

Item 1

Report on the 3rd AC Meeting

Meeting Records of

The Third Advisory Committee Meeting of The RCA Regional Office

25 May 2003, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

1. The third Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting of the RCA Regional Office (RCARO) was held on 25 May 2003 at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka, in conjunction with the 25th National RCA Representatives Meeting (NRM).

2. The members presented at the Meeting were Australia (Mr. John Easey), Bangladesh (Prof. Nayiyyum Choudhury), China (Mr. Li Junjie for Mr. Zhang Jing), India (Mr. K. Raghuraman), Korea (Mr. Chang-Woo Kim) and IAEA/RCA Coordinator (Mr. M. N. Razley). From the RCARO, Mr. Jin-Kyoung Kim (Director) and Mr. John K. Chung (Programme Officer) attended. Observers were Mr. R. S. Desphande (Indian Embassy, Vienna), Mr. M. Dias (incoming IAEA/RCA Coordinator), Mr. M. R. Kim (Korea) and Prof. Rohini Hewamanna (incoming Chair of 25th NRM). Mr. N. Choudhury (Chairman of the AC) presided over the Meeting.

3. The main purpose of this Meeting was: to finalize the draft 'Resolution on the Establishment of the RCARO' before tabling it at the 25th RCA NRM for adoption; and, also to finalize the 'Working Paper on the Establishment of an RCA Regional Office in the Republic of Korea'.

4. After thorough review of the draft 'Resolution', the Meeting agreed a final version of the draft 'Resolution' for tabling at the 25th NRM. The final version of the 'Resolution' is attached as Annex-1. The Meeting considered that the 'Resolution' could be used as a legal document that demonstrated the commitment of the Member States, particularly the host country, on the establishment and operation of the RCARO and proposed that the 25th NRM would unanimously adopt it.

5. The Meeting also reviewed and the modified 'Working Paper on the Establishment of an RCA Regional Office in the Republic of Korea'. This 'Working Paper' was originally adopted by the 31st RCA GCM in Vienna on 18 September 2002 but needed to modify to reflect new decisions, particularly with regard to the legal provisions for the RCARO. The modified 'Working Paper' is attached as the Annex-2.

6. The Meeting requested that the amended 'Working Paper' would be endorsed by the 25th NRM so that it could reinforce matters regarding the establishment and operation of the RCARO.

7. The Meeting reconfirmed the request of the 31st RCA GCM to the RCARO to report on its past year activities and work plan for 2003 at the 25th NRM. The Meeting expressed satisfaction with the '2003 Work Plan of the RCARO'.

8. With regard to the RCARO 'Position Paper', the Meeting appreciated the efforts by the RCARO to prepare the document. However, the Meeting noted that the 'Position Paper' would need further clarification on some points, such as the RCARO's views on the RCA management and suggestions for future RCA programmes. The Meeting requested the RCARO to develop the Paper and circulate it to the AC Members for further review. The RCARO intends to present the 'Position Paper' at the forthcoming Lead Country Coordinators' Meeting and would further report to the 32nd RCA GCM.

9. China mentioned that if the Director of the RCARO would be a Korean, the position for Programme Officer would be opened for Member States. China further suggested they would be interested in the position when opened. The Meeting welcomed such offer and recommended China and the host country (Korea) should further discuss.

10. The Meeting agreed to continue dialogue on the above matters. The next AC Meeting would be held prior to the 32nd RCA GCM in Vienna in September 2003, or other convenient time and place.

Prepared for report to the 25th RCA NRM by AC Chairman (Prof. N. Choudhury).

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