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### **Criteria for Holding Events Outside the RCA Region<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Background**

All regional events under the RCA programme are normally held within RCA Member States. On the contrary some regional events under non-RCA regional projects within the East Asia and Pacific Section had been held outside the region. For example a few regional workshops on project design were held in Argonne, USA and one regional workshop on safety of industrial irradiators was held in Canada in past years. In the case of the Argonne workshop the US had given extrabudgetary contribution to develop the curriculum for the workshop. In the case of the Canadian event, it was held under the model project on radiation protection(non RCA) using the facilities of the manufacturer of the irradiators that had supplied industrial irradiators to many countries within and outside the region.

At the 23<sup>rd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 18-20 March 2001 the National Representatives suggested the need to develop a set of criteria to guide the selection of events that could be hosted outside the region. Some suggestions are listed below.

Member States are encouraged to comment on this and forward to the RCA office for consideration/inclusion.

#### **Criteria**

1. The event is partially or fully funded or sponsored by other organizations outside RCA
2. The facilities to be used for the training are not available nor adequate within the RCA Member States
3. If held outside the region, the event would not cost any more than if it were held within the region
4. All RCA MSs eligible to participate would have a fair chance of attending the regional event(i.e. there would be no visa problems)
5. If the workshop is also open to participants from other regions, their participation should not jeopardize the participation of those coming from RCA MSs.
6. The IAEA would also have a say in the selection of lecturers and participants to the event.

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