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Fifteenth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of NEASPEC

17-18, March 2010

Tokyo, Japan

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The programme for the opening of the session will be announced in due course.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the SOM, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

4. Environment and development policies and issues of NEASPEC

The heads of national delegations and representatives of UN and international organizations will be invited to deliver his/her statement on policies, initiatives and proposals in relations to subregional environmental cooperation and NEASPEC.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

The SOM will review the progress in developing and implementing projects and activities of NEASPEC and make necessary decisions. The Secretariat will make presentation on the progress in each project/activity. The projects and activities to be reviewed by the SOM are as follows.

- a) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Area
- b) Mitigation of Transboundary Air Pollution from Coal-Fired Power Plants in North-East Asia
- c) Mitigation of Dust and Sandstorm
- d) Eco-efficiency Partnership in North-East Asia

6. Consideration of new NEASPEC project proposals

Member countries and the Secretariat will be invited to present proposals of new activities. Member countries that wish to propose new activities are encouraged to circulate, in advance, the proposal to other member countries and the Secretariat in order to provide sufficient time for review.

7. Review of issues concerning the institutional arrangement of NEASPEC

Recent SOMs have reviewed options for new arrangements of the NEASPEC Secretariat. The 15th SOM will further review any relevant matters including the decision of ESCAP on Subregional Office for North-East Asia.

8. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund and the proposed budget plan for new programmes and activities and make necessary decisions.

9. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Sixteenth SOM

The SOM will invite member countries to express interests in hosting the next SOM.

10. Other matters

The SOM may raise any matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

11. Adoption of the conclusion and recommendation of the meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts, i.e. (i) the conclusion and recommendation, and (ii) the proceedings of the SOM. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the SOM, and the second part will be prepared by the Secretariat after meeting and will be circulated to member countries for review and approval.