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Enhancement of the Roles and Status of RCARO

Past Record

- From the Meeting Report of the 28th NRM in Bangkok in March 2006-

Enhancement of the Legal Status of RCARO

The Meeting was informed that the RCARO had been advised to elicit from the Government of the Republic of Korea its requirements to enhance the legal status of the RCARO.

- From the Meeting Report of the 3rd RCARO SAC Meeting in Bangkok in March 2006 -

Enhancement of Legal Status of RCARO

The Director of RCARO reiterated the need of enhancing legal status of the RCARO in order to effectively carry out mandates given to RCARO. He then inquired whether there was any development in the proposed work for amending the RCA Agreement which could incorporate the establishment and operation of RCARO. He added that at the last RCARO SAC meeting, there was a suggestion to form a working group in early 2006 to look into the overall aspects of the amendment of the RCA Agreement targeting for 2012.

The Meeting viewed that enhancing legal status of RCARO would be required in order to effectively interact with the Korean government and to successfully represent RCARO to the international organizations when seeking partnerships and/or attracting fund for RCA. The Meeting viewed that what is first and foremost needed is to have clear opinion from the Korean government on what kind of options would be required to deal with the problems that the RCARO is facing.

The National RCA Representative of ROK, as a member of SAC, will make proposal in this regard. The position of the ROK in this regard will be attached later.