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**UNDP/GEF PROJECT ENTITLED “REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN THE  
YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM”**

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**Second Special Meeting of the Project Steering Committee  
for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project**  
*Hangzhou, China, 8 May 2008*

**Executive Summary**

## 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

### 1.1 Welcome addresses

Project Manager, Mr. Yihang Jiang, welcomed participants. Representatives from the Governments of the participating countries were invited to give opening addresses.

Mr. Zhanhai ZHANG, the National Project Co-ordinator of China welcomed the participants on behalf of SOA, highlighting the important results of the project, including the SAP that will be incorporated into regional policies and help in improving the Yellow Sea environment. Mr. Kim Won Min, Director-General of Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM), Republic of Korea (ROK) also welcomed the members and wished the meeting every success. Mr. Chol NAM, on behalf of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) delegation, thanked participants, especially for the agenda item to discuss the participation of DPRK. The heads of delegations expressed their satisfaction with the implementation of YSLME project, in particular, the preparation of SAP.

Mr. Qiangwu ZHOU, on behalf of Ministry of Finance, the focal ministry for GEF in China welcomed participants and expressed his congratulations for the work done on project implementation in general, and preparation of the SAP in particular. He emphasised the point that following improving the SAP, the endorsement of the SAP should follow the procedure established in the participating countries. He indicated that as the project was highly regarded by the GEF and SOA that the second phase would most likely be supported by the participating countries. Mr. Sun-Bae HONG of the Marine Policy Bureau, MLTM indicated the support of MOFAT, ROK for the SAP and for the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project.

### 1.2 Introduction of the members

Participants gave a self-introduction to the meeting. The list of participants is attached to this report as [Annex I](#).

## 2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

### 2.1 Election of Officers

In accordance with UN rules and procedures, members of the meeting elected Mr. Zhanhai Zhang as Chairperson for the meeting. The Project Management Office (PMO) served as secretariat for the meeting.

### 2.2 Documentation Available to the Meeting

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to introduce the documents prepared for the meeting, attached to this report as [Annex II](#)

## 3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

The Chairperson introduced the Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda, prepared by the Secretariat.

The additional agenda items were proposed, discussed and agreed.

**The meeting adopted a revised agenda see [Annex III](#).**

#### 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP)

##### 4.1 Report of the progress in SAP Development

Mr. Isao ENDO introduced the progress in the preparation of SAP to date. The Project Manager reported that the process of preparing SAP followed decisions made by the PSC at the last meeting, and commented on the involvement of the DPRK.

##### 4.2 Improvement and agreement on Draft SAP

The Project Manager introduced the draft SAP prepared by the SAP Drafting Group (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/AWG.3/4) noted the improvements made during the Third SAP Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting. The meeting accepted that the SAP be discussed as a whole and that members should raise their comments and suggestions for further improvement.

The meeting discussed and agreed upon various issues remaining from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ad Hoc Working Group meeting, organised prior to the Special PSC.

Further issues were raised, including points regarding the financial mechanism.

**Following comments, discussion and agreements, the Meeting agreed on the revised version of the SAP, attached as Annex II to this report. .**

**The meeting reviewed, revised and accepted the amended 3<sup>rd</sup> Ad Hoc Working Group report. (Annex IV). Members raised questions regarding the timetable for SAP endorsement. The Project Manager reiterated the reason for the timetable is to ensure a smooth transition to the possible second phase and reminded members that 5<sup>th</sup> Phase of IW GEF funding begins in 2010**

**The Meeting agreed to submit the revised SAP to the governments of the participating countries for their endorsement. .**

##### 4.3 Relevant proposed actions for the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase to implement SAP

The meeting was informed of the actions and steps for the preparation of necessary project documents for the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project.

The meeting took note of the actions and steps required, and agreed that the participating countries should take all necessary actions to try to follow the schedule suggested by the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Ad Hoc working group (attached as [Annex V](#)).

**Following careful examination of the actions required, the meeting agreed the mechanism for preparation of the necessary documents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, and decided to establish an Ad-Hoc Working Group for preparing relevant documents for the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, consisting of 7 members including scientists and government officials. The meeting instructed the Project Manager to explore the possibility to use existing project finances for the Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.**

**The meeting also agreed that the PMO will propose a list of expertises required for preparation of the documents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, and form the Ad Hoc Working Group in consultation with the participating countries.**

**Regarding the participation of DPR Korea in the process and the ad-hoc Working Group, the relevant discussion is in the agenda item 4.4**

#### 4.4 Relevant Issues regarding the Participation of DPR Korea

The Project Manager informed the meeting of the current situation and proposed activities to involve DPR Korea in the current phase of the project; and the possible involvement of DPR Korea in the second phase of the Project. It was suggested that the following activities are necessary (i) a workshop to familiarise the DPRK government officers with the YSLME TDA/SAP procedure, (ii) involvement of DPRK experts in the preparation of the documents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, (iii) negotiation with government agencies in the DPRK.

**The meeting confirmed that the participation of DPRK in the project is welcomed. Considering the current limitations existing in regard to the formal involvement of the country in the project, the meeting instructed the Project Manager to continue communication with the DPRK to facilitate their participation in the project.**

#### 4.5 Preparation of NSAPs

The progress in the preparation of National SAPs was reported to the meeting. The meeting took note of the information provided in the presentation. The meeting further noted that (i) the National SAPs will form an integrated part together with Regional SAP to address marine environment problems in the Yellow Sea; (ii) National SAPs will address national environmental problems that not included in the regional SAP.

**The meeting encouraged the NPCs and relevant institutions to make stronger efforts in preparing the National SAPs, with understanding that there would be some delays to consider the endorsement of the regional SAP.**

### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Information was requested regarding the summer cooperative cruise, the relevant information was provided that workshop to summarise the outcome of the winter cruise and to plan the summer cruise will be organised in Yantai, China 10-12 June 2008.

### 6. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT

The Chairperson led the adoption of the executive summary report prepared by the Secretariat.

**The draft report was discussed, amended and adopted by the participants.**

### 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson thanked all participants for their efforts during the meeting, giving special thanks to the Project Manager and to the Second Institute of SOA who supported the meeting. He also wished the project every success in the future.

The Project Manager thanked the Chairperson for his guidance and all delegates for their participation in this successful meeting; especially those from the DPRK who he hoped could become a full member in the future.

The Chairperson closed this meeting at 18.00 on 8 May 2008.



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## **Annex II: Provisional List of Documents**

### **Working Documents**

UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.2/1	Provisional Agenda
UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.2/2	Provisional Annotated Agenda
UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.2/3	Report of the Meeting (to be prepared at the meeting)
UNDP/GEF/YS/AWG.3/2	Progress of SAP Development
UNDP/GEF/YS/SDG.2/3	Draft SAP
UNDP/GEF/YS/AWG.3/4	Progress report of Political and Social Acceptance Analysis
UNDP/GEF/YS/AWG.3/5	Progress report of National Strategic Action Plans

### **Information Documents**

UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.2/inf.1	Provisional List of Documents
UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.2/inf.2	Provisional List of Participants



## **Annex III: Provisional Agenda**

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- 1.2 Introduction of the members

### **2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING**

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- 2.2 Documentation Available to the Meeting
- 2.3 Organisation of Work

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP)**

- 4.1 Report of the progress in SAP Development
- 4.2 Report of outcomes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ad Hoc working group: improvements and agreements of SAP
- 4.2 Relevant proposed actions for the possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase to implement SAP
- 4.3 Relevant Issues regarding the Participation of DPK Korea
- 4.4 Preparation of NSAPs

### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT**

### **7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**



**Annex IV: Third Draft of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP)**  
(attached in a separate file)



## Annex V: Proposed timeline for SAP approval and second phase

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Step 1	Preparation of SAP	End May 2008
Step 2	Endorsements in principal from the governments	July & early August 2008
Step 3	Process of government endorsement	August 2008
Step 4	Prepare Project Concept (PIF)	August - November 2008
Step 5	Final endorsement of the SAP	November 2008
Step 6	Consideration of PIF by PSC	November 2008
Step 7	GEF CEO Reviews PIF	February 2009
Step 8	GEF Council Approval of its Work Program and includes YSLME PIF	June 2009
Step 9	Preparation of Project Proposal	June to September 2009
Step 10	CEO Endorsement	October to November 2009
Final	Start 2nd phase	July 2010