

**Meeting Records of  
The Third Advisory Committee Meeting of  
The RCA Regional Office**

25 May 2003, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

1. The third Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting of the RCA Regional Office (RCARO) was held on 25 May 2003 at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka, in conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> National RCA Representatives Meeting (NRM).
2. The members presented at the Meeting were Australia (Mr. John Easey), Bangladesh (Prof. Nayiyyum Choudhury), China (Mr. Li Junjie for Mr. Zhang Jing), India (Mr. K. Raghuraman), Korea (Mr. Chang-Woo Kim) and IAEA's RCA Coordinator (Mr. M. N. Razley). From the RCARO, Mr. Jin-Kyoung Kim (Director) and Mr. John K. Chung (Programme Officer) attended. Observers were Mr. R. Desphande (Indian Embassy in Vienna), Mr. M Dias (as the incoming RCA Coordinator), Mr. M. R. Kim (Korea) and Prof. Rohini Hewamanna (the incoming Chair of 25<sup>th</sup> NRM). Mr. N. Choudhury (Chairman of the AC) chaired the Meeting.
3. The main purpose of this Meeting was to finalize the draft 'Resolution on the Establishment of the RCARO' before tabling on the 25<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM for adoption and also to finalize the 'Working Paper on the Establishment of an RCA Regional Office in the Republic of Korea' as there was a need to modify.
4. After thorough review of the draft 'Resolution', the Meeting made a final version of the draft 'Resolution' for tabling at the 25<sup>th</sup> NRM. The final version of the 'Resolution' is attached as the Annex-1. The Meeting reassured that the 'Resolution' would be used as a legal document that displays the commitments by the Member States, particularly by the host country, and the IAEA on the establishment and operation of the RCARO and wished that the 25<sup>th</sup> NRM could unanimously adopt it.
5. The Meeting also reviewed and the modified 'Working Paper on the Establishment of an RCA Regional Office in the Republic of Korea' and made an amended version. This 'Working Paper' was originally adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> RCA GCM in Vienna on 18 September 2002 but needed to modify to reflect new decisions, particularly with regard

to the legal provisions for the RCARO. The modified 'Working Paper' is attached as the Annex-2.

6. The Meeting hoped that the amended 'Working Paper' could be endorsed by the 25<sup>th</sup> NRM so that it could further constructively back up matters regarding the establishment and operation of the RCARO.

7. The Meeting reconfirmed the request by the 31<sup>st</sup> RCA GCM to the RCARO to report its past year activities and work plan for 2003 at the 25<sup>th</sup> NRM. The Meeting expressed satisfaction of the '2003 Work Plan of the RCARO' document prepared by the RCARO.

8. With regard to the RCARO's 'Position Paper', the Meeting appreciated the effort by the RCARO to prepare the document. However, the Meeting noted that the 'Position Paper' would need further clarification of some points, such as the RCARO's views on the RCA management and suggestions for future RCA programmes. The Meeting requested the RCARO to elaborate the Paper and circulate to the AC members for further review. The RCARO hoped to present the 'Position Paper' at the coming Lead Country Coordinators' Meeting and further report to the 32<sup>nd</sup> RCA GCM.

9. China expressed her intention to support the RCARO by attaching a staff member to the Office in the programme activities. The Meeting welcomed such suggestion and recommended China and the host country (Korea) would further discuss the intended attachment.

10. The Meeting agreed that the next AC Meeting would be held prior to the 32<sup>nd</sup> RCA GCM in Vienna in September 2003, or any other convenient time.

Prepared for report by AC Chairman to the 25<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM.