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Summary report of the 1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of the Interim Commission Council (ICC-1)

The 1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of the Interim Commission Council (ICC-1) of the UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project was held in Koreana Hotel, Seoul, on 13 July 2017 hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea. Representatives from national and local governments of RO Korea and PR China, UNDP, UNOPS and NOWPAP participated in the meeting. The Meeting was chaired by Deputy Director General of RO Korea Mr. Sei-joong KWON and co-chaired by Associate Counsel of State Oceanic Administration of PR China Mr. Fengkui LIANG.

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Conclusions and Decisions

Project Progress Report: The meeting commended on the productive work of the Secretariat in preparing the inception of the project which involved extensive consultation between UNDP and UNOPS, and between the two countries. The meeting encouraged the Secretariat to seek more contents of progress of activities in RO Korea. The meeting took note of progress of the project and encouraged the PMO to facilitate the participation of DPR Korea in project activities with assistance from UNDP. NMEMC of SOA expressed the willingness to support and facilitate the organization of YSLME meetings in Dalian and/or Dandong. RO Korea recognized the necessity of DPR Korea’s participation in YSLME activities while closely watching the general situation around the Korean Peninsula.

Establishment of Interim YSLME Commission and Subsidiary Bodies: The Meeting approved the revised TORs of the Interim Commission Council (ICC) and its Subsidiary Bodies, Rules of Procedure for the ICC, and the TORs of Secretariat staff as endorsed by the MSTP-1. Considering the approval of the AWP 2017 and low project delivery, the meeting directed the Secretariat to proceed with organization of RWG meetings prior to the formal notification of results of internal consultation on the chairmanship of RWGs by the two countries. The Meeting urged the two countries to complete the consultation process by the end of July, 2017, to accelerate mobilization of project inputs.

The meeting approved the recommendations of the MSTP-1 in relation to:

- Project Results Framework, Budget and Plans;
- Engagement of SOA in Project Implementation;
- Establishment of the Regional Working Groups (RWGs);
- Project Inception Report;
- Project Workplans (2017-2019), RWGs’ Workplans (2017-2019), Annual Workplan and Procurement Plans of 2017; and
- Roadmap to sustainable regional governance framework.

Yellow Sea Partnership: The meeting values the opportunity of collaborating with PEMSEA in EAS Congress as a meaningful contribution of UNDP, PR China and RO Korea to raising the awareness of
DG 14 by the public, national and local leaders and youth. RO Korea commented that the detailed activities to be made should be reviewed by the RWGs.

**Other Business**: The meeting agreed that UNDP share the draft TOR of Mid-term review of the second phase of the project by email before the end of 2017, and to have the independent evaluator in place in the first quarter of 2018.

In his conclusion remarks, the Chair thanked the active participation of representatives of the two countries, UNDP, UNOPS and NOWPAP, and the effective organization of the meeting by the Secretariat.