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A. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Sixth Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas (RAS/92/G34) was held in Manila Diamond Hotel, Manila, Philippines, on 25 March 1999. The Government of the Philippines hosted the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by delegates from all the eleven participating countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- iii. Observers represented at the Meeting were the Government of Japan, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/East Asia Seas Regional Coordinating Unit (EAS/RCU), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Sustainable Project Management (SPM), Canada-ASEAN Centre, International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Southeast Asian Program in Ocean Law and Policy (SEAPOL), Philippine Environmental Journalists Inc. (PEJI), and WASTE/Urban Waste Expertise Programme (UWEP).

- iv. The Implementing Agency was represented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manila Country Office, and the Executing Agency was represented by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, and the IMO Programme Development and Management Office, Manila.
- v. A list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

B. OPENING CEREMONY

- i. Mr. Ramon Paje, Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Republic of Philippines, delivered a welcoming message to all the delegates and observers at the Meeting on behalf of the host country. Mr. Paje underscored the importance of the Meeting to extend the experience gained from the successful Regional Programme and to develop strategies for a follow-on project. He reiterated the commitment of his country to continue supporting and hosting the Regional Programme over the next five years.
- ii. Mr. Jean Claude Sainlos, Senior Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO, London, addressed the Meeting on behalf of the Secretary-General, Mr. William A. O'Neil. Mr. Sainlos stressed the success of the Regional Programme in developing innovative management approaches to marine pollution problems, the public- and private-sector partnership, training and technical assistance projects for all the participating countries, and the new initiative on Marine Electronic Highway in the Malacca Straits. He expressed his appreciation to the Regional Programme Manager and PDMO staff for their exceptional performance. He thanked the Government of the Philippines for support to the PDMO and the region, and reiterated IMO's commitment to the new regional project.
- iii. Mr. Shun-ichi Murata, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Manila, expressed gratitude to the Philippine Government for hosting the Meeting and the recently concluded International Conference on Challenges and

Opportunities in Managing Pollution in the East Asian Seas. Mr. Murata emphasized that the Regional Programme has demonstrated the key elements of a transboundary marine pollution programme, namely: stakeholder participation, sense of ownership of the Programme by its participating countries and the mobilization of external resources. He stressed the need to continue capacity-building efforts in the follow-on phase.

- iv. The opening remarks are contained in Annex 2.

1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Mr. Shun-ichi Murata assumed the position of co-chair for the Meeting. The Philippines was acclaimed as co-chair and was represented by Mr. Ramon Paje. Mr. Haiqing Li of PR China was acclaimed as Rapporteur.

- 1.2 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Regional Programme Manager, reminded the participants that the one-day Meeting was both a technical session and a tripartite review session. He reviewed the working documents for the Meeting, particularly the Programme Report 1994-1998 (PSC/99/DOC/05), the Project Document: Building Partnerships for Environmental Protection and Management of the East Asian Seas (PSC/99/DOC/06) and the Draft Work Plan, July-December 1999 (PSC/99/DOC/07).

- 1.3 A list of documents is attached as Annex 3.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1 The Meeting adopted the agenda as contained in Annex 4.

3.0 REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME REPORT 1994-1998

3.1 Dr. Chua and Senior Programme Officers Adrian Ross and Huming Yu, jointly presented an overview of the Programme achievements, constraints and lessons learned during 1994-1998, noting in particular:

- The successful materialization of the environmental adage "think globally and act locally"
- The contribution of local programmes to the implementation of international conventions at the programme demonstration sites
- The introduction of a systematic process for risk assessment and risk management of transboundary marine pollution
- The development of ways and means for sharing responsibility between the public and private sectors in environmental management
- Institutional arrangements to ensure project sustainability
- Benefits of the Programme implementation accrued to all the participating countries, through demonstration projects, workshops, study tours and technical assistance projects
- The enhanced capabilities in the developing countries of the region in marine pollution monitoring, including in particular the provision of training and equipment to Vietnam, DPR Korea and Cambodia.

3.2 According to Dr. Chua, flexibility of programme design and devolution of programme management responsibility were necessary for the Regional Programme's efficiency and timely delivery. In his view, a major challenge to the Programme was to maintain the momentum of government commitment, stakeholder participation and staff teamwork.

- 3.3 Dr. Chua further summarized the strategies and activities of the follow-on Programme aiming at reducing policy, financial, capacity and information barriers.
- 3.4 Following the presentation, the delegations of Cambodia, DPR Korea, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Thailand, the Republic of Korea and Singapore congratulated the Regional Programme for its achievements.
- 3.5 Clarification was sought on the implications of applying public- and private-sector partnership (PPP) approach when the countries experienced economic slow down. Dr. Chua explained that, while the current economic difficulties facing Asia presented constraints, they also provided opportunities for environmental investments as part of the economic stimulus packages that the Governments could put in place.
- 3.6 Some participants noted the value of the PPP approach and inquired about the development of a model process that could be used by the countries. Mr. Adrian Ross noted that the process involved stakeholder consultation, building up local capability and creating favorable policy and regulatory environment for the increased environmental investment opportunities. He informed the Meeting that a model framework had been developed and would be published in a future Programme technical report.
- 3.7 Some delegations commented that the PPP model could have application in the development of a "marine electronic highway", initially in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.
- 3.8 The delegations of Malaysia and Singapore inquired about the transfer, updating and maintenance of the Straits of Malacca Environmental Information System (SMEIS). In response, Dr. Chua stressed that the information and database would be made available to the governments and other users. However, he stressed that the littoral States need to consider where the SMEIS should be

located in order to ensure continued data sharing, updating, maintenance, and accessibility. Financial support for the information services was also emphasized.

- 3.9 Delegations indicated that the governments needed human resources, especially technical expertise to fully utilize and maintain the SMEIS, and therefore the concerned universities and research institutions should stay involved.
- 3.10 The delegate from PR China informed the Meeting that the National People's Congress requested the State Oceanic Administration and Xiamen Municipal Government to jointly sponsor a national workshop for sharing the good practices of integrated coastal management (ICM) in Xiamen.
- 3.11 Referring to the Regional Programme's emphasis on ICM application at local level, the delegate from Thailand advised the Meeting of the national government policy to include local community participation as a prerequisite for approving any development projects.
- 3.12 When asked about measures to assess and ensure Programme sustainability, Dr. Chua drew attention to the performance indicators developed by the Regional Programme for ICM project performance evaluation as contained in the Programme Report 1994-1998 (PSC/99/DOC/05). Referring to the Batangas Bay Demonstration Project, he recognized significant progress made in terms of project formulation, implementation and sustainability. However, in his appraisal, more data were needed to show environmental quality improvement in order to demonstrate stress reduction in Batangas Bay.
- 3.13 It was noted that ICM activities strengthened the implementation of national policies on decentralization, especially in countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand.

3.14 In his summary, Mr. Murata reminded the participants of the need to take into account cultural differences and specific local conditions when introducing ICM institutional arrangements, the policy of decentralization and the PPP process.

4.0 STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES FOR THE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMME, 1999-2004

4.1 Dr. Chua reviewed major strategies and approaches for the Follow-on Programme as contained in the Project Document: Building Partnerships for Environmental Protection and Management of the East Asian Seas (PSC/99/DOC/06), with special reference to the following:

- Developing national mechanisms for interagency consultation, information dissemination and replication of working models;
- Government commitments, including the provision of staff and facilities for project implementation;
- Regional collaboration for more effective management of transboundary environmental problems, such as transboundary movement of hazardous wastes; and
- Using the Regional Programme to catalyze investments from GEF, donors and private sectors and to enhance capability to prepare and package proposals for environment improvement projects.

4.2 The Meeting noted the experiences of various countries of the region in establishing and strengthening interagency or cross-sector mechanisms for coordination and collaboration in marine environment management, and encouraged the documentation and sharing of these experiences.

- 4.3 Some participants considered liability and damage claims arising from oil spills and transboundary movement of hazardous wastes as a matter of urgency, and called on the Regional Programme for assistance. It was also suggested that the training center on transboundary shipment of hazardous wastes in Beijing, China, be approached for training opportunities.
- 4.4 Dr. Chua stated that the Regional Programme would collaborate with the concerned countries and the competent international organizations, particularly on the training of personnel and the provision of reference materials on these two issues. He also noted that the Regional Programme has developed and field-tested a training course on natural resource damage assessment, which would be implemented during the follow-on phase.
- 4.5 Mr. Jean Claude Sainlos indicated that the IMO would explore the possibility of sponsoring an IOPCF workshop to better prepare the concerned countries for lodging pollution damage claims. IMO would follow up with the Basel Convention secretariat concerning the training opportunities on transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.

5.0 DRAFT WORK PLAN, JULY-DECEMBER 1999

- 5.1 Dr. Chua introduced the Draft Work Plan, July-December 1999. He pointed out that the implementation of the Work Plan was subject to the final approval of the UNDP/GEF Project Document by GEF Council. He outlined in particular the actions required to initiate the new project including establishing national ICM demonstration and subregional seas projects and training of national project staff. He pointed out that the programme officers from UNDP country offices in the region, who were present at the Meeting, could contribute to the better linkages between national project activities and that of the Regional Programme.
- 5.2 In response to some inquiries, Dr. Chua outlined the efforts made by the Regional Programme refining the Project Document based on the feedback from

various participating countries as recommended by the Fifth PSC Meeting. He also explained that "Government Inputs" and "Third Party Inputs" as indicated in the Project Document were based on the expressed commitments of the participating governments, and concerned national and international agencies. In his assessment, total inputs both in cash and in kind to the follow-on Programme would go beyond what had been indicated in the Project Document.

- 5.3 Mr. Gordon Johnson from UNDP Hanoi expressed his appreciation over the Programme strategies to develop linkages with UNDP country programmes relating to coastal management. In this connection, he informed the Meeting that the UNDP country office in Vietnam had allocated US\$350,000 to assist in the development of a national ICM demonstration site linked with the Programme follow-on phase.
- 5.4 Dr. Chua welcomed the contribution of UNDP Hanoi. Noting similar developments over the past three years in PR China and the Philippines, he hoped to see the same occurring in other countries of the region.
- 5.5 The delegation of Indonesia expressed the support of the national government to the application of ICM working models of Balangas and Xiamen in the development of a national ICM demonstration site in Bali.
- 5.6 The delegations of the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expressed support for the Draft Work Plan.

6.0 OPEN FORUM

- 6.1 Mr. Paje invited general comments on any of the agenda items covered thus far, particularly from the observers at the Meeting.
- 6.2 Mr. Apichai Sunchindah of ASEAN Secretariat expressed ASEAN's desire for closer collaboration between the next phase of the Regional Programme and

activities of concerned ASEAN bodies such as the ASEAN Senior Officials and the Environment (ASOEN), the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST), and the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM).

- 6.3 Mr. Ross Heuchan from the Canada-ASEAN Centre expressed his admiration for the Programme efforts in enrolling donor support. He mentioned that the Canada/Singapore English Language Training Programme could contribute to the development of future ICM demonstration sites by providing English training to the staff from these sites.
- 6.4 Dr. Hugh Kirkman of UNEP East Asia Seas Regional Coordinating Unit (EAS/RCU) informed the Meeting that a Strategic Action Programme and a Project Brief submitted by the UNEP EAS/RCU for GEF funding awaited endorsement by some countries of the South China Sea. In his opinion, this proposed project would be synergistic to, rather than overlapping, the next phase of the Regional Programme.
- 6.5 Dr. Veravat Hongskul from the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific advised the Meeting that FAO would encourage implementation of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 on integrated coastal area management through projects such as the Regional Programme. He suggested that the follow-on phase of the Programme include a fishery component to address emerging issues, e.g., ecosystem approaches to fisheries management and eco-labeling of fish products.
- 6.6 Mr. Dan Lapid of WASTE/Urban Waste Expertise Programme (UWEP) apprised the Meeting of the activities undertaken by the UWEP in cooperation with the Regional Programme concerning waste management in Balangas Bay. He stressed that the involvement of micro and small enterprises in municipal waste management was UWEP's special concern. He called on the inclusion of the informal sector in the planning and implementation of various project activities.

7.0 OTHER MATTERS

- 7.1 On other matters, the Meeting discussed future PSC meetings. To increase programme efficiency and resources for field projects, the Meeting agreed to reduce the number of PSC sessions from five to four during 1999-2004, with 18-month intervals between the sessions. However, the Meeting recognized the need to keep the work plans and budgets on a 12-month cycle.
- 7.2 The Meeting noted the useful interaction facilitated by the participation of UNDP country offices at this Meeting. Dr. Chua expressed the hope that future inter-programme partnerships could be further developed with UNDP country offices to enable the continuation of such collaboration.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 *Review of the Programme Report 1994-1998*

The Meeting noted:

- 8.1.1 With appreciation, the Programme Report 1994-1998 presented by the Regional Programme Manager;
- 8.1.2 The major achievements of the Programme in testing and applying an integrated management framework for addressing localized and transboundary marine pollution arising from land- and sea-based activities and interactions;
- 8.1.3 The contribution of local programmes to the fulfillment of international conventions and agreements relating to marine pollution at the Programme demonstration sites;
- 8.1.4 The efforts made by the Regional Programme to strengthen capabilities of the participating countries in marine pollution management, including the use of

national experts and the development of institutional arrangements as part of the measures to ensure Programme sustainability;

- 8.1.5 Active involvement of all the Programme participating countries in the demonstration activities, regional networks, training activities, workshops and study tours, which is key to the success of Programme implementation;
- 8.1.6 The support and policy guidance by the Programme sponsoring agencies, the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme, and International Maritime Organization, that enabled the smooth conduct of the Regional Programme;
- 8.1.7 The collaboration and cooperation of other concerned UN agencies, bilateral/multilateral programmes, donor agencies, industries and non-government organizations, that contributed to the achievement of major Programme objectives;
- 8.1.8 The dynamic and effective role of the Regional Programme Office in the planning, coordination and organization of Programme activities, the collaboration with other international partners, and the mobilization of external resources that insure the Programme success.

The Meeting recommended:

- 8.1.9 The adoption of Programme Report 1994-1998,

8.2 Strategies and Approaches for the Follow-on Programme 1999-2004

The Meeting noted:

- 8.2.1 With appreciation, the efforts made by the Regional Programme Office in the preparation and refinement of the UNDP-GEF Project Document: Building

Partnerships for Environmental Protection and Management of the East Asian Seas, in collaboration with national governments of the concerned East Asian countries;

- 8.2.2 The requirements of the follow-on Programme for the increased participation and collaboration of various sectors related to marine environment, maritime transportation, fisheries, mining, tourism, land and sea use planning, etc.;
- 8.2.3 The requirements of the follow-on Programme for active participation and collaboration of major stakeholders, including national and local government units, industries, private sectors, education and research institutions, local communities, non-government organizations, and the general public;
- 8.2.4 The need to enhance indigenous capacity of the countries and the region in marine environment protection and management, including application of integrated approaches to managing coastal land and waters, implementation of international conventions relating to marine environment, and the development of sustainable financing mechanisms and options; and
- 8.2.5 The need to strengthen complementary actions and collaboration among international programmes and donor agencies that share the objectives of improving regional marine environment protection and management.

The Meeting recommended that:

- 8.2.6 National mechanisms be developed and strengthened to facilitate interagency consultation and coordination, information sharing and dissemination, and replication of working models developed in Programme implementation;
- 8.2.7 Government commitments be strengthened, including the provision of staff and facilities that are essential for the project implementation and success;

- 8.2.8 Regional consultation and collaboration be developed for effective management of marine environmental problems particularly relating to marine pollution damage claims and transboundary movement of hazardous wastes, through competent international organizations, in accordance with relevant national and international laws;
- 8.2.9 The Regional Programme Office catalyze investments from GEF, donors and private sectors and enhance national capabilities to prepare and package proposals for ICM and other environmental improvement projects; and
- 8.2.10 The UNDP fully utilize the Regional Programme in promoting integrated coastal management (ICM) practices across the region and facilitate complementary actions and collaboration among international programmes relating to ICM activities in the region.

8.3 *Work Plan for July-December 1999*

The Meeting noted:

- 8.3.1 With appreciation, the timely preparation by the Regional Programme Office of the Draft Work Plan, July-December 1999;
- 8.3.2 With appreciation, the commitment made by the Government of the Philippines to continue serving as the host country to the Regional Programme Office;
- 8.3.3 The need to decentralize operational responsibilities and improve the cycle of the Programme Steering Committee Meetings.

The Meeting recommended that:

- 8.3.4 The Work Plan July-December 1999 be adopted;

- 8.3.5 National programme of participation and implementation plan be developed in due course, in accordance with the objectives and requirements of the approved Follow-on Programme;
- 8.3.6 The Programme sponsoring agencies take concrete decentralization measures for the enhancement of programme delivery and efficiency.
- 8.3.7 The future Programme Steering Committee meetings be scheduled for January 2000, June 2001, December 2002 and June 2004, respectively;
- 8.3.8 The Government of the People's Republic of China explore the possibility of hosting the next Programme Steering Committee Meeting in January 2000; and
- 8.3.9 The Regional Programme Office consult with the host country concerning the dates and venue of the next Programme Steering Committee Meeting and notify all other participating countries in respect to the consultation results.

9.0 CLOSING CEREMONY

- 9.1 A vote of thanks was extended by the delegations to the host country and the Regional Programme Office for the preparation and arrangements made for the Meeting and to the co-chairs for their effective conduct of the Meeting. Special thanks were expressed to the Programme management and staff, the GEF secretariat, the UNDP as Implementing Agency and the IMO as Executing Agency for their efforts over the past five years.
- 9.2 Mr. Sainlos thanked all the participants for their fruitful contributions to the Meeting. He expressed the hope that the final approval of the UNDP-GEF Project Document on the Programme Follow-on Phase would be forthcoming; the new project would start as of July 1999; and the work plan adopted by the Meeting would be implemented.

- 9.3 Dr. Chua took the opportunity to place in record the contributions to the Programme success by various institutions and individuals over the past five years, particularly Prof. Wu Yudian, Xiamen University, who passed away in 1995 while serving as Team Leader for the preparation of Coastal Environmental Profile of Xiamen.
- 9.4 In closing, Mr. Paje expressed his thanks to all the participants and the sponsoring agencies of the Regional Programme for their support, and his confidence over the next phase of the Regional Programme.
- 9.5 The Meeting was adjourned at 17:30 hours, 25 March 1999.

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ANNEX 2

Full Text of Speeches

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Message

Mr. Ramon Paje
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Mr. Sainlos, Mr. Murata, Dr. Chua, Distinguished Delegates and Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), I have the honor to welcome you all to the Sixth Programme Steering Committee Meeting of the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas. The DENR is very pleased to host this PSC meeting.

The Government of the Philippines has developed a national marine policy for the rational use and management of her marine resources. The DENR places a great emphasis on marine pollution prevention, control and management. Over the years, the DENR has implemented coastal environment programme and developed cooperation with concerned national and international programmes for the application of integrated coastal management (ICM). In this connection, we are happy to see the achievements made by the Regional Programme demonstration project in the Batangas Bay, an example for other parts of the country on ICM application. We are also encouraged to see that the follow-on phase of the Regional Programme has taken up Manila Bay as one of its new challenges in pollution mitigation and management.

This PSC meeting is short. However it will be another milestone for the Regional Programme. The Meeting will take stock of the Programme results, impacts and lessons learned, facilitate the extension of experience gained, and come up with strategies for the successful conduct of the Programme follow-on phase.

The Philippines is the host country for the pilot phase of the Regional Programme. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the commitment of the DENR to continue hosting and supporting the Programme follow-on phase.

I wish the Meeting a success and all of you a very happy stay in Manila.

**Address of Mr. Jean-Claude Sainlos
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Honorable Undersecretary Mr. Ramon Paje, Distinguished Delegates and Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was a great honour and pleasure for me, on behalf of Mr. William O'Neil, the Secretary General of IMO, to join in welcoming you to the 6th Programme Steering Committee Meeting of the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for hosting this meeting and for its generous hospitality.

The Regional Programme is now drawing to a close. The following two major events are planned for this year. The International Conference on Challenges and Opportunities in Managing Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas has been successfully conducted during the beginning of this week here in Manila. The Conference on the Malacca Straits will be held in Malaysia on 19-22 April 1999.

The completion of this pilot phase of the Regional Programme by June 1999 is by no means the end of the remarkable work accomplished. A follow-on new GEF project: "Building Partnerships for Environmental Protection and Management of the East Asian Seas" should get final approval next month.

This new initiative is an evidence of recognition by the GEF, UNDP, and the participating countries of the value and contribution of the Regional Programme to the prevention and management of the marine pollution in the East Asian Seas. It also shows the political will and commitments of the participating countries.

This meeting has on its agenda the review of the Programme Report 1994-1998 and the strategy and approach for the Follow-on Programme 1999-2004. The agenda items and comprehensive documents have been submitted to the Meeting. At this stage, therefore, I will not go into any detail regarding the accomplishments and the future activities. However I would like to stress a few points.

It is unanimously recognized that the regional project is a success. It developed an innovative integrated coastal zone management approach tested through demonstration projects replicable in other areas of the region. It promoted public-private sector partnerships to sustain coastal environment management activities. It assisted governments in building national capacities through training and assistance in ratifying and implementing concerned international conventions.

The Malacca Straits Demonstration Project has been instrumental in the development of the new initiative related to the so-called Marine Electronic Highway project, which intends to address navigational safety and marine pollution prevention and control. Some activities, particularly the training activities and workshops, were conducted with expertise provided by the IMO's Marine Environment Division and with the support of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation programmes.

The Regional Programme contributed substantially to the sustainable development of the region. It is a showcase for other regional seas. It is a good example of successful interagency cooperation between the implementing and executing agencies, the UNDP and the IMO. The IMO is proud of having been part of this success. The successful completion of the Regional Programme attests to the excellent performance of the particularly dedicated team of the PDMO under the exceptional and visionary leadership of Dr. Chua.

On behalf of the Secretary General of IMO, I would like once again to express my appreciation and thanks to the programme staff, particularly to Dr. Chua, for their exceptional performance.

IMO takes very seriously its responsibility as executing agency and intends to continue to serve the governments of the region in this capacity.

The IMO, through its integrated technical cooperation programme, will continue to support the countries of the region, and contribute to the second phase of the programme, including training activities. A part of the training will be conducted within the framework of the MOU signed between IMO and Singapore on 1 September 1998. The training will address effective implementation of IMO conventions, the preparedness and response to accidental pollution by oil, chemical, hazardous and other substances.

At this important juncture, the IMO is committed to ensuring the smooth transition of the current programme into the new project. I would like to thank the Government of the Philippines for its countless support to the Regional Programme. On behalf of the Secretary General, I hope that this meeting will once again renew all our commitments to the prevention and management of marine pollution and the sustainable development of the marine and coastal resources of the East Asian Seas.

Thank you for your attention. I wish this meeting every success in its deliberation.

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Distinguished Guests, Colleagues and Friends,

I am pleased to Co-Chair this meeting today with the Philippine Government, represented here by Undersecretary Ramon Paje of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

We are grateful to the Philippine Government for hosting this PSC meeting and the recently concluded International Conference. We are most grateful as well for their hosting of the on-going Regional Programme, and its pledge and commitment to continuously host the successor programme.

Our full appreciation also goes to:

- The participating national governments for their active involvement and continued enthusiasm in the implementation of various programme activities;
- The IMO, represented here by Mr. Sainlos, for their continued partnership with UNDP-GEF in the implementation of this regional initiative; and
- The Programme Development and Management Office headed by Dr. Chua for their unrelenting efforts, which successfully brought this present phase to its completion, and moved forward the successor programme onward to the next five years and beyond.
- The various donor agencies and collaborating institutions which participate not only as observers in the PSC Meetings, but as full partners and contributors in the various programme activities.
- Most of all, our colleagues at UNDP, both of the Headquarters, represented here by Mr. Tim Boyle, and of the country offices, who gathered together for the first time, represented here by the respective programme officers/managers. This reflects UNDP's continuing effort to integrate the regional programmes into its country thrusts and programmes for better and more effective collaboration. Last night, we went through a very interesting discussion and exchange of ideas, precisely to identify areas where we can best improve our partnerships both within the UNDP and the UN System, as well as with our partners in the governments and other sectors.

UNDP is very pleased and honoured to be involved in this successful regional undertaking, and with all your support, we hope to continue these successes to the next programme phase.

The Regional Programme has demonstrated key elements of a sustainable transboundary marine pollution programme. Firstly, it has demonstrated truly involved stakeholder participation, despite the complexities involved, given the number of participating countries and institutions. Secondly, it has demonstrated very strong country support and ownership as evidenced by the significantly increasing number of ICM demonstration sites identified for the next phase, as well as the results of the present programme as you have heard from the International Conference concluded yesterday. Thirdly, it has demonstrated significant mobilization of additional resources over \$9.0 M, which is more than the amount of the original GEF contribution. These additional resources not only came from the donor agencies but from resources contributed by the participating governments. These are just a few examples. I am sure we can think of many other features of the Regional Programme that bear the elements of sustainability.

Our task for this meeting is to ensure that we reflect on both the successes and lessons learned from the present phase so that we will continue our enthusiasm in the successful implementation of the successor programme. I encourage all of you to actively participate in the discussion and to openly express your ideas to help us design the necessary mechanisms both at the regional and national level implementation of programme activities. We fully recognize the inherent differences of the approaches that must be taken by each country, given the diversified social, cultural economic and political environments. Therefore, no precise model can be prescribed for national mechanisms. But surely, we can learn from other countries' experiences.

The continuing degradation of our marine environment and its resources requires a more concerted effort at the regional level and stronger action at the national level. We need to continue our capacity building efforts in this field of environmental management, given the magnitude of the marine environment problems and the complexities involved in managing large marine ecosystems in the region. The bottom-line of all our efforts is to make a difference.

The key advantage of having a regional programme, which to my mind is the UN's distinct niche, is the opportunity, for us in a meeting like this, to exchange information and experiences, so that others may learn from our failures and models from our successes.

Without further ado, I wish to start this meeting, with a note of thanks to all of you for joining us in this final PSC meeting of the current programme.

Thank you,

ANNEX 3

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**The Sixth Programme Steering Committee Meeting
Manila, Philippines
25 March 1999**

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| 3.0 | Programme Report | Programme Report 1994-1998 | PSC/99/DOC/05 |
| 4.0 | Strategies and Approaches | Project Document: Building Partnerships for Environmental Protection and Management of the East Asian Seas | PSC/99/DOC/06 |
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ANNEX 4

The Sixth PSC Meeting Agenda

GEF/UNDP/IMO REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE EAST ASIAN SEAS

The Sixth Programme Steering Committee Meeting
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AGENDA

25 March (Thursday)

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| 09:00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 09:30 | 1.0 Organizational Matters |
| | 1.1 Election of Co-Chairperson and Rapporteur |
| | 1.2 Other organizational matters |
| | 2.0 Approval of Provisional Agenda |
| 09:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:00 | 3.0 Review of the Programme Report 1994-1998 |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 13:30 | 4.0 Strategies and Approaches for the Follow-on Programme, 1999-2004 |
| 14:30 | 5.0 Draft Work Plan, July-December 1999 |
| 15:00 | 6.0 Open Forum |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:45 | 6.0 Open Forum (continued) |
| 17:00 | 7.0 Conclusions and Recommendations |
| 17:30 | 8.0 Closing Ceremony |