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Draft Guideline for National Strategic Action Plans (NSAP) Preparation

1. Objective of NSAP

According to the Project's Implementation Plan, the National Strategic Action Plans (NSAPs) “which will be the National Plans focusing on Yellow Sea will be developed to **assist in implementation of the regional SAP at the national level**” (Document, “UNDP/GEF/YS/PSC.1/3,” Annex. IV, p. 6).

Each participating country prepares an NSAP in line with the Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP). Two NSAPs should be prepared under the Yellow Sea Project: one for China and one for Republic of Korea (ROK).

2. Structure of NSAP

Addressing “both national and transboundary issues” (ibid), the NSAPs should follow, to a large extent, the structure of the Regional SAP, and they should include:

- Environmental status and problems;

Considering the regional environmental problems identified in the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and regional synthesis, it is expected that the national problems and priorities should be identified, in particular those that differ from the regional problems for further consideration in the NSAPs.

- National targets for management actions;

Based on the regional target identified for preparation of the regional SAP, further considerations should be given to the special environmental problems at national level. To address those problems and priorities, relevant national targets for the management actions should be identified.

- Management strategies and actions;

In accordance with the regional strategies and actions identified, NSAPs should consider the equivalent management strategies and actions at national level, to solve the national environmental problems and priorities.

- Financial mechanism for NSAP implementation.

3. NSAP drafting group

According to the Terms of References, Regional Working Groups (RWGs) should “assist in preparation of the regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and **National Yellow Sea Action Plans (NYSAP [NSAP])**, and implementation of the identified demonstration and/or pilot activities” (Document, UNDP/GEF/YS/PSC.2/3, Annex VII, p. 1).

A National Project Co-ordinator (NPC) “serves as lead national individual for co-ordinating national inputs into the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and the **National Yellow Sea Action Plans (NYSAP [NSAP])**” (ibid, Annex VIII, p. 1).

Based on the above understanding:

- A NSAP Drafting Group should be organised in each participating country to prepare draft and final versions of the NSAP.
- RWGs should closely work with and assist the NSAP Drafting Groups in their preparation of the Plans.
- The NPC should take a leading role in:
 - Organising the NSAP Drafting Group;
 - Monitor, supervise, and facilitate drafting process; and
 - Securing necessary support from the RWGs and other relevant existing bodies such as National Working Groups (NWGs) and Inter Ministerial Co-ordination Committee (IMCC).
- Project Steering Committee (PSC) should review the draft NSAP and provide suggestions to improve the draft.

The RWG-I Meeting members are requested to suggest recommendations on the roles of existing bodies (i.e., RWGs, Nat'l WGs, and IMCC) in preparing NSAPs, the fields of expertise necessary in the NSAP Drafting Group, and the number of Group members.

The NPCs will consider those recommendations to organise the NSAP Drafting Groups in the respective countries.

4. Stakeholder participation

To ensure the effective preparation and approval of the NSAPs by the governments, all the relevant stakeholders should be involved in the NSAP preparation from an early stage. The NPCs for the project should prepare a workplan with clear indication on the involvement of stakeholders.

All the key stakeholders should be fully consulted during the NSAP preparation. Every possible means should be employed to reflect stakeholders' views in the NSAP. Circulating

a draft NSAP to the stakeholders and/or organising public hearings may be helpful to incorporate the opinions from the stakeholders.

The Meeting members are requested to provide suggestions on how to involve them fully in the NSAP preparation process.

5. Workplan

The endorsement of the NSAPs should be sought in the second half of the year 2008. To meet this deadline, the final draft of NSAPs must be prepared by June 2008 as agreed in the second SAP Ad-hoc Working Group meeting (Document, UNDP/GEF/YS/AWG.2/3). The table below shows milestone activities of the NSAP preparation and their timeline.

Activity	Timeline
Organise NSAP Drafting Group	January 2008
First draft of NSAP	March 2008
Special Project Steering Committee meeting to review draft	April 2008
Final draft of NSAP	June 2008
Endorsement of NSAP	Second half of 2008

The Meeting members are requested to suggest feasible timeline, considering necessary arrangements such as the stakeholder consultation as well as the co-ordination among relevant government ministries.