

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE 32nd RCA GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RCA REGIONAL OFFICE**

The Thirty-second RCA General Conference Meeting held in Vienna, Austria on 17 September 2003,

(a) ***Reaffirming*** the spirit and scope of peaceful regional nuclear cooperation in East Asia and the Pacific embodied in the Regional Cooperative Agreements for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the RCA) in 1972 and 1987,

(b) ***Recalling*** that the RCA operates under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the Agency) and that the Agency shall perform secretariat duties,

(c) ***Recognizing*** the significant contribution of the Agency to the achievements of the RCA,

(d) ***Recognizing*** the maturing nature of the relationship between the RCA Member States and the Agency and the importance of the Member States assuring an increased role in the RCA programme,

(e) ***Recalling*** that the Thirtieth RCA General Conference Meeting in Vienna on 15 September 2001 agreed in principle on the establishment of the regional office (hereinafter referred to the RCARO), for an interim period of two years, and required the Republic of Korea to prepare for its opening in March 2002 during the 24th RCA Meeting of the National Representatives which Republic of Korea will host,

(f) ***Recalling*** the adoption of the Working Paper by the Thirty-first RCA General Conference Meeting in Vienna on 18 September 2002 agreed in principle on the establishment of the RCARO in the Republic of Korea in early 2002 but as an interim operation until necessary legal provisions are prepared,

(g) **Recognizing** that the RCARO was inaugurated in Korea on 27 March 2002 in commemoration of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the RCA Agreement, and is now in interim operation,

(h) **Convinced** that establishing an RCARO in the region would contribute further to the development of the overall RCA programme; increasing ownership by the Member States, in particular increasing RCA visibility in the region; and, increasing the possibilities for new cooperative partnerships,

1. **Reconfirms** the decisions by the National RCA Representatives Meetings and endorsement by the National RCA Representatives Meetings to establish the RCARO in the Republic of Korea with an interim period of operation of two years,
2. **Reconfirms** the roles and functions of the Director of the RCARO as follows,
 - To pro-actively seek out opportunities for the RCA to participate in projects being formulated and designed by major regional and international donors, including international agencies,
 - To negotiate and secure funding for RCA projects,
 - To promote the peaceful uses of appropriate nuclear technology to assist in addressing regional and national needs, and
 - To provide enhanced visibility for the RCA at regional and national fora.
3. **Reconfirms** that the RCARO is responsible to the RCA Member States,
4. **Commends** the Government of the Republic of Korea for the generous support in hosting the RCARO,
5. **Requests** the Government of the Republic of Korea to continue all necessary support for the RCARO,
6. **Requests** all RCA Member States to support and cooperate with the RCARO.