

The Eighth Session of the Working Group  
on Future Development of EANET  
29-31 July 2009, Pattaya, Thailand

## **REPORT OF THE SESSION**

### **I. Introduction**

1. The Working Group on Future Development (WGFD) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its Eighth Session in Pattaya, Thailand on 29-31 July 2009.
2. Representatives of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand, and Viet Nam participated in the Session. The representatives of the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) for EANET, as well as experts from the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and Kanazawa University attended the Session. The List of Participants is attached as Annex 1.

### **II. Opening of the Session (Agenda Item 1)**

3. The Session was opened by Ms. Adelaida B. Roman, Coordinator of the Secretariat for EANET. She stressed the importance of the development of the Text of the Instrument by the WGFD which would be submitted to the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11) in November 2009. She mentioned the important tasks described in the new Terms of Reference (TOR) of the WGFD (2009-2010) which was adopted by the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10).

### **III. Election of the Officers (Agenda Item 2)**

4. Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Director General, Pollution Control Department, Thailand was elected as Chairperson. Dr. Duong Hong Son, Director, Center for Environmental Research (CENRE), Viet Nam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, and Dr. Erdenebat Eldev-Ochir, Director, International Cooperation Division, National Agency for Meteorology and Environment Monitoring were elected as Vice-chairpersons for the current two-year term of WGFD (2009-2010) based on the TOR of the WGFD.

### **IV. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 3)**

5. The Session adopted the Agenda (EANET/WGFD 8/3/1) as proposed by the Secretariat. The Session agreed to defer the discussion on agenda item 4 and to proceed with the agenda item 5 to agenda item 10 on the first day. The Session also agreed that the agenda item 4 will be discussed on the second day.

V. **Consideration on the Revised Draft Text of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET including the Draft Explanatory Note for Obtaining the Signatures for the Instrument and consideration on the Draft Second Report on Future Development of EANET (Agenda Item 4)**

6. The Secretariat made presentations on the “Revised Draft Text of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (EANET/WGFD 8/4/1)” and the “Draft Explanatory Note for Obtaining the Signatures for the Instrument (EANET/WGFD 8/4/2)”. The Session was invited to discuss, provide comments and guidance.

7. Major points of discussions were:

General comments

- i) The Session was reminded that the original purpose of the Instrument was to facilitate participating countries to make financial contribution to EANET.
- ii) The Session agreed to focus firstly the discussion on the major substantive issues which included: legal status; signature; and scope.
- iii) Several countries mentioned that they are able to make voluntary financial contributions even without the Instrument, while some countries pointed out that they might face difficulty if the required amount becomes significantly higher.

Legal status and signature

- iv) The Session agreed that the Instrument has a form of non-legally binding text. Accordingly, Articles 15 to 25 which pertain to legally binding instrument were deleted.
- v) The Session agreed on the Instrument with signature but without ratification process.
- vi) Some countries informed on their internal procedures necessary to obtain the signatures of the representatives from their governments for the instrument.
- vii) Some countries expressed that for a non-legally binding instrument, full powers to sign the Instrument are not required, while some countries would require full powers to be given by the Head of state, Head of government or Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- viii) One country would require the full powers to be given by the Head of the government to sign an intergovernmental instrument.
- ix) While one country pointed out that the same level of authorization from the government is desirable to avoid complication in the future, it was agreed that national procedures should be decided by respective countries in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.
- x) To help facilitate the process, it was suggested that the Secretariat compile the participating countries’ domestic procedures on signature.

#### Scope of the Instrument

- xi) It was agreed to keep the current scope under the Instrument. It was also agreed that the scope may be expanded as decided by the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) in the future.
- xii) Clarification was made that the current EANET monitoring included related substances such as ozone, particulate matter, etc. since the start of EANET.
- xiii) One country pointed out that to use “regional air pollution” instead of “acid deposition” only should be adopted for this Instrument to promote regional nature of cooperation and to address wider scope of activities than acid deposition as well as to ensure easier adoption of this Instrument at the national level.
- xiv) The Session agreed to use “acid deposition” instead of “regional air pollution” and provide the meaning of acid deposition in this Instrument, to duly reflect the current EANET activities.

#### Institutional arrangement

- xv) One country requested the Session to consider an additional Item on the establishment and operation of a working group to be inserted between Item 10 and Item 11.

#### Others

- xvi) One country proposed to replace the word “necessary” with “estimated” in paragraph 4 of Item 14 on Financial Arrangement.
  - xvii) One country informed that it would send its proposed modification to the draft Instrument to make it consistent with the non-legally binding nature of the Instrument after this Session to the Secretariat for circulation among the participating countries. Other countries were also invited to do the same.
  - xviii) The procedures for revision and modification of the Instrument were clarified and reflected in the revised Text. One country expressed an opinion that the scope of the Instrument might be extended by the IG decision in accordance with Item 2, without revision or modification of the Instrument.
  - xix) One country expressed an opinion that the term “modification” for the Item 15 has more serious meaning than “amendment” and related action under this term may cause serious changes in the nature and status of the Instrument.
  - xx) It was suggested by the Chair that for the time being, the term “Instrument” is used for the title and the participating countries may propose other term in the future.
  - xxi) Based on the two options of title, the content of the title was agreed by the Session to be “for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)”.
8. The Session achieved significant progress on the draft Text of the Instrument. The revised text is attached as Annex 2 of this report, reflecting the discussions and decisions made by the Session.

9. The Secretariat provided the information on the Draft Second Report on Future Development of EANET (EANET/WGFD 8/4/3). The Session was invited to discuss, provide comments and guidance, if any on the document.
10. Major views and comments from the participants were as follows:
  - i) The Session requested the Secretariat and the NC to develop a possible TOR for the establishment of a permanent working group with the tasks as proposed in the report.
  - ii) Regarding the financial arrangement, the Session requested the Secretariat to develop the document to continue the current modality for the next 3 years after 2010.
  - iii) Regarding expansion of EANET activities, one country suggested to highlight the importance of expansion of monitoring sites and improvement of the accuracy of monitoring data in paragraph 19 of the Draft Second Report.
  - iv) It was expressed that the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) should be consulted regarding the development of this report for scientific inputs. Closer collaboration between the WGFD and the SAC should be promoted.
  - v) It was clarified that the report is for possible adoption at the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12) in 2010.

**VI. Consideration on the Draft Mid-Term Report on Implementation of the Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010) (Agenda Item 5)**

11. The NC made a presentation on the “Draft Mid-Term Report on Implementation of the Strategy on EANET Development (EANET/WGFD 8/5)”. The Session was invited to provide comments and guidance on the report.
12. Major points of the discussions were as follows:
  - i) Appreciation was expressed on the efforts by the Secretariat and the NC to implement intensive activities within the limited resources. It was pointed out that this review is important to improve the transparency of activities.
  - ii) It was expressed that contribution from participating countries is necessary to ensure adequate budget to efficiently implement EANET activities. The Secretariat and the NC were asked to continue their efforts in obtaining external financial resources.
  - iii) It was mentioned that efforts should be enhanced to develop the database of EANET monitoring data during the period covered by the current Strategy due to its importance.
  - iv) Clarification was made on the ozone and particulate matter monitoring activities.
  - v) Clarification was provided on the procedure to hold the national public awareness

workshop on acid deposition in the participating countries.

- vi) One country informed the urgent need for support to repair its instruments.
- vii) Clarification was made that the Mid-Term Report will be revised based on the discussions during this Session and the Ninth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC9).

**VII. Consideration on the Draft Strategy on EANET Development (2011-2015) (Agenda Item 6)**

- 13. The NC made a presentation on the “Draft Strategy on EANET Development (2011-2015) (EANET/WGFD 8/6)”. The Session was invited to provide comments and guidance, as appropriate.
- 14. Major points of the discussions were as follows:
  - i) There were discussions on the title of the document. The proposed names included: Five-Year Action Plan, Strategy, and Medium Term Plan.
  - ii) It was suggested that the discussion should focus on the contents and format of the document prior to the title.
  - iii) Some countries suggested that the term “Strategy” be used for a document which covers a period longer than 5 years.
  - iv) The Secretariat explained the reason why the title “Medium Term Plan” was still used in the TOR of the WGFD after the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8).
  - v) The Session was reminded that the title of the document might be “Medium Term Plan (2011-2015)” according to the TOR of the WGFD (2009-2010) and requested the Secretariat and the NC to revise the document accordingly.
  - vi) It was mentioned that some activities in the plan are closely linked to the Instrument. Therefore, it may be appropriate to revisit the activities after the finalization of the Instrument.
  - vii) A view was expressed that the plan should focus on acid deposition for the time being.
  - viii) It was suggested that the wording on activity number (17) should be changed to “Promotion of studies on proposed models to assess national, regional and hemispherical transport and deposition of air pollutants in East Asia by evaluation of existing models and providing a suitable one, and promotion of atmospheric simulation model through workshops, training courses, etc.” The Session was reminded that this issue should be discussed by the SAC.
  - ix) While three activities were identified to be carried over to the next plan, it was suggested that some other activities may also be identified at a later stage to be carried over. The reasons for carry over should be provided to the IG.
  - x) It was suggested that when the SAC review the plan from the scientific viewpoint,

the strategic direction should be considered, including priority activities related to some substances, for which participating countries lack capacity, e.g. aerosols.

- xi) It was pointed out that indicators/milestones may be developed for evaluation of the plan.

**VIII. Consideration on the Second Report for Policy Makers on EANET (Final Draft) (Agenda Item 7)**

- 15. The Secretariat presented the “Second Report for Policy Makers (Final Draft) (EANET/WGFD 8/7)”. The session was invited to discuss, make comments and provide guidance on the report, for final approval of the National Focal Points.
- 16. Discussions included the following major points:
  - i) On the third paragraph of the Executive Summary, it was suggested to revise the first and second sentences to “There might be a need to address the air problem in an integrated fashion and to develop policies to prevent and reduce air pollution that are based on scientific knowledge and evidences. Policy makers could be abreast of the critical issues in order to design and decide on appropriate policy options: technological, regulatory, economic, and capacity building.”
  - ii) It was suggested that the document should include the full reference of the source of figures 1 (b) and 1 (c).
  - iii) One country informed that it will provide the update on its national achievements for the Second Report for Policy Makers (RPM2) before the end of August 2009.
  - iv) Clarification was made on the timetable on RPM2.
  - v) It was clarified that the fact sheets are not attachment to the RPM2, but they were developed to supplement the RPM2 on national activities. Some countries informed that they would provide update on their fact sheets.
  - vi) The Session agreed to send the revised RPM2 to the National Focal Points (NFPs) for clearance.

**IX. Consideration on the Draft Report on the Progress of EANET since the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) and the Draft Financial Report of the Secretariat and the NC in 2008 (Agenda Item 8)**

- 17. The Secretariat and the NC briefly made presentations on the “Draft Report on the Progress of EANET after the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) (EANET/WGFD 8/8/1)”. The “Draft Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2008 (EANET/WGFD 8/8/2)” was also included in the presentations. The Session was invited to discuss and make comments on the reports.

18. Major points of the discussions included:
- i) One country informed that transfer of voluntary financial contribution to the Secretariat is on-going.
  - ii) Clarification was made on the procedure to use the saving money of the Secretariat.
  - iii) One country pointed out the importance of transparency and accountability for financial management, and requested the Secretariat to strengthen it.

**X. Consideration on the Draft Work Program and Budget in 2010 for EANET (Agenda Item 9)**

19. The Secretariat and the NC presented the “Draft Work Program and Budget in 2010 for EANET (EANET/WGFD 8/9)”. The Session was invited to discuss the report and make comments for consideration by the IG11.
20. One country suggested to include the development of database of EANET monitoring data and the development of concept paper for sub-centers in the Work Program in 2010.

**XI. Arrangement for the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11) (Agenda Item 10)**

21. The Secretariat made a presentation on the “Draft Report on Arrangement for the IG11 on EANET (EANET/WGFD 8/10)”. The Session was informed on the dates, venue and the provisional agenda items of the IG11.
22. It was clarified that the “Strategy on EANET Development (2011-2015)” will be revised to “Medium Term Plan (2011-2015)” in the Provisional Agenda.

**XII. Other Issues (Agenda Item 11)**

23. Mr. Katsunori Suzuki, Resource Person, Kanazawa University provided a briefing on the Joint Forum on Atmospheric Environmental Issues in Asia and the Pacific. He informed the Session of the background, objectives, targets and the outcomes of the meeting.

**XIII. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Session (Agenda Item 12)**

24. The Report of the Session (EANET/WGFD 8/12) was adopted.

**XIV. Closing of the Session (Agenda Item 13)**

25. The Chairperson expressed sincere appreciations to all participants for their constructive contributions, active participation and great cooperation during the Session. He also thanked the Secretariat and the NC for the preparation of this important Session. He appreciated the efforts and grateful for two Vice-chairpersons' chairing the first day of the Session.
26. The Session was officially closed by the Chairperson.

**Annex 1**

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**Revised Draft Text of the Instrument**  
**To Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET**

*Title*

Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)

The Participating Countries to this Instrument,

**Recognizing** that East Asia is facing increasing risks of problems related to [acid deposition/acid deposition including deposition of major acidifying species and related chemical substances (hereinafter referred to as “acid deposition”)],

**Recalling** that Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, stated that the experience of the programs on transboundary air pollution in Europe and North America needed to be shared with other regions of the world,

**Acknowledging** the successful operation of the preparatory-phase activities of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), which was undertaken by ten countries in East Asia from 1998 to 2000, following the common understanding expressed at the First Intergovernmental Meeting, on 19-20 March 1998 in Yokohama, Japan,

**Recognizing** that EANET was established in January 2001 as an important initiative for regional cooperation, aiming at creating a common understanding on the state of acid deposition problems, at providing useful inputs to policy makers at various levels, and at contributing to cooperation on the issues related to acid deposition among the participating countries,

**Acknowledging** that thirteen countries in East Asia are participating in EANET and have been successfully working together to conduct acid deposition monitoring and to implement other activities for EANET, based on the Joint Announcement on Implementation of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (JA) adopted by the participating countries and Tentative Design of EANET (TD) referred to in JA,

**Emphasizing** that activities of the cooperative network on the acid deposition in East Asia under EANET have been developed by taking a step-wise approach by the participating countries on a voluntary basis,

**Recognizing** the need to promote cooperation for the monitoring acid deposition in East Asia,

**Also recognizing** that the Instrument should be simple, flexible, open for future development and

be based on the JA, TD and other decisions of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG),

**Emphasizing** the importance of appropriate financial arrangement for the sound operation of the EANET with a view to sustaining the development of the EANET, strengthening the financial mechanism of the EANET and providing a sound basis for financial contribution to the EANET and enhancing capacity building of acid deposition monitoring for all the participating countries of the EANET,

**Noting** the fact that the effective realization of the EANET activities since the commencement of the EANET activities have been supported by voluntary contributions of some participating countries, covering the activities of the EANET Secretariat and the core activities of the Network Center which annually consisted of about one million US dollars and expressing great appreciation to the Governments of these countries,

**Noting** that the participating countries of the EANET will be guided, in the implementation of this Instrument, by the principles that the use of financial contribution should produce effective outcomes, that the related executive bodies should take necessary measures to improve efficiency of contribution,

**Determined** to renew their willingness to continue the activities of EANET as set out in the TD,

Have agreed as follows:

**[Item 1  
Definitions**

“Acid deposition” in this Instrument includes deposition of major acidifying species and related chemical substances

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**Item 2  
Objectives and Scope**

1. The objectives and scope of this Instrument are:
  - a) to create a common understanding of the state of acid deposition problems in East Asia;
  - b) to provide useful inputs for decision-making at local, national and regional levels aimed at preventing or reducing adverse impacts on the environment caused by acid deposition; and
  - c) to contribute to cooperation on the issues related to acid deposition among the Participating Countries.
2. The scope of this Instrument may be extended, as decided by the IG.

**Item 3**

**Principles**

1. The Participating Countries will, in the spirit of solidarity and partnership and in accordance with their respective needs, capabilities and situations, strengthen cooperation to monitor acid deposition.
2. The Participating Countries will be encouraged to take appropriate measures to monitor acid deposition to minimize its adverse impacts, taking into account the precautionary principle.
3. The Participating Countries will promote active participation, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation for effective implementation of the activities under this Instrument.

**Item 4**

**Monitoring and Reporting**

1. The Participating Countries will implement and strengthen their monitoring activities in line with this Instrument.
2. Each Participating Country will designate a national center, which is responsible for implementing the monitoring activities provided for in this Instrument.
3. Each Participating Country will develop and implement its national monitoring plan. Monitoring of acid deposition will be implemented in accordance with the monitoring guidelines, technical manuals and other technical documents adopted by the IG.
4. Each Participating Country will report the monitoring data and other relevant information to the Network Center (NC), in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the IG.
5. In order to obtain high quality monitoring data, the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) programs adopted by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), will be implemented by the NC in full collaboration among the Participating Countries for monitoring activities under this Instrument.
6. The monitoring data and other information submitted by the Participating Countries will be compiled, stored and analyzed by the NC.
7. The data and other information compiled through the EANET activities will be provided to individuals, organizations and non-member countries, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the IG.

**Item 5**

**Assessment**

1. The monitoring data and other information submitted by the Participating Countries will be analyzed, evaluated and assessed.
2. Periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia will be prepared based on the data reports, disseminated and made available to the public.

**Item 6**

**Research Activities**

1. The Participating Countries will promote studies on scientific issues related to acid deposition.
2. Research activities should be mutually reinforcing and supportive with existing regional, sub-regional and national initiatives in East Asia. Collaboration should be promoted with other international monitoring networks and programs.

**Item 7**

**Education and Training**

The Participating Countries, in collaboration with the NC and the Secretariat, will promote and cooperate in developing and implementing education/training programs to implement this Instrument.

**Item 8**

**Public Awareness**

The Participating Countries will promote and cooperate in:

- 1) development and implementation of public awareness programs on acid deposition; and
- 2) improvement of public access to information on acid deposition and its effects.

**Item 9**

**Exchange of Information**

The Participating Countries will promote and cooperate in the exchange of information related to acid deposition including scientific, technological, technical, socio-economic and legal information as well as information on administrative measures,

**Item 10**

**Intergovernmental Meeting**

1. The IG, composed of the representatives of all Participating Countries, is the decision-making body of the EANET. The tasks of the IG include, among others, the following:
  - a) review and approval of the work program and budget of the EANET;
  - b) review of implementation of the work program;
  - c) review and approval of periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia;
  - d) establishment of subsidiary bodies as necessary and appropriate;
  - e) review and approval of scientific, technical, administrative and financial matters for the management of the EANET;
  - f) adoption of the rules of procedures for the IG and subsidiary bodies, including the SAC;
  - g) provision of necessary instructions and guidance to the subsidiary bodies, the Secretariat and the NC on their activities; and
  - h) decision on other matters related to the management of the EANET and implementation

- of the work program.
2. The IG will meet annually, unless otherwise decided.

**Item 11**  
**Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat, for the effective management of the EANET and to facilitate cooperation among the Participating Countries in a transparent manner, will carry out the following tasks under the guidance of the IG:
  - a) necessary administrative arrangements for the meetings of the IG, the SAC, and other subsidiary bodies;
  - b) necessary administrative and financial arrangements for managing the EANET;
  - c) communication and cooperation in administrative and policy aspects as the focal point of the EANET;
  - d) promotion of capacity building and public awareness in cooperation with the NC; and
  - e) other necessary tasks as requested by the IG.
2. [A relevant intergovernmental organization is designated to serve as the Secretariat to the Instrument by the decision of the IG.]

**Item 12**  
**Scientific Advisory Committee**

1. The SAC, composed of scientific and technical experts from the Participating Countries, will advise and assist the IG with various scientific and technical matters related to EANET activities as mandated to it by the IG. These matters will include the following:
  - a) scientific and technical aspects for EANET;
  - b) development and revision of the monitoring guidelines and technical manuals;
  - c) matters related to the selection of monitoring sites, QA/QC programs, data reporting procedures and formats;
  - d) matters related to collection, evaluation, assessment and analysis of monitoring data;
  - e) preparation of periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia, based on, but not limited to the data compiled by the NC;
  - f) matters related to studies on acid deposition; and
  - g) other scientific matters as requested by the IG.
2. If the Committee considers necessary for fulfilling its objectives, experts from countries other than the Participating Countries may be invited to assist the Committee.

**Item 13**  
**Network Center**

1. The NC, to handle scientific and technical matters of the EANET activities and to facilitate

cooperation among the Participating Countries in a transparent manner, will carry out the following tasks under the guidance of the IG:

- a) central compilation, evaluation, storage and analysis of monitoring data and related information;
  - b) preparation of data reports on acid deposition in East Asia;
  - c) dissemination of monitoring data and other relevant information;
  - d) provision of technical assistance to the Participating Countries in implementing the EANET activities;
  - e) implementation and coordination of QA/QC activities;
  - f) development and implementation of education/training programs for those engaged in the EANET activities;
  - g) implementation of research activities on acid deposition;
  - h) provision of scientific and technical support for the IG, the SAC and other subsidiary bodies;
  - i) promotion of capacity building and public awareness in cooperation with the Secretariat; and
  - j) other tasks as requested by the IG.
2. An appropriate entity is designated as the NC for this Instrument by the decision of the IG to carry out the above functions, provided that such designation is accepted by such entity. [Other entities could be designated as [sub-] centers to carry out some of the tasks given by the IG as the need arises.]

#### **Item 14**

##### **Financial Arrangement**

1. The administrative and operational cost of the national monitoring within each country will be borne by each country.
2. The administrative and operational costs of the Secretariat and the NC core activities will be financed by voluntary contributions from the Participating Countries.
3. Participating Countries are encouraged to make voluntary financial contributions, taking into account their economic and financial circumstances, in accordance with the respective national laws and regulations and within the limit of their respective budgetary appropriations. The Participating Countries may provide additional financial and in-kind contributions on a voluntary basis.
4. The Participating Countries are invited to draw attention to necessary financial amount in order to implement activities under this Instrument, and burden sharing practices in the United Nations systems.
5. Procedures and guidelines for the transfer of financial contributions will be developed and adopted by the IG. The financial contributions and the interest from financial contributions will be administered by the Secretariat under the guidance of the IG.
6. EANET will be open to financial and in-kind contributions from other sources including international and regional organizations and NGOs, subject to the approval of the IG.
7. Any Participating Country may request the Secretariat and the NC to provide to the IG the

annual financial reports and audit reports by independent audit agencies.

**Item 15**  
**Revisions or Modifications**

1. Any revisions, modifications to any part of this Instrument may be proposed in writing by any Participating Country to be considered and adopted by the IG in consensus.
2. Subject to the official written consent by all Participating Countries, the revision or modification adopted by the IG will form part of this Instrument.

**Item 16**  
**End of Participation**

A Participating Country may cease its participation in the EANET at any time by giving official written notice of such intention to the Secretariat.

**Item 17**  
**Participation of Other Countries**

Countries in East Asia, which includes Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, not participating in the EANET, may subsequently submit to the Secretariat an application for participation, which is subject to approval by the IG.

[This Instrument is signed by duly authorized representatives of Participating Countries in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.]

Name of country, signature....