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STATUTE

on the Focal Points of the Regional Environmental Action Plan under the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development of the Central Asian Region

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. The Focal Points for the Central Asian Regional Environmental Action Plan (REAP FPs) under the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development of the Central Asian Region (hereinafter – the REAP FPs of ICSD) were established pursuant to the decisions of the ICSD “On the Preparation of the REAP” dated 22 June 2000 and 23 May 2002 (Annex 1), with the purpose of preparing and implementing the REAP.
- 1.2. In its activities, the REAP FPs shall be guided by the decisions adopted by the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS), the ICSD, and the present Regulations.
- 1.3. The REAP FPs shall take decisions on the basis of consensus.
- 1.4. All documentation related to the activities of the REAP FPs shall be conducted in the Russian language. Where necessary, documents of the REAP FPs shall be translated into the state languages of the Central Asian countries and into English.

II. MAIN FUNCTIONS

- 2.1 To coordinate and organize the process of preparation and implementation of the REAP based on National Environmental Action Plans (NEAPs).
- 2.2 To coordinate and provide overall guidance for the preparation, implementation, and further development of the REAP.
- 2.3 To ensure coordination with other regional programmes and projects in the field of environmental protection in the Central Asian region (CAR).

- 2.4 To facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information on REAP programmes and projects.
- 2.5 To promote public participation in the processes of preparation and implementation of REAP projects, as well as in decision-making related to its implementation.

III. STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

- 3.1 The REAP Focal Points shall consist of five members – one Focal Point (FP) from each State – approved by the ICSD upon nomination by the Governments of the Central Asian countries. Representatives of UNEP, UNDP, and civil society may participate in the work of the REAP FPs in an advisory capacity.
- 3.2 The REAP FPs shall be headed by a Coordinator – an FP representing the country hosting the ICSD.
- 3.3 The activities of the REAP FPs shall be governed by the present Statute and other legislative acts related to the REAP process.
- 3.4 Meetings of the REAP FPs shall be held in accordance with the work plan approved by the ICSD. Where necessary, decisions may be adopted through written procedure, subject to subsequent written confirmation.
- 3.5 Financial support for the activities of the REAP FPs shall be provided within the framework of the ICSD budget and other sources.

IV. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The REAP FPs shall have the right to submit proposals to the ICSD concerning:
 - draft ICSD decisions on the preparation and implementation of the REAP and other matters within the competence of the REAP FPs;
 - approval of budgets for regional activities related to the REAP process;
 - projects and project proposals under the REAP, as well as reports on the implementation and completion of REAP projects.

The REAP FPs shall carry out overall coordination of regional programmes and projects in the field of environmental protection in Central Asia in line with the goals and objectives of the REAP.

- 4.2 The REAP FPs shall have the right to assign tasks related to the implementation of the REAP to the SIC/ICSD, Cooperation Centres (CCs), and the NGO Working Group.
- 4.3 In order to enhance the effectiveness of the REAP process, the Focal Points shall have the right to recruit technical assistant on a contractual basis.
- 4.4 The REAP FPs shall carry out its activities in close cooperation with the executive and working bodies of the ICSD, as well as with other national, regional, intergovernmental

and international bodies, and civil society organizations, in particular non-governmental organizations.

- 4.5 For the implementation of the REAP process, the REAP FPs shall recruit the necessary experts and consultants.
- 4.6 Each member of the REAP FPs shall be responsible for the overall coordination of REAP programmes and projects in his/her country and, upon instruction of the ICSD, may also coordinate activities related to regional projects and key environmental issues of the region.
- 4.7 The REAP FPs shall submit regular reports on its activities to the ICSD.
- 4.8 The REAP FPs, jointly with the Regional NGO Working Group, shall ensure that the general public in the region is informed about the progress of REAP implementation.

V. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Amendments to the present Statute may be made only by decision of the ICSD.
- 5.2 The REAP FPs shall cease its activities in accordance with a decision of the ICSD.
- 5.3 The present Statute shall enter into force upon its approval by the ICSD.