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A. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Fourth East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting was held at the Novotel Ambassador Busan Hotel, Busan City, Republic of Korea, from 11 to 14 July 2011. The Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of RO Korea hosted the Meeting and the City Government of Busan and the Korea Maritime Institute co-organized the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by representatives from ten PEMSEA Country Partners, namely: Cambodia; Indonesia; Japan; Lao PDR; PR China; Philippines; RO Korea; Singapore; Timor-Leste and Vietnam. A representative from Thailand was present as an observer. Representatives from nine Non-Country Partners were in attendance, namely: Coastal Management Center (CMC); International Ocean Institute (IOI); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); Northwest Pacific Action Plan of UNEP (NOWPAP); Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF); Oil Spill Response Limited (Oil Spill Response); Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML); UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project (YSLME); and UNEP GPA.
- iii. Representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manila and the UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok were present on behalf of the Implementing Agency and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Representatives from the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) and the Changwon City Government of RO Korea served as observers. The PEMSEA Resource Facility served as the Secretariat for the Meeting.
- iv. A full list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

B. OPENING CEREMONY

- i. On behalf of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM), Mr. Kwang-Youl Park, Director General, Marine Environment Policy Office, welcomed the participants to the meeting. Mr. Park highlighted that despite the various international efforts and commitments to resolve challenges in the marine sector, the marine environment continues to deteriorate. As reported in the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO), the climate change impacts such as ocean acidification resulting from CO₂ emissions endangered 75 percent of the coral reefs worldwide, while 90 percent and 100 percent of the coral reefs are projected to be destroyed by 2030 and 2050.

- ii. In line with this, Mr. Park emphasized the need to reconsider measures on climate change adaptation and response, and the need for a new paradigm that promotes both regional and global cooperation. At the regional level, he underscored the crucial role of PEMSEA in helping resolve the various challenges in the coastal and marine area. He believes that PEMSEA has been consistent in its efforts particularly in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), integrated coastal management (ICM) programs, and even activities related to improvement of water quality in coastal and protected areas. Together with other Partners, Mr. Park expressed RO Korea's continued partnership, support and assistance to PEMSEA. He further urged all the participants to reach an agreement regarding the discussions on the various PEMSEA transformation plans, including the SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan, which are critical in transforming PEMSEA into a full-fledged international organization.
- iii. Mr. Park outlined some of the key initiatives in RO Korea contributing to marine development. In particular, RO Korea plans to develop and implement various marine policies that would cover new developments and challenges. In the next decade and through a 2nd ICM Plan, RO Korea will also develop an ecologically-sound coastal area that will contribute to meeting a green economy. A mid- and long-term plan to expand marine tourism in the country will also be developed. Research and development initiatives will also be strengthened to enhance the future value of marine bio-resources.
- iv. In closing, Mr. Park invited all the Participants to take part in the major events that will be hosted by RO Korea in 2012 including the Yeosu Expo 2012 and the EAS Congress 2012. Mr. Park congratulated PEMSEA for the successful opening and organization of the meeting and expressed his gratitude to the PEMSEA Secretariat and the Korea Maritime Institute for co-organizing the meeting.
- v. On behalf of the Busan City Government, Ambassador Seong-Taek Baek, Vice Mayor for International Affairs, expressed his warm welcome to all the meeting participants. Ambassador Baek commended the efforts and contribution of the PEMSEA Partners in the development and protection of the marine ecosystem of the East Asian Seas region, and PEMSEA's commitment to a healthier marine environment through systematic management. He emphasized that the holding of the Council Meeting in Busan became even more meaningful as RO Korea will host the fourth East Asian Seas Congress in 2012. Busan, which is considered as the maritime capital of RO Korea, also hosts on an annual basis the World Ocean Forum which provides opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration among marine professionals. Ambassador Baek wished the meeting full success.
- vi. On behalf of the Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) and as one of the meeting co-organizers, Dr. Hak-So Kim, President, expressed his gratitude to all the participants for taking part in the meeting despite their busy schedule. Dr. Kim highlighted the value of the East Asian Seas as a key source of economic growth. However, a number of key challenges remain to be addressed, including land-based marine pollution, exploitation of fishery resources, ocean acidification as a

- result of climate change, and natural disasters. As one of the Non-Country Partners of PEMSEA, KMI has been making efforts to advance marine environmental policies throughout the region using the experiences of RO Korea in Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Total Pollution Load Management system.
- vii. Dr. Kim believes that the Council discussion on PEMSEA's transformation as well as the preparations for the EAS Congress 2012 and Fourth Ministerial Forum is crucial. The EAS Congress 2012 and Fourth Ministerial Forum in particular are highly important as these events will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 20th anniversary of the Rio Summit, and the holding of the Yeosu Expo 2012. Dr. Kim wished PEMSEA a fruitful discussion during the meeting.
 - viii. On behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility, Prof. Raphael P.M. Lotilla, Executive Director, conveyed his sincere thanks to the members of the Partnership Council for coming to the meeting, and to the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, the City Government of Busan and the Korea Maritime Institute for their warm welcome and excellent arrangements for the meeting. Prof. Lotilla acknowledged the continued support and guidance provided by the members of the Executive Committee and welcomed the incoming Council Co-Chairs. He pointed out that the active participation of partners in the nomination and election processes for Co-Chairs proved the availability of significant talents in the region who are committed to work for the region and for PEMSEA.
 - ix. Prof. Lotilla emphasized that PEMSEA's accomplishments are a reflection of the essence of a true partnership as the various achievements of PEMSEA are results of collaboration and activities undertaken by and with the Partners, together with the PEMSEA Resource Facility. Prof. Lotilla wished for a productive and enjoyable meeting.
 - x. On behalf of the EAS Partnership Council, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Council Chair, welcomed the participants to the meeting and expressed his gratitude to the host and meeting organizers for the meeting arrangements. Dr. Chua congratulated the Secretariat and all the Partners for making significant achievements in a span of one year as reflected in the PEMSEA Accomplishment Report 2010-2011. With the recognition of PEMSEA's legal personality, Dr. Chua emphasized the challenge for PEMSEA to transform into a full-fledged international organization that is able to respond to new challenges. Guided by the vision and mission of the SDS-SEA, PEMSEA is tasked to implement the regional strategy. It is also important for PEMSEA to establish strong governance mechanisms that are in line with international fiduciary standards.
 - xi. In preparing for PEMSEA's transformation, Dr. Chua underscored the need to review and discuss the details of the PRF-Re-Engineering Plan, Financial Sustainability Plan, Advocacy and Communications Plan, and the SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan. The issue of budget shortfall as a result of the project extension to 2013 is also a major challenge to PEMSEA.

- xii. Dr. Chua acknowledged the growing financial support from Partners over the years and encouraged their continued support and further increase in voluntary contributions.
- xiii. As PEMSEA prepares for the East Asian Seas Congress 2012 and the Fourth Ministerial Forum, Dr. Chua encouraged all the Partners to actively participate in ensuring the success of these events. At the same time, Dr. Chua highlighted the value of participating and showcasing PEMSEA's achievements and its Partners' achievements in the Rio+20 in 2012.
- xiv. Dr. Chua expressed his appreciation to the support and additional co-financing provided by the MLTM of RO Korea, KMI and the Busan City Government for the Council meeting. Dr. Chua expressed confidence that the meeting will be positive and fruitful.
- xv. The full text of the Opening Ceremony speeches may be found in Annex 2.

COUNCIL SESSION

1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng chaired the Council Session.
- 1.2 The Secretariat introduced the principal reference documents for the Meeting (Annex 3).

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda as presented (Annex 4).

3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 3RD EAS PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, THE 7TH EXPANDED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, THE 8TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE EAS STOCKTAKING MEETING (PC/11/DOC/05)

Discussion Highlights:

- 3.1 The major recommendations and decisions of the 3rd EAS Partnership Council and the 7th and 8th Executive Committee meetings have been adequately acted upon by the PEMSEA Resource Facility. The outcomes of those actions will be discussed under relevant agenda items of the 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting.
- 3.2 The final version of the EAS Stocktaking Report has not been circulated to the countries and other participating organizations. The conclusions and recommendations of the EAS Stocktaking Report are pertinent to the planning, development and implementation of SDS-SEA related projects at the national, subregional and regional levels. The final EAS Stocktaking Report should be made available to all concerned stakeholders.

Recommendation:

- 3.3 The Council Session recommended that UNDP follow up with the Stocktaking Task Force spearheaded by The World Bank and to request The World Bank to circulate the final Stocktaking Report to the Stocktaking Meeting participants.

4.0 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR (PC/11/DOC/06)

Discussion Highlights:

- 4.1 The Executive Committee has continued to provide guidance and direction to the PRF in undertaking activities relating to the PEMSEA Transformation, Governance and SDS-SEA implementation during the inter-sessional period.

- 4.2 The advice by UNDP/GEF to extend the existing PEMSEA project from 30 March 2012 to 30 June 2013 was made in order to avoid a potential gap in GEF support between the current phase of PEMSEA and the next phase. The flow of funds to the GEF Trust Fund has not proceeded as expected, and priority has been given to focal areas covered by international conventions (e.g., Biodiversity; Climate Change).

Recommendation:

- 4.3 The Council Session recommended that the Council Chair Report be adopted as submitted, with appreciation to the Executive Committee.

5.0 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PC/11/DOC/07)

Discussion Highlights:

- 5.1 The PEMSEA Accomplishment Report captures the initiatives and achievements of the PEMSEA Country and Non-Country Partners contributing to the SDS-SEA implementation as well as those of the PEMSEA Resource Facility.
- 5.2 The new recruitment requirements prescribed by the UNDP Headquarters, like verification of credentials of candidates, caused extensive delay in the recruitment process for international officers, despite the fact that the persons offered the positions were already coming from UN projects and programmes. This has had negative impacts on the PRF operation and the individuals that qualified as candidates for the two posts. By the time the UNDP offer was made, the selected candidates were no longer available. The opportunity to engage qualified individuals into the PEMSEA programme has been foregone, along with the time and resources of the PRF.

Recommendations:

The Council session recommended that:

- 5.3 The Partners review and provide the Secretariat with modifications, and updated information on the draft PEMSEA Accomplishment Report by 31 August 2011;
- 5.4 The PRF finalize the Accomplishment Report taking into consideration the comments and additional inputs from Partners.
- 5.5 UNDP take action to address the extensive delays in the recruitment process of the PEMSEA international staff.
- 5.6 PEMSEA be capacitated as quickly as possible as an executing agency under the PRF Re-Engineering Plan, in order to efficiently manage its own operations.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE EC STRUCTURE
AND TURNOVER MECHANISM AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL AND TECHNICAL
SESSION CO-CHAIRS**

**6.0 INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE EC
STRUCTURE AND TURNOVER MECHANISM (PC/11/DOC/08)**

Discussion Highlights:

- 6.1 The EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism promote a broadened and strengthened EC that ensures geographical balance and continuity in PEMSEA leadership.
- 6.2 The Rules of Governance will regulate the operating modality relating to the EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism.

Decision:

- 6.3 The Intergovernmental Session adopted the EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism as presented.

**7.0 ELECTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION CO-CHAIR
(PC/11/DOC/09)**

Discussion Highlights:

- 7.1 The procedures employed in nominating and building a consensus on the respective Co-Chairs of the EAS Partnership Council were well-executed and involved all PEMSEA Partners.
- 7.2 Based on a 'no objection' and weighted average scheme, Undersecretary Analiza Rebueta-Teh from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines received 100 percent support from the Country Partners for the position of Intergovernmental Session Co-Chair. After her formal election and oath of office, she will assume the position of Intergovernmental Session Co-chair on 31 July 2011.

Election:

- 7.3 The Intergovernmental Session formally elected Undersecretary Analiza Rebueta-Teh as Intergovernmental Session Co-Chair. Undersecretary Analiza Teh was sworn to office by the Partnership Council Chair and her term of office will commence on 31 July 2011.

TECHNICAL SESSION

- i. Mr. Hiroshi Terashima chaired the Technical Session.

8.0 ELECTION OF COUNCIL CO-CHAIR AND TECHNICAL SESSION CO-CHAIR (PC/11/DOC/09)

- 8.1 Based on a 'no objection' and on weighted average scheme, the election results showed Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng from Singapore received an averaged support of 92.10% from the Partners for the position of Council Co-Chair, while Prof. Dr. Chul-Hwan Koh from Seoul National University received an averaged support of 89.47% from the Partners. Their respective terms of office will commence on 31 July 2011.

Election

- 8.2 The Technical Session formally elected Prof. Dr. Chul-Hwan Koh as Technical Session Co-Chair and was sworn to office by the Partnership Council Chair. Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng was not able to attend the Meeting due to conflict in schedule. She will formalize her oath of office at a later date.

9.0 PEMSEA TRANSFORMATION: SDS-SEA 5-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (PC/11/DOC/10)

Discussion Highlights:

- 9.1 The SDS-SEA Implementation Plan is a positive contribution:
1. To plan and implement concerted actions to achieve time-bound targets as agreed by Ministers for SDS-SEA implementation in the Haikou Partnership Agreement and the Manila Declaration;
 2. To operationalize commitments/obligations under international agreements (e.g., UNFCCC; HFA; CBD; IMO conventions; WSSD; MGD; GPA; etc.);
 3. To provide a platform for increased investments from governments, domestic and international investors, and donors;
 4. To strengthen interaction and cooperation among Country and Non-Country Partners and collaborating organizations in capacity development, knowledge sharing and on-the-ground initiatives; and
 5. To demonstrate to the global community the very active, systematic approach taken by countries of the region, individually and collectively, for sustainable development of coastal and marine areas.
- 9.2 The joint planning process, which was undertaken for the development of the country-based SDS-SEA progress reports and 5-year SDS-SEA Implementation Plans, facilitated interaction among sectoral agencies at the national level as well as national agencies and local governments. This process resulted in an exchange of information on program priorities, constraints and opportunities for collaborative and/or integrated project activities.

- 9.3 Ministers of PEMSEA participating countries agreed to the target of 20% ICM coverage of the region's coasts by 2015. The 20% target was identified as a "tipping point" for scaling up and sustaining ICM systems across national and local governments of the region.
- 9.4 The SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation plan is a rolling plan that will continuously be adopted, and while ICM serves as its main tool or framework, other tools such as sensitivity mapping and modeling approach, among others are also taken into consideration and employed in some initiatives.
- 9.5 "Branding" has been recognized as a constraint to collaborative and joint planning and implementation of projects. The joint planning process being undertaken for development of the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan is attempting to overcome this constraint by facilitating improved understanding and identification of opportunities across projects without losing project identity.
- 9.6 In monitoring and assessing progress, it is important to have quantifiable and measurable performance indicators. This aspect is part of the ICM process, particularly with the application and conduct of the State of the Coasts (SOC) reporting system in various ICM sites. The SOC include 35 core indicators and 160 indicators in total. The core indicators focus on the different aspects of the Sustainable Development Framework.
- 9.7 The SDS-SEA Implementation Plan provides countries and their partners the opportunity to identify their contribution to regional targets within their respective capacities.
- 9.8 The draft SDS-SEA Implementation Plan requires further input from Country and Non-Country Partners, in particular the sections on capacity development/knowledge sharing and financing/investment.
- 9.9 Opportunities for sub-regional organizations to benefit from the political framework established by PEMSEA can be better defined. As identified in the EAS Stocktaking Report (October 2010), this needs to be developed as part of the joint planning efforts for SDS-SEA Implementation Plan development and implementation.
- 9.10 There are a number of opportunities for PEMSEA participating countries to advocate their achievements and plans for SDS-SEA implementation in the East Asian Seas region in the coming years, including Rio+20, the UNEP IGR, and the EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum 2012.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended:

- 9.11 Approval in principle of the 5-Year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan, and to request the Executive Committee to oversee and finalize the Plan taking into consideration the comments of the 4th Partnership Council meeting.

- 9.12 All Country Partners prepare their respective national SDS-SEA Implementation Plans and use the nationally-approved SDS-SEA national implementation plan for securing in-country GEF allocations.
- 9.13 PRF interact with Non-Country Partners to identify opportunities for joint and collaborative planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting.
- 9.14 The revised Plan be circulated to the Partners for consideration and comments prior to finalization and approval by the EC.
- 9.15 The finalization of the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan in accordance with the proposed work plan and schedule as follows:

Activity	Schedule
Submission of country SDS-SEA Implementation Plans	31 July 2011
Consultations with Non-Country Partners and collaborating organizations on subregional sea/LME project/SAP implementation	August-September 2011
Consultations with Country Partners on financing and investment estimates and commitments for identified actions	August-September 2011
Preparation and dissemination of the revised SDS-SEA Implementation Plan to PEMSEA Partners for review and comment	October 2011
Revision/finalization of SDS-SEA Implementation Plan based on comments from Partners	December 2011
Final review and approval by the 10 th Executive Committee meeting	March 2012
Publication and dissemination of the final 5-year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan during the EAS Congress 2012/Ministerial Forum	July 2012

10.0 PEMSEA TRANSFORMATION: PRF RE-ENGINEERING PLAN, PEMSEA FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, AND PEMSEA ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION PLAN (PC/11/DOC/11a to 11c)

Draft PRF Re-engineering Plan

Discussion Highlights:

- 10.1 The proposed PRF Re-Engineering Plan is aimed at making the PRF operations more flexible, responsive, efficient and cost effective, and will not change the key structure and mechanisms of PEMSEA as established by the Haikou Partnership Agreement and the Agreement Recognizing PEMSEA's International Legal Personality.
- 10.2 The legal counsel and external auditor are requirements under the minimum fiduciary standards, while the PRF Management Committee is institutionalized to support/advise the ED in planning and decisionmaking.
- 10.3 While membership to the multidisciplinary PEMSEA Expert Advisory Group is voluntary, there may be a financial burden associated with the operation of such a group, such as travel and meeting costs. This would need to be balanced against the cost of employing permanent staff or hiring consultants with the necessary skills/expertise to provide technical and scientific advice to the EAS Partnership Council, Executive Committee and the PRF.
- 10.4 Recruitment of international core staff will be by international competitive process.
- 10.5 The posts in the organization charts indicating national officer positions will be filled by nationals of the host country, as this will make the PRF more cost-efficient. In such cases, the recruitment process will follow national procedures.
- 10.6 For seconded staff (i.e., Partnership Officers), agreements and terms of reference will be prepared in collaboration with governments and organizations seconding their personnel to the PRF.
- 10.7 The core staff of the PRF may not be adequate to perform the projected activities identified in the 5-year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan, including capacity building. Existing in-house experience and skills of PRF technical staff should continue to be accessible to Country Partners. For this reason, there is an urgent need for the PRF to prepare project proposals in collaboration with Country and Non-Country Partners in order to support capacity building and technical assistance requirements of countries.
- 10.8 National and regional task forces are sources of intellectual capital that have developed in the region over the years in support of SDS-SEA implementation at the regional, national and local levels. The PRF serves as the hub of this support network, providing opportunities for training, updating of skills and access to new and informative materials.

- 10.9 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) should be considered in place of the proposed success indicators. KPI's are measurable, are expressed in quantitative terms and are easily monitored.
- 10.10 The overall powers of the Executive Committee (EC) are delegated and are subject to the authority of the EAS Partnership Council (PC). The EC does not exercise power independent of the PC. As a matter of procedure, the PC considers the recommendations of the EC, as well as other information submitted for decision/ratification.
- 10.11 The re-engineering plan should clearly indicate the responsibilities of the PRF core staff and project staff in their respective Terms of Reference (TOR).
- 10.12 The structure represents a lean organization. The ED should be given flexibility to manage the PRF provided that the actions are consistent with the general structure and operating procedures of the organization, do not entail additional costs, and the targets are being met.
- 10.13 The strategy for development of the PRF is to start with a small core group that is able to leverage the strength of the region — helping others to help themselves — and to grow over time in response to demand.
- 10.14 Good staff is one key ingredient to a sustainable organization. The staff must be able to leverage strength in the region, where they are able to help the people help themselves.
- 10.15 The salaries of the core staff in the Re-engineering Plan may be on the low side compared to other international organizations. This may impact on the ability of the PRF to recruit the best persons.
- 10.16 Fund-raising is one of the most important functions of the Executive Director and thus the TOR of the Executive Director includes resource mobilization.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended:

- 10.17 Approval in principle of the draft PRF Re-engineering Plan, requesting the Executive Committee to oversee and finalize the Plan taking into account the comments and suggestions of the Council meeting, and instructing the PRF to circulate copies of the Plan before submitting it to the Executive Committee for final approval.
- 10.18 Partners submit their comments on the Plan by the end of August 2011.
- 10.19 The PRF proceed with the execution of the approved Plan and report progress and achievements regarding the execution of the Plan on a regular basis to the Council.

Draft PEMSEA Financial Sustainability Plan

Discussion Highlights:

- 10.20 The document should be properly termed as “PEMSEA Financial Sustainability Framework Plan” to avoid confusion among Partners. The project cost, expected revenue, phasing of grants and donations, and other details would have to be included in the implementation plan still to be developed by the PRF.
- 10.21 The increase in voluntary contribution of Partners to cover the operating costs of the PEMSEA Secretariat may be by way of direct financial support or subsidization of costs.
- 10.22 The plan should identify clearly how an injection of minimal fund to the PRF will result in greater results and benefits for PEMSEA and the region.
- 10.23 The implementation plan should include items such as:
- Projection of the cost of the PRF undertakings/services;
 - Expected revenues including the timeframe for implementing a particular project;
 - A five-year indicative figure for targeted revenue; and
 - An indication of overhead charges, for instance, if countries request the PRF to provide technical services.
- 10.24 Given the limited core staff members, the time required for PRF to generate funds affects the time of the PRF for project implementation. PRF should not bear the sole responsibility for ensuring sustainability. Partners should make every effort to help generate, or create opportunities to generate resources, and identify the means of covering any budget shortfall.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended:

- 10.25 To invite the members of the EAS Partnership Council to submit their comments on the draft Financial Sustainability Framework Plan before 31 August 2011;
- 10.26 To authorize the Executive Committee to oversee the finalization of the draft Plan taking into account the comments of the EAS Partnership Council, and instruct the PRF to circulate copies of the Plan before finalization by the EC;
- 10.27 To develop the implementation plan for the consideration of the Executive Committee;
- 10.28 To request the Executive Committee to report to the EAS Partnership Council in 2012 on the progress with regard to the development and implementation of the Plan.

Draft PEMSEA Advocacy and Communication Plan

Discussion Highlights:

- 10.29 The target stakeholders identified in the draft PEMSEA Advocacy and Communication Plan require different advocacy and communication strategies and approaches.
- 10.30 Policymakers are the primary target audience of PEMSEA and it is important for the advocacy and communication plan to include various services and information materials (i.e., fact sheets, policy briefs, visual representation of the State of the Coasts reports, etc.) that will be relevant and understood by policymakers. Currently, the PRF is undertaking the translation of important PEMSEA manuals and materials into different languages.
- 10.31 PEMSEA needs to explore other media (i.e., social networking) to reach a wider audience, including the younger stakeholders.
- 10.32 PEMSEA should engage professionals in order to strengthen the communications arm of PEMSEA and within its available budget, enhance its advocacy and communications initiatives, as well as its efforts in the marketing of PEMSEA products and services.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended:

- 10.33 Approval in principle of the draft PEMSEA Advocacy and Communication Plan; and
- 10.34 That the Executive Committee oversee the finalization of the Plan taking into consideration the comments of the 4th Partnership Council meeting, and instruct the PRF to circulate copies of the Plan before finalization by the EC.

11.0 PEMSEA CODES, GUIDELINES AND GOOD PRACTICES (PC/11/DOC/12)

Discussion Highlights:

- 11.1 The 3rd EAS Partnership Council meeting adopted a procedure for recognizing PEMSEA certified documents. During the inter-sessional period, two documents were submitted to the procedure.

Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management (PSHEM) Code/Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management System (PSHEMS) Development and Implementation Guideline

- 11.2 The PSHEM Code has been successfully demonstrated in a number of ports across the region since 2004, and is currently being used in a project being undertaken in cooperation with the German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) entitled, Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN Region.

- 11.3 An experts group, comprised of representatives from three international organizations and two national agencies, reviewed the Code and Guideline and confirmed that there are no substantive technical issues in the documents. The group provided suggestions for improving the language in the Code and Guideline, as well as their overall organization.
- 11.4 Refinements have been made to the Code and guidelines in response to the comments from the experts, and the revised documents have been forwarded to the experts for final review.
- 11.5 The International Standards Organization (ISO) has granted permission to PEMSEA for the use of ISO Standards clauses in the PSHEM Code and Guideline. However, it would be to the benefit of PEMSEA to verify the extent of the ISO copyright to avoid possible infringement, and to pursue the securing of copyright for the PSHEM Code and Guideline.
- 11.6 The Yeosu Project has approved a project proposal prepared to support the organization of a Governance Body for the PSHEM Code and Recognition System, as well as preparations for the roll-out of PEMSEA's PSHEM Code and Recognition System.

Guidebook on State of the Coasts (SOC) Reporting

- 11.7 The SOC monitoring and reporting system was developed, demonstrated and is currently being applied in more than 20 ICM sites across the region.
- 11.8 A group of experts group was invited to review the SOC Guidebook and they confirmed that there are no substantive technical issues. The group also provided suggestions for clarifying information in the Guidebook, as well as detailing the linkage between ICM program development and implementation and the SOC monitoring and reporting system.
- 11.9 Refinements have been made to the Guidebook in response to the comments from the expert group. The revised document has been sent to the experts for their final review.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended:

- 11.10 Approval in principle of the PSHEM Code and PSHEMS Development and Implementation Guideline, and the SOC Guidebook as PEMSEA certified documents, requesting the Executive Committee to review and approve the final versions of both documents at its next meeting.
- 11.11 Partners provide feedback on the revised PSHEM Code and Guideline and SOC Guidebook by 31 August 2011.
- 11.12 The PRF proceed with the implementation of the respective advocacy plans of the PEMSEA certified documents.

- 11.13 The PRF pursue copyright of PSHEM Code and Guideline.
- 11.14 The PRF disseminate and promote the application of the PSHEM Code and Guideline for use in the region, and in other regions, through international organizations and associations including IMO, ILO, IAPH, PIANC and others.
- 11.15 PEMSEA launch the PSHEM Code and Guideline during the Yeosu Expo 2012 and the EAS Congress 2012, with the support of the Yeosu Project.
- 11.16 The title of the SOC Guidebook be changed along the following lines: "Guidebook for State of the Coasts Reporting (for local governments implementing ICM)," to better reflect the current focus and objective of the document.
- 11.17 The PRF develop other version(s) of the Guidebook for use at national and regional/subregional levels, as experience is gained in the application and benefits derived from implementing the SOC monitoring and reporting system.
- 11.18 The PRF publish, disseminate and promote the use of the SOC Guidebook as soon as possible for use in the region and in other regions, in collaboration with international and regional organizations, including UNDP, UNEP and ASEAN.

12.0 EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS 2012/YEOSU EXPO 2012 (PC/11/DOC/13)

Discussion Highlights:

- 12.1 The Meeting extends a congratulatory message to the Yeosu Expo representatives for the impressive presentation on the Yeosu Expo programme and arrangements.
- 12.2 PEMSEA expressed its appreciation to the Yeosu Expo for the allocation of exhibit space and the offer of financial support for the setting up of the PEMSEA and GEF exhibit.
- 12.3 In view of the lack of funds for the EAS Congress 2012 under the current GEF/UNDP Project, there is a need to secure support from Partners, collaborators and sponsors.
- 12.4 On top of the budget request of USD 1.3 million that has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM) of RO Korea for the hosting and organization of the EAS Congress 2012, additional funding (e.g., US\$700K) is needed to support the participation of representatives from various developing countries in the region, as well as other Congress expenses.
- 12.5 It is important to encourage and support the participation of the youth to the EAS Congress 2012.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 12.6 PEMSEA coordinate with the Yeosu Expo organizers and the GEF for setting up the PEMSEA and GEF exhibit at the Yeosu Expo.
- 12.7 Partners assist PEMSEA in identifying sources of and securing additional funds for the EAS Congress 2012 and support their participants to the EAS Congress 2012.
- 12.8 Partners identify specific workshops that they would like to be involved in or co-convene during the EAS Congress 2012.
- 12.9 PRF step up efforts to coordinate with the host country, Partners, collaborators, and sponsors to finalize the programme and other arrangements for the EAS Congress 2012.

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Dr. Anjan Datta, Programme Officer, GPA Coordination Unit, United Nations Environment Programme, shared some information regarding the 3rd Intergovernmental Review and Global Ocean Conference on Land-Ocean Connections to be held in Manila, Philippines, on 23-27 January 2012.
- 13.2 The IGR aims to: review the progress of GPA implementation since IGR2 in 2006; receive policy guidance on further implementation of GPA; approval of programme work plan 2012 to 2016; results of the meeting will be submitted to Rio+20.
- 13.3 Some of the issues for discussion include: climate change and role of oceans (e.g., blue carbon); marine litter; nutrients; and industrialization of the oceans.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION

A. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Intergovernmental Session of the 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting was held at the Novotel Ambassador Busan Hotel, Busan City, Republic of Korea, on 13 July 2011. The Intergovernmental Session was hosted by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of RO Korea, and co-organized by the City Government of Busan and the Korea Maritime Institute.
- ii. The Intergovernmental Session was attended by representatives from eleven PEMSEA Partner Countries, namely: Cambodia; DPR Korea; Indonesia; Japan; Lao PDR; PR China; Philippines; RO Korea; Singapore; Timor-Leste and Vietnam. The Government of Thailand was represented as a participating country in the GEF/UNDP/UNOPS Project on Implementation of the SDS-SEA.
- iii. The Intergovernmental Session was also attended by the representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Office in Manila and UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok. The PRF served as the Secretariat.
- iv. In view of the absence of the Intergovernmental Session Chair, Dr. Li Haiqing, the Council Chair, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, presided over the Intergovernmental Session in accordance with the Guidelines for the Conduct of the EAS Partnership Council Meeting.

14.0 COUNCIL AND TECHNICAL SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The Intergovernmental Session reviewed the Recommendations of the Council and Technical Sessions and proposed some modifications.

Decision:

- 14.2 The Intergovernmental Session decided to adopt the recommendations of the Council and Technical Session with modifications.

15.0 RULES OF GOVERNANCE (PC/11/DOC/14)

PEMSEA Rules of Governance

Discussion Highlights:

- 15.1 The new juridical status of PEMSEA necessitates the strengthening of the governance framework and establishing policies and operational guidelines through the development of a comprehensive Rules of Governance.
- 15.2 The Rules of Governance embodies the interrelationships among the various organs of PEMSEA and their responsibilities towards PEMSEA as an organization. The document seeks to promote transparency and institutional

- efficiency resulting in increased confidence in PEMSEA as a reputable organization in managing funds management as well as in project implementation and execution.
- 15.3 The Rules of Governance includes Annexes 1-6 only but there is more work to be done. Annexes 7-10 would require more time for review and consultation with experts and Partners. In particular, the Secretariat is currently focusing on the development and review of a Procurement Manual which may be a prerequisite to PEMSEA's eligibility to become an implementing or executing agency as well as directly receiving funds from financial institutions and donor organizations.
 - 15.4 The UNOPS Procurement Manual is already acceptable to UNDP and is currently being used by the PRF. Hence, PRF can adopt such manual for PEMSEA and modify it according to the organizational setup and needs of the PRF.
 - 15.5 There was a healthy debate on the issue pertaining to the qualification of the PRF Executive Director. At issue was whether to require that the Executive Director should be a national of a Country Partner. One faction submitted that the region should have a leader from its own ranks, who can understand the culture, status and common problems of the region. Another faction proposed that if PEMSEA were to be an international organization, it would be advantageous to have someone from outside the region who is known internationally and can raise funds from international organizations. Another perspective raised is to open the recruitment to enable PEMSEA to secure the most competent person, whether from the region or outside the region, who can best represent PEMSEA at the international level and secure the necessary funding. Admittedly, the region has competent people who can take the leadership of the PRF. Hence, the people from the region should be confident enough to be able to compete fairly with the rest from outside the region.
 - 15.6 On the question of the existing recruitment process, it was clarified that the ED went through an open competitive selection, where others from outside the region were also invited to apply. It was noted, however, that prevailing circumstances then were different. The ED was also the Regional Programme Director of the UNDP/GEF Programme. Once PEMSEA is no longer a GEF/UNDP Programme, the ED will be recruited as the head of PEMSEA, an international organization focused on the East Asian Seas region.
 - 15.7 The Meeting also revisited the role played by the Ministerial Forum in the management of PEMSEA. It was noted that although the Ministerial Forum is one of the most important pillars of PEMSEA, it does not delve into the management of PEMSEA. It provides policy direction and provides the Partnership Council the mandate to take the necessary decisions.
 - 15.8 The delineation of roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee, the Partnership Council and the PRF was also clarified. The Partnership Council formulates program and operational policy and provides direction in support of the implementation of the SDS-SEA in line with the directions of the Ministerial Forum. The Executive Committee, which meets during the inter-sessional periods of the Council meetings, ensures the implementation of the Partnership

Council decisions as well as provides expert advice or guidance to the Council and the PRF. The PRF focuses on the implementation of the Partnership Council decisions and provides regular monitoring and reporting on progress.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 15.9 The position of the PRF ED should be open to everyone through a competitive process but preference should be given to the applicants from the region, and pertinent paragraphs in the Rules of Governance relating to the nationality qualification of the PRF Executive Director be modified accordingly.
- 15.10 The PRF complete the Annexes of the Rules of Governance and the Country Partners review the Rules of Governance and the entire Annexes and submit their comments to the PRF.
- 15.11 PRF finalize the documents taking into consideration the comments of the Partners and the EC to review the final documents for endorsement to the Partnership Council in its next meeting.
- 15.12 PRF adopt the UNOPS Procurement Manual as well as the Implementing Rules and Procedures and for PRF to make adjustments thereon, subject to the needs of the organization to ensure check and balance, and request the EC to review and endorse the final document.

16.0 GEF/UNDP PROJECT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDS-SEA

Mid-Term Evaluation on the GEF/UNDP Project on SDS-SEA Implementation

Discussion Highlights:

- 16.1 The Mid-Term Evaluation for the GEF/UNDP Project on SDS-SEA implementation was initially scheduled for the first quarter of 2011. However, the review of the Evaluators' Terms of Reference by UNOPS has encountered delays. The Meeting expressed concerns on the delays, which can affect PEMSEA's application for GEF's next phase of funding.
- 16.2 The UNDP advised that the vacancy announcements for the posts which will require sub-specialization in coastal disciplines will be circulated
- 16.3 The Meeting also proposed to UNDP that UNOPS should also be evaluated in terms of its delivery of services.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 16.4 UNDP be requested to follow up with UNOPS and ensure the conduct of the mid-term evaluation in August 2011, including the assessment of UNOPS in the provision of services.
- 16.5 UNOPS be requested to distribute to all Partners the vacancy announcements for the two evaluators for the mid-term evaluation of PEMSEA, and for Partners to circulate the same to their respective networks.

GEF Project Identification Form (PIF): “Scaling-up the Implementation of the SDS-SEA 2011-2015

Discussion Highlights:

- 16.6 The Secretariat informed the Meeting that the current phase will be extended to 2013 following the advice of UNDP and UNOPS. The proposed extension is in view of the budgetary constraints on the part of GEF and the current priority of GEF to fund activities that are covered by international conventions.
- 16.7 The Meeting also discussed the status of the YSLME with GEF. According to UNDP, the YSLME proposal may still be resubmitted and considered at the proper time for the allocation of funds. It was noted that China is the only recipient of the YSLME project and China has already been allocated over USD 2million.
- 16.8 The Meeting stressed that the SDS-SEA provides a political and legal framework and serves as an umbrella that covers LMEs. The SDS-SEA places PEMSEA in a unique position to address LMEs. It also enables PEMSEA to secure funds on behalf of the LMEs.
- 16.9 While the Project on scaling up of the SDS-SEA covers all the LMEs of the region, it was emphasized that countries can submit their individual national SDS-SEA implementation plans to secure funding from the GEF with assistance from UNDP and the PRF.
- 16.10 In order to advance the PEMSEA framework, UNDP indicated other sources of funds which may be tapped by the countries, such as the special climate change fund.

Platform Program and Medium-Size Project on Knowledge Management (PC/11/DOC/15)

- 16.11 The Secretariat informed the Meeting of the GEF/WB Platform Program for Sustainable Development of Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal Areas of the East Asia Region – Scaling Up through Country Partnerships. The Meeting was reminded of the recent stocktaking report (October 2010) on priority actions and financing gaps in the EAS region, including three main priorities: (a) enhancing efforts to reverse coastal pollution (Brown Agenda); (b) addressing unsustainable

fisheries and the loss of critical coastal and marine habitats (Blue Agenda); and (c) targeting research aimed at quantifying, valuing, and, to the extent possible, marketing coastal and marine ecosystem services to promote investments in their long-term protection, including packaging and disseminating good practices, promoting regional learning and changing the policy/management paradigm through knowledge management. PEMSEA has been identified as the lead agency for the knowledge management component, through a medium-sized project (MSP) that will be closely linked to the Platform Program.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 16.12 The proposed platform program is consistent with the recommendations of the GEF Stocktaking Meeting on the EAS region in October 2010 and therefore should be supported by PEMSEA.
- 16.13 The PRF, in close collaboration with the concerned countries, will work with The World Bank to prepare the GEF applications for the Platform Program and the associated MSP on Knowledge Management.
- 16.14 Concerned countries actively participate in the development and approval of the Platform Program and the MSP in line with the priorities and schedules identified in their respective identified country-based 5-year SDS-SEA Implementation Plans.

2011 Annual Work Plan and Budget (PC/11/DOC/16)

Discussion Highlights:

- 16.15 The Meeting encouraged the Country Partners to support the Secretariat in terms of shouldering the costs of their participation in PEMSEA meetings and activities as well as providing direct funds or subsidizing costs of operation. Country Partners may also subsidize the costs of their respective trainings.
- 16.16 The Philippines, through Undersecretary Manuel Gerochi, DENR, manifested its commitment to shoulder the cost of its participation to Partnership Council Meetings. The Philippines will also subsidize the cost of the office supplies of the PRF.
- 16.17 Timor-Leste requested the Secretariat to provide an estimated cost for attending the PC meeting as well as the estimated cost of participation per person in the Ministerial Forum, Senior Government Officials Meeting and the EAS Congress. This will enable the government to provide budgetary allocations for next year.
- 16.18 The Intergovernmental Session noted, with appreciation, the commitment of the Philippines to assist further PRF operations, specifically through the provision of office supplies.
- 16.19 As PEMSEA prepares for its transformation and for the impending exit of the GEF as PEMSEA's main source of fund, the Partners were urged to think beyond

the GEF funding and to provide support in identifying and mobilizing other sources of funds.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided:

- 16.20 To approve and adopt the 2011 Annual Work Plan and Budget as presented.
- 16.21 To accept the request from GEF/UNDP to extend the project to June 2013; and that PRF re-profile the balance of the project budget for 2012-2013 in order to cover the PRF personnel and operating costs until June 2013.
- 16.22 That Country Partners cover their costs for attending EAS Partnership Council meetings in 2012 and 2013 within their respective capacities, and for PRF to source other funds for the Executive Committee Meetings

17.0 FOURTH MINISTERIAL FORUM (PC/11/DOC/17)

Discussion Highlights:

- 17.1 In line with the proposed theme for the EAS Congress 2012 on “Building a Blue Economy,” and taking into consideration the critical role of the Ministerial Forum as a platform to scale up the commitments of East Asian Seas countries in sustainable coastal and ocean development and to the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the Fourth Ministerial Forum is being considered for the adoption, through a Declaration, of the regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan that will contribute towards the bigger objective of building a blue economy in the region.
- 17.2 Most of the Country Partners concurred with the suggested Declaration which will carry the name of Changwon in honor of its hosting of the Fourth Ministerial Forum.
- 17.3 Some countries, particularly, the representatives from Lao PDR and Vietnam expressed concerns and clarification on the proposed Changwon Declaration. Lao PDR clarified the need for the Ministers to adopt the SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan when the plans are already to be adopted by the Partnership Council. Vietnam, on the other hand, believes that the Declaration should embody a bigger objective that will be relevant to the countries of the region.
- 17.4 It was clarified that the Declaration will bring attention to the vital importance of the blue economy (i.e., the contributions of the oceans and coasts) to overall national and regional development and reflect a collective regional effort and commitment that will help in strengthening national SDS-SEA implementation

- plans. The Declaration is also seen as an important instrument to heighten the stakes and commitment to the future of PEMSEA, including the securing of donors and financial support for the implementation of SDS-SEA activities.
- 17.5 In view of the long consultation process required in every country prior to the adoption of the Declaration, the Intergovernmental Session suggested that a Technical Working Group be established as soon as possible and initial draft of the Declaration be developed and circulated at the earliest time possible.
- 17.6 In line with the preparations for the Fourth Ministerial Forum, the Republic of Korea is currently constructing the Marine Solar Park in Changwon City which will serve as the venue for the Fourth Ministerial Forum. The accommodation for the Ministers and other necessary arrangements have already been identified.
- 17.7 The Intergovernmental Session, noted with appreciation, the efforts of the Republic of Korea through the MLTM and Changwon City Government in preparing for the Fourth Ministerial Forum in 2012.

EAS Congress 2012

Discussion Highlights:

- 17.8 The Intergovernmental Session had the opportunity to further clarify the EAS Congress theme and sub-themes, particularly the concept of blue economy vis-à-vis green economy.
- 17.9 It was emphasized that the concept and principles of Blue Economy are complementary to the Green Economy as it promotes economic development while incorporating environmental sustainability and social equity aspects, but with special focus on oceans. In making green economy blue, the focus of sustainable development moves towards the ocean. The theme will address the new opportunities for the ocean economy of East Asia, as well as possible collaborative activities and partnerships that will help realize the potential of a blue economy. The SDS-SEA which integrates economic, environmental and social agenda can be a framework to achieve a blue economy.
- 17.10 The theme of Blue Economy should be related to ICM, which is the focus of PEMSEA. ICM can come in by addressing current issues on practical grounds, for instance, building resilience to reduce damage or minimize risks or impacts to the coasts.
- 17.11 The proposed theme on Blue Economy is complementary to the theme of the Yeosu Expo 2012. It was suggested that the business or private sector be invited

to the EAS Congress 2012 as they will also play critical roles in building a blue economy.

17.12 The proposed EAS Congress sub-themes are not yet final and are open to further suggestions from the Partners. The Partners were urged to submit their suggestions to the Secretariat, while the PRF will work closely with Partners on the confirmation of sub-themes and workshops.

17.13 In view of the limited time left for preparations, the PRF was requested to communicate closely with the Partners and other target co-conveners and secure suggestions from Partners on the Congress theme and sub-themes by end of August 2011.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

17.14 Country Partners review and provide comments or suggestions on the proposed focus, objectives and work plan for the Fourth Ministerial Forum by 31 August 2011.

17.15 The PRF proceed with the development of the Ministerial Declaration in close collaboration with the host government and participating countries, giving ample time for review and approval of the proposed Declaration.

17.16 The PRF communicate the work plan and schedule for preparing and approving the Ministerial Declaration to Partner Countries by 31 July 2011;

17.17 The PRF coordinate with the representatives from Lao PDR and Vietnam with respect to their specific concerns regarding the Declaration.

17.18 Country Partners confirm their participation to the Fourth Ministerial Forum and nominate their participants to the Forum and the SGOM to allow sufficient time for the host country and the Congress Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for safety, security, protocol, travel and accommodations, etc.;

17.19 Country Partners nominate members to the Technical Working Group that will be responsible for drafting and reviewing the Ministerial Declaration by 31 August 2011.

17.20 PRF send invitations to observer organizations, institutions, donors, business community and regional programmes and projects that expressed interest in cooperation with PEMSEA for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, to attend the Ministerial Forum by 31 July 2011.

- 17.21 PRF circulate the EAS Congress Framework Programme to all Partners and secure suggestions on the proposed formulation of the EAS Congress theme as well as topics for the sub-themes and possible workshops by 31 August 2011.
- 17.22 That PRF prepare and provide the Country Partners an estimate of the expected number of participants to the EAS Congress 2012, Ministerial Forum, and Partnership Council 2012 in order to enable the Country Partners to allocate budget for their respective delegations.

18.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 18.1 In line with the decision of the 3rd EAS Partnership Council Meeting for PRF to assess the PC agenda items, to simplify the agenda and shorten the Council meetings to focus on key issues, the future conduct of Council Meetings was further discussed.
- 18.2 For operational matters, it was suggested that documents that are for information purposes only be identified and presented as such. Technical reports can undergo separate scientific and experts review which can then be submitted to the PC as information documents. The focus of discussions should be geared towards engaging Partners on strategic thinking and visioning for PEMSEA.
- 18.3 As preparations for PC meetings require significant time and effort from the Secretariat, the Intergovernmental Session noted, with appreciation, the offer from the Philippine delegation to provide the PRF with personnel support to prepare for future EAS Partnership Council meetings.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 18.4 The PRF prepare a guide for the conduct of future EAS Partnership Council meetings, covering preparation of materials for decisionmaking by Council, and preparation of materials for information, discussion and finalization prior to submission to the decisionmaking process of Council.
- 18.5 The PRF identify the nature of documents to be submitted to the EAS Partnership Council and to the Executive Committee for decisions/action, emphasizing the strategic overview and visioning focus that is expected of Council, reflecting a clearer delineation between what can be acted upon by the PRF and those which would require Executive Committee or Partnership Council action.

19.0 CLOSING CEREMONY

- 19.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng expressed his appreciation to the Partners for their active participation during the discussion, to the representatives of UNDP Manila and Regional Centre in Bangkok for their participation in the meeting, and to the MLTM, KMI and Busan City Government for hosting and co-organizing the

- meeting. Dr. Chua also acknowledged the support and efforts of the members of the PRF Secretariat in the meeting arrangements. Dr. Chua emphasized the commitment of the Executive Committee to aggressively follow up on the actions required in line with the decisions reached by the 4th EAS Partnership Council.
- 19.2 Mr. Hiroshi Terashima highlighted the significant progress that PEMSEA has achieved in a short period of time and he believes that the organization is on the final stages of building a new PEMSEA. He emphasized the importance of the EAS Congress 2012 and the Fourth Ministerial Forum as platforms for showcasing the achievements of PEMSEA and its Partners, as well as the future plans and direction of PEMSEA. With the cooperation of all Partners, PEMSEA has maintained and followed a tradition of consensus-building in addressing the various issues or challenges faced by PEMSEA. Mr. Terashima expressed his thanks to the participants for the positive and lively discussion. Mr. Terashima thanked the Republic of Korea through MLTM, KMI and Busan City Government for the successful meeting arrangements.
- 19.3 On behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility, Prof. Raphael P.M. Lotilla joined the Partners and Chairs in expressing gratitude to the Republic of Korea through MLTM for the excellent hosting arrangements, and to KMI and Busan City Government for co-organizing the meeting. Prof. Lotilla expressed appreciation to all the Country Partner representatives and noted that PEMSEA has truly become a country-driven organization. Prof. Lotilla also thanked the representatives of UNDP Manila and Regional Centre in Bangkok for their participation. He also thanked the officers and staff of the PRF for their hard work and expressed gratitude to Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and Mr. Hiroshi Terashima for chairing and providing guidance during the meeting.
- 19.4 On behalf of the host country, Mr. Kim Sung-Jae, Assistant Director, Marine Environment Policy Division, MLTM, thanked all the Partners, the members of the Executive Committee, and the PRF Secretariat for their contribution during the meeting. He also congratulated the newly elected EC Co-Chairs. He wished all the participants a safe trip back home and that they had good memories of Busan City.
- 19.5 On behalf of the Country Partners, Undersecretary Manuel Gerochi, Staff Bureaus and Project Management, Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, expressed the countries' appreciation for the warm reception extended by the Republic of Korea, Busan City, KMI and KOEM to all the participants and commended their efforts for the excellent organization of the meeting. Usec. Gerochi believes that the meeting had been very productive. He highlighted that the active participation of Country Partners in the meeting is a clear manifestation of national commitment to the process of PC discussions and PEMSEA activities. He believes that the countries are ready to take up the challenge.
- 19.6 Dr. Jose Padilla, Regional Technical Advisor for Marine, Coastal and Island Ecosystems, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, recalled that UNDP's partnership with PEMSEA started as early as 1994. Through these years, UNDP has witnessed the evolution of PEMSEA, and they commend the countries and PEMSEA as a whole for their achievements, as well as Dr. Chua Thia-Eng for

shepherding the organization. He indicated that PEMSEA has become a model project for GEF investment in the region. Dr. Padilla expressed UNDP's continued support to PEMSEA and its future plans and activities. Dr. Padilla expressed his gratitude to the Republic of Korea and the organizers of the meeting for the warm hospitality, and to the government of Busan City, which he considered to be one of the best venues of the Partnership Council meetings.

19.7 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng declared the Council Meeting closed at 4:30PM, 13 July 2011.

ANNEX 1
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4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting

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Full Text of Speeches
Opening Ceremony

Welcome Remarks of Mr. Kwang-Youl Park
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Honorable Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Dr. Li Haiqing, PEMSEA Executive Committee Chairs, and Prof. Raphael Lotilla, Executive Director of PEMSEA.

Your Excellency Ambassador Baek, Seong-Taek for International Affairs of Busan City
Mr. Kim Hak-So, President of KoreaMaritime Institute

Mr. Kwak In-Sub, CEO of Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation,

Distinguished participants from PEMSEA member countries and related international organizations,

And Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to sincerely congratulate on the opening of the 4th East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting in Busan, Korea. I am also very pleased to have you all here including PEMSEA members and nongovernmental organizations.

Distinguished guests and Ladies and Gentlemen,

The past two decades have been the dynamic period in the marine sector. In specific, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) took effect as international norm regarding management of biological species while the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was adopted as the global implementation strategy for responding to changes in marine species and marine ecosystem.

Furthermore, Agenda 21 for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) was adopted as an action plan for resolving global environment problems, while we successfully established the UN Regular Process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects.

It is true that mankind has made various efforts of adaptation, reduction and improvement to resolve many challenges in the marine sector. However, despite such concerted international efforts and endeavors of individual countries,

The marine environment has become cause for concern. In particular, recent report from the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO) found that the climate change impacts such as ocean acidification resulting from the CO₂ emissions endangered 75% of the coral reefs around the world, while 90% and 100% of the coral reef are expected to be destroyed in 2030 and 2050 respectively.

Given these developments, I think that now the time has come for us to reconsider our measures on climate change adaptation and response.

To this end, we might require a new paradigm which goes beyond regional activities and specifies both regional and global cooperation.

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

I believe that though global approach is important in resolving marine environmental problems, we also should place attention to the regional approach.

In this context, the role of PEMSEA is more critical than any other time in the past. PEMSEA has adopted the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) through the Putrajaya Declaration in 2003 and the Haikou Partnership Agreement in 2006.

Under the SDS-SEA, PEMSEA has adopted and maintained the key policies of tackling transboundary environmental problems, conserving biodiversity, management and improvement of water quality in coastal area, management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM). It has maintained these strategies up until now.

I am confident that with PEMSEA members' continuous support and assistance, the Seas of East Sea will secure sound and stable oceans in a more effective manner than other regions.

In addition, PEMSEA will be able to lead the world and play a central role in resolving marine challenges. In this context, RO Korea will join the efforts of PEMSEA in the Seas of East Asia by providing continuous support and assistance.

Korea will maintain the partnership with PEMSEA, while supporting PEMSEA in securing its own identity in the fast changing East Sea area.

I learn that this meeting will discuss the SDS-SEA 5-year Implementation Plan, the PRF Re-engineering Plan, PEMSEA's transformation to an international organization and other pending issues.

Since these issues on the agenda are largely related to the future of PEMSEA, I hope that we can reach a reasonable agreement during the meeting.

In addition, I learn that the election of Council, Intergovernmental and Technical Session Co-Chairs is on the agenda as well. I wish highly qualified and experienced people to be elected.

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

RO Korea plans to develop and implement various marine policies by reflecting changes in the momentum gained in the marine policies.

First, for the next decade, the Korean Government will develop its coast into an area which would be ecologically sound and can realize green economy through the 2nd ICM Plan.

In addition, it will establish a mid- and long-term plan for marine tourism to reflect marine tourism demands from both home and abroad, and thereby expanding the marine tourism market in Korea.

Lastly, RO Korea will continue the R&D efforts related to the marine bio in order to enhance the future values of marine bio resources.

Distinguished guests and Ladies and Gentlemen!

I expect that the year 2012 will bring a new turning point to the development of marine environmental policies in Korea.

In 2012, we will host the World Expo 2012 YEOSU, which is the world marine festival. In addition, many important marine conferences and events at the regional or international level will be held in Korea including the EAS Congress, the largest marine congress attended by Ministers of member countries and sponsored by PEMSEA. I ask for your keen interests in these international marine events.

Once again, I would like to give my sincere congratulations on the opening of 4th East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting.

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to the hard work and endeavors of PEMSEA Secretariat and the organizers from the Korea Maritime Institute.

I hope that all the participants will have memorable stays in Korea and safe trip back to your country. I wish all of you good health and happiness.

Thank you very much.

**Welcome Remarks of Ambassador Seong-Taek Baek
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Busan Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea**

Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Chair of the East Asian Seas Partnership Council,

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Director General Park, Kwang-Youl of the Marine Environment Policy Office of the Korean Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs,

President Kim, Hak-So of the Korea Maritime Institute,

Representatives from member countries of PEMSEA and international organizations, and marine environmental specialists,

Let me begin by extending a very warm welcome to you all to Busan and warmest congratulations on the opening of the EAS Partnership Council Meeting.

It gives me great pleasure to see you all here today at this very important meeting being held in Busan.

I would like to offer my deep respect and gratitude to all members of PEMSEA for the great contributions you have made to the development of the maritime environment, not only in East Asia but also all across the world through governmental and nongovernmental collaboration on protection of our marine ecosystem, and sustainable utilization of marine and offshore resources.

This meeting is especially meaningful in that the 4th EAS Congress is scheduled to be held in Korea next year. Improving the maritime environment and responding to changes in the marine ecosystem requires the cooperation of all countries around the world and their experts.

As the maritime capital of Korea, Busan plays host to the World Ocean Forum every year, the largest marine conference in Korea, and enjoys vibrant exchanges and cooperation with marine professionals around the world.

Busan commends the commitment of PEMSEA to a healthier and happier Earth through systematic management of the marine and offshore environment, and pledges full cooperation with PEMSEA.

In closing, I welcome all the distinguished guests to Busan once again and I wish the 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting every success.

Thank you.

**Welcome Remarks of Dr. Kim Hak-So
President, Korea Maritime Institute**

Honorable participants, Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning!

It's my great pleasure and honor to deliver my welcoming remarks at this 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting, here in Busan, Korea.

First of all, I would like to start by giving my special thank to honorable Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and Mr. Terashima Hiroshi, PEMSEA Executive Committee Chairs,

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And all friends and distinguished delegations from the country and non-country partners of PEMSEA.

Most of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the participants for attending the 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting in spite of their busy schedule.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As we all know, the international community has developed and implemented various cooperative systems, such as the UNCLOS, the WSSD, the London Dumping Convention, and the CBD, etc. since 1970's.

However, we still have many pending problems related to marine and coastal management that require collaborative approach by the international community, such as: land-based marine pollution, the exploitation of fishery resources, ocean acidification as a result of climate change and natural disasters that have been occurring more frequently and in a much larger scale.

At the same time, we face the challenges of sustainable use of marine resources, and the vitalization of low-carbon ocean-economy by harmonizing marine industries.

Distinguished participants,

The Sea of East Asia is a treasure house of marine ecosystem, which is comprised of several tens of thousands of islands, and in which more than 30% of coral and mangrove forests of the whole world are distributed.

Within the Seas of East Asia, 1.9 billion people resides and most countries' economic structures heavily depend upon the ocean and its resources that marine industry accounts for about 10% to 60% of the GDP of each country.

Since 2003, PEMSEA has taken the international initiative on the SDS-SEA, and has made various efforts for the improvement of marine environment, protection of marine ecosystem, sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

Currently, PEMSEA is facing with a crucial period of transformation into a self-sustaining international organization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a Non-Country Partner of PEMSEA, the Korea Maritime Institute has been making efforts to spread advanced marine environmental policies throughout the region, such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Total Pollution Load Management System based on the experiences of RO Korea.

I believe that the main topics of this 4th Partnership Council Meeting are the innovation issues of PEMSEA due to its planned transformation into an international organization, the EAS Congress 2012 to be held in Changwon, Korea, and the issues to be discussed at the Ministerial Session.

The year 2012 will be a very meaningful one because it will be the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the UNCLOS and the 20th anniversary of the Rio Summit, as well as the year of Yeosu Expo.

Therefore it is expected that the interest in the ocean will be enormously enhanced and culminated more than ever before throughout the world. I hope that this Partnership Council Meeting will be a good opportunity for the EAS Congress and Yeosu Expo in 2012 to be connected to each other effectively.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Busan is the second largest city and known as the "Ocean Capital" of Korea with its a world-class, high-technology container port and beautiful environment as well as unique traditional ocean assets. I truly believe that Busan will become a representative international marine city with its harmonious ocean economy, culture, and environment.

Although we have a tight schedule, I hope you have a wonderful time in Haeundae, Busan, and have a pleasant and safe trip back home with beautiful memories.

Once again, I would like to thank all participants, the country and Non-Country Partners of PEMSEA, NGOs and the PEMSEA staff.

I hope all of you get the best result from this meeting, and I would like to end my welcome remark by wishing all of you good health and happiness in your future.

Thank you.

**Opening Remarks of Prof. Raphael P.M. Lotilla
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Distinguished Representatives of PEMSEA Country Partners and Non-Country Partners,
Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My sincere greetings to each and every one of you. On behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility, I wish to convey my deep thanks for your attendance and participation at this important meeting of the PEMSEA Partnership Council. As we together transform PEMSEA into a fully-functioning regional mechanism for coordinating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia, your advice and decisions are crucial for us to move ahead successfully.

Meeting in the bustling ocean city of Busan, therefore, is a bright sign of the future that awaits the East Asian Seas region. We can observe in Busan the confluence of economic development, social progress and environmental sensitivity. We join all of you in expressing our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, the City Government of Busan and the Korea Maritime Institute for the warm welcome extended to all participants at this Meeting and the excellently executed arrangements. The can-do spirit that strongly resonates from Korea's winning the hosting of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Peongchan will be a strong inspiration for our discussions in the next few days as we prepare for the future.

Our discussions at this Meeting will guide our strengthened and expanded Executive Committee in overseeing the future directions of PEMSEA as a whole and of the PRF. I wish to thank Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Mr. Hiroshi Terashima and Dr. Li Haiqing of our Executive Committee for their continued guidance as we welcome Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng, Undersecretary Analiza Teh and Dr. Koh Chul-Hwan as the first co-chairs of the PEMSEA Council and its Intergovernmental and Technical Sessions. I also wish to express my thanks to all of those who graciously agreed to participate in the nominations process as it demonstrated that there is a sizable pool of talented individuals who are committed to work for the long haul for our region and for PEMSEA.

As a consequence of the consultation process, now you know much better a number of them, and there are still many more who share their commitment.

I wish to reiterate my thanks to our County and Non-Country Partners, our sponsor organizations GEF and UNDP, and our collaborators and supporters for extending valuable assistance in various forms to the PRF. Reflecting the essence of a true partnership, PEMSEA's accomplishments are yours and your own achievements form part of this 'Partnerships in Action' which is reflected in the draft PEMSEA Accomplishment Report 2010 to 2011. On the other hand, PEMSEA would not have been able to deliver its share in our Partnership without the able and dedicated Officers and Staff of the PEMSEA Resource Facility with whom I have had the privilege of working for the last three years. With them, we are seeking to re-engineer the PRF, that our collective work will enrich the regional pool of human resources and experience for the sustainable development of our ocean that is our life and our future.

I wish all of you a productive and enjoyable Partnership Council Meeting in Busan.

**Opening Address of Dr. Chua Thia-Eng
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Prof. Raphael Lotilla,

Colleagues, friends, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning.

I am very pleased to be here once again. I would like to welcome you all to this meeting. I am also very pleased that our colleagues from UNDP have been able to join us. I join Prof. Lotilla in thanking the organizers for making this meeting possible.

I would also like to congratulate the Secretariat under the leadership of Prof. Lotilla for putting up an impressive Accomplishment Report for 2010-2011 which showed significant achievements in a span of one year. These efforts are built upon our long experience since 1994. I am pleased to see colleagues from since 18 years ago, and over the years we were able to get to know more of each other.

One significant achievement of PEMSEA is the transformation from a project to an international organization through the recognition of PEMSEA's legal personality in 2009. Not many organizations are able to do this and it took PEMSEA 18 years to achieve this level. Now, we need PEMSEA to transform into a full-fledged international organization that is able to respond to new challenges.

In order to do this, PEMSEA should have a clear vision and mission. We have agreed during the 7th Expanded Executive Committee meeting that the PEMSEA vision and mission will be the SDS-SEA vision and mission.

What is then the role of PEMSEA? PEMSEA's key role is to assist the region in achieving this shared vision and in implementing the SDS-SEA as a regional strategy. This makes PEMSEA very unique in coastal and ocean governance. In implementing the strategy, there should be an action programme that we can operate.

As we transform into a full-fledged international organization, we need to ensure that PEMSEA has strong governance mechanisms that are in line with international fiduciary standards. The establishment of three new Co-Chairs will also enhance the operation of the Executive Committee.

We are developing a roadmap to PEMSEA's future to ensure smooth and clear implementation of the SDS-SEA. In this meeting, we will discuss the draft transformation plans of PEMSEA. In particular, we urge all the Partners to actively participate in the discussion of the draft SDS-SEA 5-year Implementation Plan which is aimed at ensuring collaborative planning and implementation among Partners, collaborators and sponsors of PEMSEA. Your views relating to the re-engineering of the PRF, PEMSEA's financial

sustainability and PEMSEA's advocacy and communication, are crucial in ensuring a stronger and more sustainable PEMSEA.

We have voluminous documents which have gone through several months of review by the Executive Committee and the Technical Working Groups and experts. We will allocate significant time during this meeting in reviewing and discussing the details and hopefully endorsement of the documents.

Another key issue is the current budget and how to sustain the operations of PEMSEA until the next phase. This is a very difficult challenge. Originally the project was extended to 2012, but now it has been extended to 2013. As such, there is a need to identify means of meeting the budget shortfall to carry on various activities.

We are also embarking on the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2012 and the Fourth Ministerial Forum to be held in Changwon City of the Republic of Korea in July 2012. We believe that the East Asian Seas region could take the lead in highlighting the value of coasts and oceans in ensuring sustainable development and in enhancing the socioeconomic status of the countries of the region. As such, the EAS Congress 2012 will highlight the theme, "Building a Blue Economy: Strategy, Partnerships and Opportunities in the Seas of East Asia." This theme will highlight the progress and achievements that we have made from the local to the international level as well as the new opportunities for the ocean economy in the region. Through the implementation of the SDS-SEA, the Fourth Ministerial Forum can raise the countries' commitment towards a Blue Economy by mainstreaming coastal and ocean governance in their national economic development plans.

Last year, the East Asian Seas Stocktaking Meeting was held. The meeting posed a significant challenge to PEMSEA and, at the same time, recognized the viability of PEMSEA and the SDS-SEA to provide a regional governance mechanism, framework and scope for integrated and collaborative planning, coordination, and monitoring and reporting of outputs and impacts of projects for sustainable management of the seas of East Asia.

During the inter-sessional period, we also saw significant financial support from various Partners. In particular, we would like to express our appreciation to the Government of the Philippines for their continuing support in hosting the PEMSEA Resource Facility, and the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea for their support to the PRF Secretariat Services, as well as the annual contribution from the Government of Timor-Leste. We also would like to acknowledge the support, in both financial and technical assistance, from various Non-Country Partners. We hope to see in the coming years, further increase in Partners' voluntary contributions either through direct funding or cost subsidization.

Efforts are also being made to finalize the Headquarters Agreement. We would like to thank the DENR of the Philippines and the efforts of Prof. Lotilla on this matter. We hope that the process in securing the agreement will be completed within the year.

During this phase, we have seen significant improvements in various activities with the local governments including the conduct of the PEMSEA Network of Local Governments Forum annually, the twinning workshops, as well as the World Ocean Week organized yearly by our demonstration site in China.

In preparing for the EAS Congress 2012 and the Ministerial Forum, we need to ensure that the EAS Congress will make strong impact in the future direction of PEMSEA. In line with this, the Rio+20 in 2012 will be a critical event for PEMSEA to show its accomplishments and to make PEMSEA known in the international level. We need to make every effort in collaboration with various Partners to prepare for PEMSEA's participation in the Rio+20.

Once again, I would like to thank MLTM of RO Korea, KMI and the Busan City Government for their support in arranging this meeting and for providing additional co-funding for the meeting requirements. On your behalf, I wish to thank the PRF for making the necessary preparation which I am sure will lead us to a positive and fruitful meeting.

Thank you.

ANNEX 3

List of Documents

**4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting
 Novotel Ambassador Busan
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Council Session			
1.0	Organizational Matters	List of Documents	PC/11/DOC/01
		List of Participants	PC/11/DOC/02
2.0	Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Provisional Agenda	PC/11/DOC/03
		Annotated Agenda	PC/11/DOC/04
3.0	Matters Arising from the 3 rd EAS Partnership Council Meeting, the 7 th and 8 th Executive Committee Meetings and the EAS Stocktaking Meeting	Implementation Status of Major Recommendations and Decisions of the 3 rd EAS Partnership Council Meeting, the 7 th and 8 th Executive Committee Meetings and the EAS Stocktaking Meeting	PC/11/DOC/05
4.0	Report of the Council Chair	Report of the Council Chair	PC/11/DOC/06
5.0	Report of the Executive Director	PEMSEA Accomplishment Report 2010-2011	PC/11/DOC/07
6.0	Intergovernmental Session for the Adoption of the EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism	EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism	PC/11/DOC/08
7.0	Election of Council and Intergovernmental Session Co-Chairs	Election of EC Co-Chairs	PC/11/DOC/09
Technical Session			
8.0	Election of Technical Session Co-Chair		
9.0	PEMSEA Transformation: 5-Year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan	Draft 5-Year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan	PC/11/DOC/10
10.0	PEMSEA Transformation: PRF Re-Engineering Plan, the PEMSEA Financial Sustainability Plan, and the PEMSEA Advocacy and Communication	Draft PRF Re-Engineering Plan	PC/11/DOC/11a
		Draft PEMSEA Financial Sustainability Plan	PC/11/DOC/11b
		Draft PEMSEA Advocacy and Communication Plan	PC/11/DOC/11c

	Plan		
11.0	PEMSEA Codes, Guidelines and Good Practices	PEMSEA Codes, Guidelines and Good Practices	PC/11/DOC/12
11.1	PSHEM Code		
11.2	State of the Coasts (SOC) Guidebook		
11.3	PEMSEA Informative Documents to be considered by expert group		
12.0	East Asian Seas Congress 2012/Yeosu Expo 2012	Draft Framework Programme for the East Asian Seas Congress 2012	PC/11/DOC/13
Intergovernmental Session			
13.0	Adoption of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance and the PEMSEA Transformation Plans	Rules of Governance	PC/11/DOC/14
14.0	GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA		
14.1	Mid-Term Evaluation on the GEF/UNDP Project on SDS-SEA Implementation		
14.2	Project Framework Document: "Platform for the Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia- Scaling up through Country Partnership" and PEMSEA Medium-Size Project on Knowledge Sharing	Project Framework Document: "Platform for the Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia- Scaling up through Country Partnership" and PEMSEA Medium-Size Project on Knowledge Sharing	PC/11/DOC/15
14.3	Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2011-2013	Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2011-2013	PC/11/DOC/16
15.0	Fourth Ministerial Forum	Draft Framework Programme for the Fourth Ministerial Forum	PC/11/DOC/17

ANNEX 4
4TH EAS Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

11 July 2011, Monday

8:30 – 09:00 Registration

A. Council Session (half day)

09:00 – 09:45 **1.0** Opening Ceremony

09:45 – 10:00 MOU Signing with the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM)

10:00 – 10:15 Group Photo

10:15 – 10:25 Coffee Break

10:25 – 10:30 **2.0** Adoption of the Agenda

10:30 – 10:45 **3.0** Matters Arising from the 3rd EAS Partnership Council Meeting, the 7th and 8th Executive Committee Meeting and the EAS Stocktaking Meeting

10:45 – 11:00 **4.0** Report of the Council Chair

11:00 – 11:15 **5.0** Report of the Executive Director

B. Intergovernmental Session for the Adoption of the EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism and Election of Council and Intergovernmental Session Co-Chairs

11:15 – 11:30 **6.0** Intergovernmental Session for the Adoption of the EC Structure and Turnover Mechanism

11:30 – 12:00 **7.0** Election of Council and Intergovernmental Session Co-Chairs

C. Technical Session

12:00 – 12:30 **8.0** Election of Technical Session Co-Chair

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **9.0** PEMSEA Transformation: SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 9.0

12 July 2011, Tuesday

Continuation of Technical Session

08:30 – 10:00 **10.0** PEMSEA Transformation: PRF Re-Engineering Plan, the
PEMSEA Financial Sustainability Plan, and the PEMSEA
Advocacy and Communication Plan

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:00 **11.0** PEMSEA Codes, Guidelines and Good Practices
11.1 Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management (PSHEM)
Code
11.2 State of the Coasts (SOC) Guidebook
11.3 PEMSEA informative documents to be considered by expert
group: ICM Code; ICM Model Course; and Integrated
Information Management System (IIMS)

11:00 – 12:00 **12.0** East Asian Seas Congress 2012/Yeosu Expo 2012

12:00 – 12:30 Other Business

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 Field Trip in Busan

13 July 2011, Wednesday

D. Intergovernmental Session

09:00 – 10:30 **13.0** Adoption of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance and the
PEMSEA Transformation Plans

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30 **14.0** GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA
14.1 Mid-Term Evaluation on the GEF/UNDP Project on SDS-SEA
Implementation
14.2 World Bank Project Framework Document: “Platform for the
Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia- Scaling up through
Country Partnership” and PEMSEA Medium-Size Project on
Knowledge Sharing
14.3 Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2011-2013

- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 15:30 Continuation of Agenda Item 14.0
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45 – 17:00 **15.0** Fourth Ministerial Forum
- 17:00 – 17:30 **16.0** Other Business
- 17:30 – 18:00 **17.0** Decisions of the Intergovernmental Session

14 July 2011, Thursday

Field Trip to Changwon City (visit venues for the EAS Congress 2012 and Fourth Ministerial Forum)
