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Resolutions of the Meeting

(adopted by NOWPAP member states by correspondence on 27 November 2014)

Resolution 1

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM

Acknowledging RACs and RCU efforts in implementing the NOWPAP activities in 2013 and 2014,

Recognizing the importance of the regional approach to protecting the shared marine environment and sustainable management of natural resources by engaging neighbouring countries in comprehensive and specific regional actions,

Taking note that implementation of the 2014-2015 NOWPAP Programme of Work (PoW) was delayed due to late approval of budget for 2014,

The Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Approves the Report of the Executive Director of UNEP (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 19/3) on the progress of the implementation of NOWPAP activities during the 2013-2014 biennium,
2. Approves the reports of the four Regional Activity Centres of NOWPAP (CEARAC, DINRAC, MERRAC and POMRAC) on the progress of the implementation of NOWPAP Programme of Work during the 2013-2014 biennium,
3. Approves the NOWPAP Budget for 2015 as shown in Table 1 (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 19/7),
4. Requests RAC directors, in consultation with their Focal Points, to implement the NOWPAP 2014-2015 Programme of Work in accordance with the quarterly milestones set in their respective work plans,
5. Requests NOWPAP RCU, within its current capacity, to facilitate the implementation of the NOWPAP 2014-2015 Programme of Work by providing coordination, support and assistance to the RACs,
6. Encourages NOWPAP RCU and RACs to continue their best efforts to develop and maintain partnerships with related organizations, programmes and projects.
7. Decides to consider at the 20th Intergovernmental Meeting in 2015 the status of implementation of the NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy 2012-2017 (mid-term review).

Table 1. NOWPAP workplan and budget for the 2014-2015 biennium

Activity	Responsibility for implementation	Biennium budget (US\$ 1,000)	Approved 2014 budget (US\$ 1,000)	2015 budget (US\$ 1,000)
CEARAC	CEARAC	125	62.5	62.5
DINRAC	DINRAC	125	62.5	62.5
MERRAC	MERRAC	125	62.5	62.5
POMRAC	POMRAC	125	62.5	62.5
RAP MALI	RCU and RACs	70	35.0	35.0
Public Awareness	RCU and RACs, 20th Anniversary Commemorative Symposium	29	14.5	14.5
Coordination of RACs	RCU	16	8.0	8.0
Implementation of NOWPAP	RCU	83	41.5	41.5
RCU Operation	RCU	78	39.0	39.0
Resource Mobilization	RCU and RACs	20	10.0	10.0
Sub-total		796	398.0	398.0
Programme Support Cost (13% of the sub-total)		104	52.0	52.0
TOTAL		900	450.0	450.0

Resolution 2

SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NOWPAP TRUST FUND

Recognizing the need to initiate new activities while implementing current NOWPAP projects,

Also recognizing the necessity to increase the total amount of contributions of member states to the NOWPAP Trust Fund to the target amount of US\$ 500,000, as agreed at the 2nd Intergovernmental Meeting,

The Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Agrees to the contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund in 2015, as presented in Table 2.
2. Encourages NOWPAP member states to make their utmost efforts to increase their annual contributions to meet the target amount of US\$ 500,000.
3. Encourages NOWPAP member states and NOWPAP RACs to continue seeking additional funding and in-kind contributions to support NOWPAP activities, particularly in line with NOWPAP MTS 2012-2017.
4. Agrees that the financial rules and procedures for the funds of NOWPAP (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 19/8/Rev. 2), after taking into account comments from member states, are to be approved by correspondence before the 20th NOWPAP IGM.
5. Agrees to establish working capital reserve for the PNL fund (NOWPAP activities) and two QNL funds (staffing costs) starting from 2016-2017 biennium.

Table 2. Scale of contributions for 2015

Member States	Annual contribution (US\$)
People's Republic of China	100,000
Japan	125,000
Republic of Korea	125,000
Russian Federation	125,000
Total	475,000

Resolution 3
NOWPAP EVOLUTION

Taking note of the discussion on possible measures to address the financial situation of NOWPAP at the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th IGM,

Recalling the decision of the 1st Extraordinary IGM to discuss functions of new posts for the two RCU offices in order to conclude discussion on appropriate measures regarding financial sustainability of the RCU offices,

Taking note that the Governments of Japan and Korea, in consultation with UNEP, have worked out the option for RCU offices restructuring shown in Table 3,

The Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Requests UNEP to provide all member states with information on cost implications and changes in the functions of staff of RCU offices and job descriptions for new RCU posts by 1 January 2015,
2. Agrees in principle to consider the proposal on restructuring of the NOWPAP RCU, as shown in Table 3, job descriptions and cost implications as mentioned in para 1, to be provided by UNEP, before adopting final decision on this issue,
3. Agrees to have an extraordinary IGM in the first quarter of 2015 in Korea.

Table 3. Suggested RCU structure

Toyama RCU office	Busan RCU office
P4 Coordinator	P3 Programme Officer
G6 Programme Assistant	G4 Team Assistant