

ANNEX I. (DRAFT) RESOLUTION OF NEASPEC ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR NATURE CONSERVATION PROGRAMME IN NORTH-EAST ASIA

To be adopted by the 12th SOM of NEASPEC on 23 March 2007

NEASPEC,

Recalling the Framework on NEASPEC adopted at the 3rd SOM in 1996, defining the goal of the framework as a means to promote subregional environmental cooperation and sustainable development efforts,

Recalling the Vision Statement adopted at the 6th SOM in 2000, recommending the NEASPEC countries to promote common policy dialogue on approaches and views, and coordinated actions on subregional environmental issues,

Recalling also the decisions of the 8th, 9th and 10th Senior Officials Meetings, concluding the need to develop a framework for nature conservation in North-East Asia and endorsing the project on the subject,

Recognizing the national commitment of the NEASPEC countries to the conservation of biodiversity at national, regional and global levels as the parties of global biodiversity conventions, namely Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands, and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) in particular,

Recognizing the NEASPEC countries' supports and responsibilities for the implementation of 2010 Biodiversity Target of the CBD and the significant importance of joint subregional responses to the accomplishment of the Target,

Noting with satisfaction of the outcome of the project, "Framework for Nature Conservation Programme in North-East Asia",

1. *Endorses* the draft strategy, which was developed through collective efforts of national collaborating centres and experts, as the Nature Conservation Strategy in North-East Asia;

2. *Calls upon* the NEASPEC member countries, through the existing Senior Officials Meetings and the network of national collaborating centres, to work towards the implementation of proposed subregional and national actions in the Strategy;

3. *Invites* the NEASPEC member countries to initiate subregional actions and to take advantage of the agreed Strategy to formulate national policies and increase public awareness on nature conservation;

4. *Requests* ESCAP to consult with national collaborating centres and national experts to develop further joint actions based on the Strategy and facilitate the implementation of agreed actions;

5. *Also requests* the United Nations bodies including and the CBD Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP, and UNESCO, international organizations including the ADB, international NGOs such as WWF and WCS, and national NGOs to support the Strategy as a formal and practical mechanism for nature conservation in North-East Asia.