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**REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE SCIENCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE OF NORTH-EAST ASIA CLEAN AIR PARTNERSHIP**

1. The Fifth Meeting of the Science and Policy Committee (SPC) of the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) convened in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 8 September 2023.
2. The Meeting was attended by SPC members from China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation, as well as representatives of NEACAP Technical Centres (TC) from China and the Republic of Korea (Annex 1. List of Participants).
3. The Meeting was opened by Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office (ESCAP-ENEA). He recognized the pivotal role the SPC plays in shaping NEACAP's direction and aligning the diverse interests of member States, emphasizing the Secretariat's strong reliance on their guidance and active involvement.
4. In adherence to the Rules of Procedure for the Science and Policy Committee of NEACAP, the Meeting elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for the fifth meeting of SPC (SPC-5) as follows:

Chair: Mr. Jung Hun Woo
Professor
Konkuk University
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Vice-Chair: Mr. Jingnan Hu
Director
Institute of Atmospheric Environment
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5. The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda without any amendment (Annex 2. Agenda).
6. The Meeting discussed jointly agenda item 4 on reviewing the follow-up actions stemming from NEACAP SPC-4 and agenda item 5 on mid-term review of the NEACAP Work

Plan for 2021-2025, referencing the meeting documents prepared by the Secretariat.

7. Mr. Klimont Zbigniew (Consultant for NEACAP Policy Analysis Report) shared updates on the preparation of the policy analysis report and noted the progress of communications with national experts on data and information needed for the report.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Committee noted that there are no adjustments on the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025. The Committee provided the following advice and recommendations on Category I activities:

(a) **Policy analysis report and policy dialogues:** The Committee highlighted the importance of the engagements of policymakers of member States in the process of developing the report and policy dialogues based on the report. Following the current progress in the report preparation, the Committee suggested to organize the first policy dialogue to review the draft during the first quarter of 2024 and the second policy dialogue in succeeding quarters in 2024. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to prepare concept notes of the policy dialogues articulating details such as targeted participants, scope, objectives, and usage of the report, for the consideration of member States.

(b) **Voluntary BAT collaboration.** The Committee appreciated the Secretariat's effort in preparing the BAT report and noted that the Secretariat will present the BAT report in the NEASPEC 26th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-26) as a Secretariat output, which is a reference document for NEACAP activities, where applicable and appropriate.

9. The Committee provided the following advice and recommendations on Category II activities:

(c) In preparation for the NEACAP Work Plan (2026-2030), the Committee initiated discussions on potential priority areas and activities for cooperation for Category II and noted the document prepared by the Secretariat on stock-taking study on potential priority areas and activities for cooperation for Category II. The Committee suggested the Secretariat to explore the possibility for the member States to undertake capacity building activities. The Committee noted of existing subregional activities that could be linked to the activities of NEACAP.

10. On this note, the Committee recommended the following work plan:

- (a) Policy analysis report and policy dialogue
- Organization of 1st policy dialogue (to review draft): Q1 2024
 - Finalization of policy analysis report: Q2 2024
 - Organization of 2nd policy dialogue: 2nd half 2024

(b) Voluntary BAT collaboration

- Submission of the BAT report to SOM-26: Q4 2023

(c) Capacity building

- Exploration of possibilities for the member States to undertake capacity building activities: 2024-2025

11. The Committee agreed to discuss further activities for 2024-2025 in the 6th SPC Meeting. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to prepare draft programme of the NEACAP activities in line with the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025, for the consideration of SPC members.

Annex 1.

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of follow-ups on the outputs of NEACAP SPC-4
5. Mid-term review of the NEACAP Workplan 2021-2025
6. Date and provisional agenda of the next regular SPC meeting or ad hoc meeting
7. Other issues
8. Adoption of the meeting report
9. Closing of the Meeting

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