the protection of the marine and coastal environment of the Northwest Pacific region against land-based activities constitutes a fundamental component of NOWPAP, as well as the role of the Regional Seas Programme as the main mechanism for the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA),

**Noting** the documentation related to the first GPA Intergovernmental Review which will take place in November 2001, hosted by Canada, submitted to the present meeting by the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office, and the need to provide substantive contributions and coordinate actions dealing with land-based activities in the Northwest Pacific region as a regional preparatory process from the Northwest Pacific region leading to such an Intergovernmental Review Meeting,

**Recalling** the goals and objectives of NOWPAP to manage the coastal and marine resources in a wise manner in order to obtain the utmost long-term benefits for human populations while protecting human health, ecological integrity and the region's sustainability for future generations, and

**Recognizing** that fisheries is an important resource of the region and their sustainable management that also ensures ecosystem integrity and protection is needed in this region as well as globally,

1. **Decides** to establish and implement a new project, NOWPAP/7 on the "Assessment and Management of Land-based activities" within the NOWPAP programme framework, and to this end, requests UNEP, particularly through a coordinated effort between the Division of Environmental Conventions and the GPA Coordination Office, to provide the necessary technical and human support, as appropriate, to develop NOWPAP/7 for consideration at the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting with a view to incorporating it into the 2002/2003 work programme. Initial activities should concentrate on the finalization of the GEF PDF-B proposal for the NOWPAP Region on land-based sources of pollution. Future expansion of activities may be considered taking into account proposals and developments in the field of land-based activities.
2. **Endorses** the recommendations emanating from the Third Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (Monaco, 6-11 November 2000) and notes, in particular, those pertaining to the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities and the closer integration of the Regional Seas Programmes with

the implementation of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and its regional components.

3. **Agrees** to participate and contribute to the preparatory process leading up to the First Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities, and to this end and given the time lag expected for the finalisation of the GEF PDF B proposal on land-based activities,:
4. **Decides** to initiate the following activities, facilitated through a coordinated effort between the Division of Environmental Conventions and the GPA Coordination Office as means of providing the expected inputs from the NOWPAP region, and serving as precursor bridging activity until the initiation of the PDF B proposal:
  - (i) Preparation of a regional report on land-based sources and activities/action needed at the national and regional level to protect the regions' marine and coastal environment. This diagnostic should be done on the basis of national existing data and information, and will review for each of the thematic areas which are the focus of the GPA Intergovernmental Review (i.e., binding and non-binding agreements at the national and regional level, voluntary agreements and involvement of the private sector, capacity-building, and innovative financing and use of economic instruments), among others, the following:
    - (a) state of affairs;
    - (b) factors contributing to successes and shortcomings;
    - (c) identification of barriers and opportunities for implementation; and
    - (d) needs and possibilities for further action.

The regional report should include recommendations on priority activities and projects in the Northwest Pacific to be incorporated in the NOWPAP/GPA work programme to be considered at the GPA Intergovernmental Review meeting.
  - (ii) The identification of one or more regional or sub-regional existing projects/initiated, which could serve as illustrative examples of current or innovative approaches to address land-based activities in the NOWPAP. Such project or projects may reflect engagement of Governments and other sectors of society (promoting new partnerships) and should include the evaluation and assessment of benefits and lessons learned with regard to collaboration/partnerships with the private sector and other sectors of society on initiatives related to land-based activities.
5. **Requests** UNEP to further develop, taking into account the discussions and comments of the Consultative Workshop on GEF Project Proposals for the Northwest Pacific Region held on 4 December 2000, and in cooperation with the UNEP/GEF Coordination Office, the GPA Coordination Office, as well as other partners as appropriate, the project concept on "Formulation of Strategic Action Programme for the Northwest Pacific Region to Address Pollution of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities" and on "Ecosystem-based Management of Fisheries in the Northwest Pacific" as GEF PDF-B proposals for further consideration at the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting.
6. **Reaffirms** the importance of implementing the 2000/2001 work programme as scheduled and requests UNEP and the relevant Regional Activity Centres (RACs) to lead the implementation of activities in order to ensure their timely completion.
7. **Further requests** the member States to provide the necessary support and assistance in facilitating the implementation of the activities under the 2000/2001 work programme.

## RESOLUTION 2

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NOWPAP REGIONAL COORDINATING UNIT (RCU)

#### The Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.

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

**Based also on** Resolution 2 of the Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting and Resolution 2 of the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting,

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

1. **Welcomes** the offers of the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea to host the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) of NOWPAP in Toyama and Pusan, respectively.
2. **Takes note of** the subsequent agreement of the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea to prepare to co-host the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) of NOWPAP in Toyama and Pusan.
3. **Invites** the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea, to continue consultations on the co-hosting of the RCU and come up with detailed modalities to co-host the RCU, in consultation with People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, and with UNEP, and submit a detailed plan to NOWPAP member States not later than 8 January 2001. Each NOWPAP member State would have one month period from the date of receipt to examine this detailed plan immediately prior to the Twenty-first Session of the UNEP Governing Council (5-9 February 2001).
4. **Agrees** in principle, to establish the NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) in both locations, Toyama and Pusan, reflecting a co-hosting arrangement for a single RCU, subject to confirmation of all member States, on the basis of their review of the detailed plan referred to in paragraph 3 above. The arrangement of the RCU will be periodically reviewed for improvement and strengthening of its operation.
5. **Requests** each member State to provide confirmation, as soon as possible, of their approval to the proposal to co-host the Regional Coordinating Unit of NOWPAP in two locations, so that the consensus of the NOWPAP region could be conveyed to the Twenty-first Session of the UNEP Governing Council through the presentation of a draft decision on this matter.
6. **Further requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to continue to function as the interim secretariat for implementation of the NOWPAP until the RCU is established and urges the member States of NOWPAP to continue to provide any possible support for UNEP to fulfil its function as the interim secretariat.
7. **Requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to convene the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting in November - December 2001 in the Russian Federation.

### RESOLUTION 3

#### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NOWPAP

##### The Sixth Intergovernmental Meeting.

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

**Based also on** Resolution 3 of the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting,

**Noting** that the implementation of the priority projects the work programme for the 2000/2001 biennium, with the approved budget, is on-going,

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

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

**Encouraging** the member States to make their efforts to cooperate with the environmental-related international bodies, local governments, private sectors and citizens to reduce the financial burden of the member States and in support of the objectives of NOWPAP,

1. **Reaffirms** that the sum of US\$500,000 should be the total targeted contribution per year to NOWPAP activities, and that the member States are requested to make contributions to the Trust Fund as sincerely as possible.
2. **Confirms** that a scale of contribution to the NOWPAP Trust Fund from the member States is comprised of a Basic contribution and an additional contribution. The Basic contribution reflects the sense of common participation and shared responsibility of all the participating States.
3. **Decides** to endorse the following tentative scale of contributions to the Trust Fund for activities in 2001:

| COUNTRY                   | (percent) | ADDITIONAL<br>(percent) | TOTAL<br>(US\$) |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Japan                     | 5         | 20                      | 125,000         |
| Peoples Republic of China | 5         | 3                       | 40,000          |
| Republic of Korea         | 5         | 15                      | 100,000         |
| Russian Federation        | 5         | 5                       | 50,000          |
| TOTAL                     | 20        | 43                      | 315,000         |

4. **Urges** the member States to review the current scale of contribution before the Seventh Intergovernmental Meeting, and to make efforts to increase their contributions.
5. **Urges also** the member States and the Executive Director of UNEP to make all possible efforts to secure funds from sources external to the Trust Fund, including private sectors, local governments, international and regional organizations and financial institutions.
6. **Requests** the Governing Council of UNEP at its 21<sup>st</sup> session, through the Executive Director, to extend the duration of the NOWPAP Trust Fund through 2003.

