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Thirty-second RCA General Conference Meeting  
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY  
THE RCA GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING**

(Reference to the Working Paper for the Establishment and Operation of the  
RCA (Regional) Office adopted by the Thirty-first RCA General Conference Meeting;  
in Vienna on 18 September 2002)

**Establishment and Management of the RCA (Regional) Office**

The Thirty-second RCA General Conference Meeting,

***I. Reaffirming*** the spirit of and scope of the peaceful regional nuclear cooperation embodied in the Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to the RCA),

***II. Reaffirming*** Member States' commitment to upholding the terms of the Articles of the RCA,

***III. Recalling*** that the RCA is undertaken under the aegis of the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to the Agency) and that the Agency is responsible for administrative support for the RCA,

***IV. Recognizing*** the significant contribution of the Agency to the achievement of the RCA,

***V. Recognizing*** the maturing of the relationship between the RCA Member States and the Agency and the importance of the Member States assuring more increased roles in

the running of the RCA program,

**VI. *Recalling*** that the Thirtieth RCA General Conference Meeting in Vienna on 15 September 2001 agreed to the establishment of the RCA Regional Office (hereinafter referred to RCARO) in the Republic of Korea as a representing body of the Member States,

**VII. *Recalling*** that the Working Paper on the Establishment and Operation of the RCARO in the Republic of Korea was adopted by the Thirty-first RCA General Conference Meeting in Vienna in September 2002 and further a modified Working Paper as a final version was prepared for the Twenty-fifth RCA National Representatives Meeting in Sri Lanka in May 2003,

**VIII. *Recognizing*** that the RCARO was officially opened in Korea in March 2002 in conjunction with the Thirtieth Anniversary of the RCA Agreement, and is now becoming operational,

**IX. *Convinced*** that establishing an RCARO in the region would contribute greatly to the development of the RCA; increasing ownership by the Member States, in particular increasing RCA visibility in the region; and, exploring the possibilities for cooperative partners in new project initiatives,

- 1. *Reconfirms*** the decision and endorsement by the RCA National Representatives meetings to establish the RCARO in the Republic of Korea,
- 2. *Reconfirms*** the roles and functions of the Director of the RCARO as set out in the Working Paper as follows,
  - To pro-actively seek out opportunities for the RCA to participate in projects being formulated and designed by major regional and international donors, including international agencies,
  - To negotiate and secure contracts for income generating activities to both fund the Director's position of the RCARO and provide supplementary funding for RCA projects,
  - To promote the application of nuclear techniques to assist in addressing regional and national problems,
  - To implement the directives of the RCA Member States as agreed upon at the meetings of National RCA Representatives, in particular,

- to support developing and formulating new project proposals from the Member States in liaison with the relevant Lead Countries, and
- To provide regional visibility for the RCA at regional and national forum level and to develop RCA future strategies and missions in cooperation with the Member States
3. **Reconfirms** that the RCARO acts on behalf and responsible to the RCA Member States for all aspects of the RCA program,
  4. **Reconfirms** its ongoing commitment to cooperate with the Agency as set out in the RCA Agreement,
  5. **Requests** the Agency to cooperate and coordinate with the RCARO and support the RCA in line with the provisions of the Articles of the RCA Agreement,
  6. **Commending** the Government of the Republic of Korea for the generous support in hosting the RCARO,
  7. **Requests** the Government of the Republic of Korea to continue its support of the RCARO,
  8. **Requests** all RCA Member States to support and cooperate, as appropriate, the operation of the RCARO so that the Office can best accomplish its mandate.

**Drafted by the RCA Regional Office (28 February 2003)**

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