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## Consideration on Rules of Procedure for Scientific Advisory Committee of EANET

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Rules of Procedures for EANET were adopted by the Third Session of Intergovernmental meeting (IG3) held in November 2001 in Thailand. There are no specific rules and procedures for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) to be established since SAC has been following the rules of procedures for IG as its subsidiary body.
2. The First Session of Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD1) discussed the possibility and desirable opportunity to appoint fixed term bureau members taking into account the initiative on the first periodic report on the state of acid deposition in East Asia. The Third Session of SAC (SAC3) pointed out that the preparation of mentioned report should be included in the Work Program and Budget for EANET as the activity of SAC. WGFD1 suggested including a consideration of fixed term for SAC bureau members into agenda of the Fourth Session of the SAC (SAC4).
3. Since SAC may have slightly different procedures especially for its bureau members, it may be appropriate to establish a certain imperative before specific rules of procedures for SAC could be developed, if necessary, based on those for IG.

### II. PROPOSAL ON FIXED TERM BUREAU MEMBERS

4. According to the mentioned document, the Rules of Procedure for EANET would be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of subsidiary bodies. Based on them for IG, the bureau of SAC was usually elected at the Session of SAC among the participants and consisted of Chair-person, two Vice-Chair-persons and Rapporteur who would remain their duty until their successors are elected. The election of SAC bureau was done at the beginning of each SAC session on the practice.
5. The extended continuation of term for SAC bureau is appeared as desirable possibility to maintain a number of scientific/technical activities of EANET for coming year and prospective time including the process of preparing the first periodic report on the state of acid deposition in East Asia, development of 5-year medium term plan and other important issues. Such extension of term could be adopted by SAC by fixing the period of term for SAC bureau.
6. It is suggested to establish the fixed term for the period of three years for the posts of Chair-person and Vice-chairperson. The Rapporteur will be elected at each SAC session to assist

other bureau members and session secretariat with recording of discussion and reporting. The application of this imperative could be start immediately after adoption by SAC4 session.

7. The Network Center being as the secretariat for SAC sessions suggests SAC4 to consider the possibility of election of one Vice-chairperson together with Chair-person and Rapporteur taking into account the difficulties for most of SAC members to commit this suggested fixed term due to their business and other matters.

### **III. FUTURE STEPS**

8. The evaluation of appropriateness of fixed term for the period of three years for SAC bureau could be done based on the experience during next three years.

9. SAC will consider, if necessary, the suggestion to establish specific rules of procedures for SAC based on those for IG. Such suggestion could be addressed to SAC bureau or subsidiary body to be organized by SAC or WGFD.