

Meeting Record of

The 4th Advisory Committee Meeting of the RCA Regional Office

13 and 15 September 2003, IAEA Headquarters, Vienna

1. (Introduction) The Fourth Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting held on 13 September 2003 and 15 September 2002 at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna in conjunction with the 32nd RCA General Conference meeting.

2. (Participants) Members who participated in the 4th AC Meeting were Australia (Mr. Ron Cameron), Bangladesh (Prof. Naiyyum Choudhury), China (Mr. Liu Yongde and Mr. Zheng Kemin on behalf of Mr. Zhang Jing), India (Mr. K. Raghuraman), Korea (Mr. Chang-Woo Kim) and the IAEA/RCA Coordinator (Mr. M. Prinath Dias). From the RCA Regional Office (RCARO), Mr. Jin-Kyoung Kim (Director), and Mr. John K. Chung (Programme Officer) attended. The SH-TCPAS of the IAEA (Mr. M. N. Razley) was also present.

3. (The current RCA Chair) The 4th AC Meeting agreed to invite the current RCA Chair as an observer to the AC meeting in order to promote understanding about the RCARO matters when dealing at the National RCA Representatives Meetings (NRM). The Chair of the AC forwarded the invitation to the current Chair, Prof. Rohini Hewamanna of Sri Lanka, to attend the 4th AC Meeting. She gladly accepted the invitation. The 4th AC Meeting welcomed the presence of the current RCA Chair.

4. (Meeting Purposes) The purposes of the 4th AC Meeting were to review and recommend the draft Resolution, which will be tabled at the 32nd RCA General Conference (GC) meeting, to review and advise on the RCARO 2003-04 Work Plan, to recommend the extension of the interim operation of the RCARO for another year to the 32nd RCA GC for endorsement, and to advise on other matters as required.

5. (RCA Resolution) The 4th AC Meeting recognized the immediate need for the adoption of the Resolution by the 32nd RCA GC meeting. The 4th AC Meeting also noted that the adoption of the Resolution would provide one of the legal provisions needed for the operation of the RCARO, in particular, to convince the host government to finance the operation of the RCARO, to prepare administrative procedures to appoint

an Director of the RCARO and, to undertake more effectively the mandate given to the RCARO by the Member States (MSs).

The draft Resolution was reviewed by the 3rd AC Meeting prior to the 25th NRM in Colombo in May 2003. The NRM decided to circulate the draft Resolution for the comments in writing. Several MSs commented and requested clarification on the draft Resolution from the AC. The 4th AC Meeting considered the comments made by some MSs and revised the Resolution.

The 4th AC Meeting agreed on the revised draft and requested the current RCA Chair to circulate the revised version to MSs before the 32nd RCA GC meeting. The 4th AC Meeting recommended that the revised version of the Resolution should be adopted by the 32nd RCA GC meeting.

6. (Working Paper) The RCARO reported to the 4th AC Meeting on the amended Working Paper that was brought to the 25th NRM's attention for their endorsement. The RCARO explained that the only change in the Working Paper, as adopted by the 31 RCA GC meeting in Vienna in September 2002 concerned the legal provisions. In adopting the Working Paper, the 31st RCA GC meeting requested the RCARO to propose the adoption of an RCA GC Resolution instead of having a Supplementary Agreement with regard to the legal provisions for the RCARO. The RCARO reported to the 4th AC Meeting that the amended Working Paper has been circulated to MSs in June 2003.

7. (Extension of Interim Operation) The RCARO explained the need for extending the interim operational period of the RCARO for another year, i.e., until March 2005. The RCARO explained that since legal measures surrounding the RCARO still need more time to be established, and other administrative actions, in particular the selection of a Director of the RCARO, also seemed be delayed, it was inevitable that the interim operational period would need to be extended for another year. The 4th AC Meeting recommended that the interim operational period be extended for another year.

The 4th AC Meeting agreed that the composition of the Selection Committee (SC) should be initiated soon. The Chair of the AC will request Korea and the IAEA to recommend SC members in due time but no later than the end of October 2003. The 4th AC Meeting also agreed that the Chair of the AC would request the AC members to

recommend the rest of the SC members by the end of October 2003. The Chair of the AC, after consultation with the AC members, will constitute the SC. The 4th AC Meeting hoped the SC could function as early as possible, preferably beginning from January 2004. The 4th AC Meeting reconfirmed that the SC should develop terms and conditions for a new Director of the RCARO and also prepare vacancy notice for recruitment.

8. (RCARO 2003-04 Work Plan) The RCARO presented its 2003-04 Work Plan to the 4th AC Meeting. The Work Plan would also be presented to the 32nd RCA GC meeting. The 4th AC Meeting supported the enthusiasm of the RCARO but advised the RCARO not to initiate activities without endorsement by the AC and to present their full Work Plan to NRM for endorsement on a regular basis.

The 4th AC Meeting suggested that if the RCARO wished to implement additional activities funded by Korean Government to complement on-going RCA projects, this would be considered as Korea's extra-budgetary contribution to the RCA, but would need to be accepted and approved by the relevant thematic sectors.

9. (Cooperation with UNESCAP) The RCARO reported to the 4th AC Meeting on the progress on possible cooperation with the UNESCAP. The RCARO reported that a cooperative programme on environment was being developed with the UNESCAP with particular focus on the hazardous waste management. The UNESCAP proposed a forum to identify how nuclear technology could contribute to solve hazardous waste management problems. The RCARO suggested that the RCA start a working programme on the environment with the UNESCAP.

10. (Redesigning of the RCA Logo) The RCARO reported to the 4th AC Meeting that a new RCA logo has been designed by the RCARO as requested by the 25th NRM. The 4th AC Meeting appreciated the RCARO for the work and requested the RCA Coordinator to include the report on the redesigning of the RCA logo matter when addressing 'Matters arising from the 25th NRM'.

11. (Publication of RCA 2002 Success Stories) The RCARO reported to the 4th AC Meeting that they could not publish a pamphlet introducing RCA 2002 success stories as of this time because they had not received the success stories from the Lead Country Coordinators that were supposed to be provided by July 2003. The 4th AC Meeting

requested the RCARO to publish a pamphlet introducing general RCA success stories from recent years and not limited to 2002 only. The 4th AC Meeting requested the RCA Coordinator to provide success stories from recent years to the RCARO in due time to facilitate timely publication.

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The 4th RCARO AC Meeting was held on Sat. 13 September 2003

Meeting Report was drafted by RCARO on Sun.14 September 2003

The 4th RCARO AC Meeting was also held on Mon. 15 September 2003

Meeting Report was reviewed by Chair of RCARO AC on Mon. 15 September 2003

Meeting Report was reviewed by AC Members on Mon. 15 September 2003

Meeting Report was reviewed by SH-TCPAS on Tue. 16 September 2003

Reported by Chair of RCARO AC on Wed. 17 September 2003 at 32nd RCA GC

Reflect the views from 32nd RCA GC, the Report was modified by RCARO on Tue. 23 September 2003

RCARO requested comments by RCA Coordinator on Tue. 23 September 2003

RCARO requested confirmation by Chair of RCARO AC on Tue. 23 September 2003