

The Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting
on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia
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DRAFT PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTION TO EANET (Revised Draft)

I. Introduction

1. At the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG5) held in Pattaya, Thailand, in 2003, all the participating countries reached consensus on the Decision on the Further Financial Arrangement for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), attached as Annex 1 of this Guideline.
2. At the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG6) held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in 2004, China announced to provide continuous contribution to the EANET activities. In this connection, it was suggested to prepare the guidelines on procedures for receiving contribution to EANET activities.
3. Thailand started to contribute to EANET from the year 2005 based on the Decision of the IG5.
4. Based on the previous discussions and decisions by the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG), the Secretariat prepared this document for the participating countries to facilitate contributions to EANET. This guideline document was discussed at the Second Session of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD2) in June 2005 to be submitted for consideration at the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) in November 2005.

II. Guidelines for calculation of contribution from the participating countries

5. Paragraph 3 of the Decision 1/IG5 stated, “Decides that the participating countries of EANET should make effort, on a voluntary basis, to make financial contributions to NC and the Secretariat budget up to 2004. Taking into account the latest actual expenditure figures, countries will then make effort on a voluntary basis to contribute to the budget to be directly spent by the Secretariat using fully the latest UN assessment scale-based burden sharing as the first step. After three years, the performance and transparency of the Network should be reviewed to explore the possibility of strengthening and extending the burden sharing. The possibility of introducing minimum contribution amount from the

participating countries should also be explored.” Paragraph 5 of the Decision also stated, “Applies the new financial arrangement from 2005 budget”.

6. In order to decide for the contributions of the participating countries in 2005 for the budget of the Secretariat, WGFD2 agreed to suggest the procedure as follows:
7. According to the Report of Session of IG6 (paragraph 27), it was pointed out that the burden sharing should be based on the latest actual expenditures after three years, based on UN assessment scale. It was clarified during WGFD2, that this Option has already been agreed for voluntary contribution and will be practiced until the year 2007, according to the decision of the IG5.
8. As a concrete example, in the year 2005, the burden sharing should be based on the 2003 latest actual expenditures (US \$ 202,488.5). The contribution of the participating countries in 2005 could be shown in Annex 2 of this report.

III. Guidelines on transfer of contribution to the Secretariat

9. Before the transfer of the money, a letter request for contribution has to be prepared by the Secretariat for the participating countries.
10. The participating countries could transfer the money to the Secretariat via electronic transfer through the bank account:
11. The Secretariat will contact NFP for the confirmation as soon as the Secretariat confirms the transfer in the bank account.

Annex 1

DECISION 1/IG. 5

FURTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR EANET

Recognizing the importance of long-term, secured financial arrangement for the EANET activities,

Recalling the agreements reached at the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting through Decisions 1 to 6 for the regular phase of EANET,

Taking into account the discussions at the sessions of the Intergovernmental Meeting as well as the Working Group on Further Financial Arrangement for EANET,

Considering that in some countries the negotiations on the new financial arrangement with national financial bodies require legal status of official international document,

The Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 27-28 November 2003 in Pattaya, Thailand,

1. Confirms the principles that were agreed on at the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting should remain the basic policy of the EANET activities, at least in the initial stage of the regular phase.
2. Takes note that the following three principles for further financial arrangements.
 - (i) Financial contribution should be on a voluntary basis, at least for the initial stage of the regular phase. In other words, a burden sharing principle is not mandatory unless otherwise decided.
 - (ii) Step-wise approach should be taken for financial contribution by the participating countries.
 - (iii) Effort should also be continued to further improve transparency and efficiency of the Network.

3. Decides that the participating countries of EANET should make effort, on a voluntary basis, to make financial contributions to NC and the Secretariat budget up to 2004. Taking into account the latest actual expenditure figures, countries will then make effort on a voluntary basis to contribute to the budget to be directly spent by the Secretariat using fully the latest UN assessment scale-based burden sharing as the first step. After three years, the performance and transparency of the Network should be reviewed to explore the possibility of strengthening and extending the burden sharing. The possibility of introducing minimum contribution amount from the participating countries should also be explored.

4. Also decides the following items.

- (i) The forms of contribution, in-kind or in cash, may be chosen by the participating countries, taking into account the needs and efficiency of the EANET activities.
- (ii) A newly participating country should be able to enjoy three-years grace period for burden sharing.
- (iii) Although a burden sharing principle is a desirable target in the future, it may not be possible to apply immediately. Transitional measures can be applied to some countries to reduce their immediate burden, such as bearing their own travelling expenses to participate in the EANET meetings.

5. Applies the new financial arrangement in paragraph 3 and 4 above from 2005 budget.

6. Decides to review the possibility of developing an international agreement to provide a sound basis for financial contribution.

Annex 2

Option 1

**Estimated amounts of contributions correspondent to the latest UN
Assessment Scale* and based on 2003 actual expenditures**

Country	UN scale of assessment 2003 (%)	Scale of EANET burden sharing (%)	Estimated contribution (US \$) in 2005 based on 2003 actual expenditures**
Cambodia	0.00200	0.008	(16)
China	1.53200	6.14	12,433
Indonesia	0.20000	0.80	1,620
Japan	19.51575	78.234	158,415 + 24
Lao PDR	0.00100	0.004	(8)
Malaysia	0.23500	0.94	1,903
Mongolia	0.00100	0.004	8
Philippines	0.10000	0.40	810
Republic of Korea	1.85100	7.42	15,025
Russia	1.20000	4.81	9,740
Thailand	0.29400	1.18	2,389
Viet Nam	0.01600	0.06	122
Total	24.94775	100.00	202,489

* Decision 1/IG5

** Based on IG6 Report of Session, paragraph no. 27