



RCA Regional Office

-Current Status and Issues Remaining

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Report by Korea

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In the Beginning

✿ First mentioned in 1978

- At RCA Meeting in Vienna, MSs suggested need to have an RCA Office in the Region
- But, it was mentioned level of RCA Programs was too small to warrant such Office



RCA Vision Stated

- ✿ 1997 Yangon Meeting recommended to have RCA Regional Office to enhance RCA ownership by MSs
- ✿ This was stated in the RCA-25 Vision with other Initiatives (LC, RRU...)

Korea's Offer

- ❁ At 2000 RCA Mumbai Meeting Korea offered Host of RCA Regional Office when established in Korea MSs welcomed
- ❁ 29th RCA GC requested a small Group to prepare Proposal (Australia, Korea, Pakistan, RCA Coordinator). Inter-Agency Review also began



Supported at Dhaka Meeting

- ❁ 2001 Dhaka Meeting supported Establishment of RCA Regional Office in Korea
- ❁ The Meeting requested Task Force Group to draft Working Paper (Australia and Korea take Lead)





Agreed at RCA 30th GC

- ✿ RCA 30th GC in 2001 in Vienna agreed in Principle the Establishment of RCA Regional Office in Korea for 2-year Interim Period to finalize Legal Provisions and other Preparation
- ✿ Opening will be in March 2002 during 24th RCA Meeting of National Representatives in Korea
- ✿ GC again requested Task Force Group to prepare Revision of Working Paper incorporating several Comments made at GC



Major Functions

- ✿ To increase Awareness of RCA
- ✿ To seek additional Fund for RCA Programs
(Better Partnership with Other Organizations)
- ✿ To pro-actively participate in IAEA's Project Design Formulation Implementation and Evaluation, if necessary
- ✿ To undertake Outsourcing of Regional Events, if available



Issues Remaining

- ❁ **Regional Representative:** Application limited to MSs only or open also to other Candidate(s)
- ❁ **Salary for Regional Representative:** Originating MS should provide or Package Contribution from Korea
- ❁ **Qualification and Selection Process:** Advisory Committee shall develop
- ❁ **Legal Aspects:** Privileges and Immunities or not
- ❁ **Composition of Advisory Committee:** 3 Chair MSs
Australia (and China)



Legal Provisions Needed

- (1) A **Supplementary Agreement** to the existing RCA Agreement among RCA MSs to facilitate Establishment and Operation of RCA Regional Office in Korea
- (2) An **MOU** (or **LOI**) that prescribes formal Commitments and Relationship both from IAEA and Korea
- (3) An **MOU** (or **LOI**) that prescribes Responsibilities of originating MS of Regional Representative and Host Country (Korea)



Advisory Committee

- ❁ **Composition:** 3 Chair MSs (Immediate past Chair, present Chair, immediate next nominated Chair), Korea (as Host Country), Australia (as the Lead preparing Working Paper) and China (representing other MSs) plus RCA Coordinator
 - Total 4 or 5 MSs plus 1 (?)
- ❁ **Responsibilities:** To prepare Job Description Guidelines for Qualification Nominating Selecting and Appraising Processes of Regional Representative
- ❁ **Terms:** During Interim Operation Period (2 years). After that compose again
- ❁ **Meetings:** To be arranged both by IAEA/RCA Office and Korea at convenient Places



Future Action Plans (2002-2003)

- ❁ To finalize Working Paper as Formal Report
- ❁ To conclude Legal Provisions
- ❁ To facilitate Advisory Committee function
- ❁ To finalize Guidelines for JD, Qualification Selection and Nomination of Regional Representative
- ❁ To make ready to welcome new (first) RCA Regional Representative for work



Korea's Contributions

- ✿ Office Space (initially at KAERI, Daejeon)
- ✿ Operational Expenses for the Office
- ✿ Office Equipment (PCs, Copy Machine...)
- ✿ Support Staffs and Salaries
 - 1 Interim Representative
 - 1 Project Officer
 - 1 Administration Officer
 - 1 Secretary
- *Salary for Regional Representative if he/she is a Korean*



Opening of the Office

On 27 March 2002, Wednesday, 17:00

At Nuclear Training Center Building at

KAERI, Daejeon

- ✿ Office Facilities Equipped
- ✿ Staffs Assigned
- ✿ Celebrating Events

(Ceremony and Reception)

