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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH EAST ASIAN SEAS (EAS)
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' MEETING (SGOM)
Preparatory Meeting for the Seventh EAS Ministerial Forum**

**25 November 2021
Zoom Meeting**

INTRODUCTION

- i. The Seventh East Asian Seas (EAS) Senior Government Officials' Meeting (SGOM) was held on 25 November 2021 via Zoom. Senior Government Officials from 11 PEMSEA Country Partners participated in the meeting, namely: Cambodia, PR China, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. The PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) served as the Secretariat for the Meeting.
- ii. Dr. Keita Furukawa, Technical Session Co-Chair of the EAS Partnership Council, chaired the Meeting on behalf of Dr. Vu Thanh Ca, Intergovernmental Session Co-Chair of the EAS Partnership Council.
- iii. The full list of participants is found in Annex 1.

1.0 OPENING OF THE SGOM

- 1.1 Ms. Aimee Gonzales, Executive Director of the PEMSEA Resource Facility welcomed all the delegates on behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility. Ms. Gonzales expressed her appreciation to all the Country Partners for their support in the preparations for the EAS Congress 2021 and the 7th EAS Ministerial Forum, particularly in securing high-level participation to the Ministerial event. With less than a week left before the 7th EAS Ministerial Forum, she emphasized the crucial role of the SGOM in finalizing the 7th EAS Ministerial Declaration for endorsement and signature by country heads of delegation on 02 December 2021. Recognizing the recent conclusion of the UNFCCC COP26, Ms. Gonzales further requested the SGOM to provide guidance if reference on the Glasgow Climate Pact would need to be reconsidered in the draft Ministerial Declaration. She, however, emphasized that should PEMSEA countries find it premature to include in the Declaration, further consideration on the relevant commitments on the Glasgow Climate Pact would be further discussed for consideration in the development of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) Implementation Plan 2023-2027, which is scheduled to be developed in collaboration with PEMSEA Partners, networks and collaborators in 2022.
- 1.2 On behalf of the PEMSEA Executive Committee, Dr. Keita Furukawa, expressed his appreciation and welcomed the Senior Government Officials in the meeting. Dr.

Furukawa highlighted that for the first time since the onset of the pandemic two years ago, the 11 PEMSEA Country Partners are complete and well represented at the SGOM. Echoing Ms. Gonzales' message, Dr. Furukawa urged the SGOM to actively participate in the discussion, particularly in the finalization of the 7th EAS Ministerial Declaration and expressed hope that consensus would be reached and that the objectives set by the SGOM would be met by the end of the meeting.

1.3 The Secretariat presented the agenda and schedule of the Meeting.

1.4 The agenda as adopted by the Meeting is found in Annex 2.

2.0 FINAL REVIEW OF THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION (SGOM7/DOC/02)

2.1 Ms. Gonzales provided an overview of the process undertaken as part of the review and consensus-building process, as well as the key considerations which guided the drafting of the 7th Ministerial Declaration. In particular, Ms. Gonzales emphasized that 3 rounds of consultations with Country, Non-Country Partners, and the Executive Committee have been completed. All throughout the process, the Secretariat was guided by the following key considerations:

- The need to ensure brevity or succinctness of statements
- Ensure use of clear and internationally accepted/defined terminologies
- Highlight key reference to relevant key global commitments adhered to by EAS countries, but omit instruments undergoing deliberations in order to avoid preempting results
- Highlight PEMSEA's achievements and strengths (particularly on regional cooperation, ICM, Blue Economy, and knowledge and capacity building)
- Recognize persistent and emerging regional challenges in EAS region, including impacts of the global pandemic
- Highlight support to PEMSEA Roadmap 2030 focusing on four key strategic objectives (Effective Governance, Healthy Ocean, Healthy People, and Healthy Economies). Whereas detailed Roadmap and SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2023-2027 will be done separately
- State a Call for Action covering recognition and support to the PRF, strengthened partnerships and commitment to green recovery

2.2 Building on the 4th draft of the Ministerial Declaration which was circulated to all Country Partners from November 2 to 17, 2021, Ms. Gonzales presented the comments and inputs generated from the last consultation process, and provided corresponding proposed actions from the PRF to guide the SGOM deliberations.

2.3 Following the presentation, the SGOM Chair facilitated the final review process by going over the paragraphs requiring further review and confirmation. In each

item, the Chair requested for country inputs, confirmation or alternative suggestions. The result of the SGOM review is captured in the following table:

PARA	SECTIONS FOR REVIEW/CONFIRMATION (Yellow- from 4 th draft; Green- new inputs prior to SGOM)	RESPONSE FROM COUNTRIES	PROPOSED ACTION FROM PRF	SGOM DECISION
Title	[PREAH SIHANOUK MINISTERIAL DECLARATION] ADVANCING OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: ROAD TO 2030 FOR HEALTHY OCEAN, PEOPLE AND ECONOMIES	Accepted by all countries subject to final confirmation by SGOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm the final title of the Declaration 	CONFIRMED BY SGOM
1	We, the [Official Government Representatives/representatives] of eleven countries bordering the Seas of East Asia, have virtually gathered this 2nd day of December 2021 to review the progress and scale up good practices in implementing the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia, chart our actions in the new decade to achieve our vision of healthy ocean, people and economies; and respond to the global call for a green recovery strategy post COVID-19 pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia suggested to replace comma after SDS-SEA with semi-colon Lao PDR suggested to remove 'bordering the Seas of East Asia' as Lao is a landlocked country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain 'Official Government Representatives' with majority opting for it The phrase 'bordering the Seas of East Asia' has been used and adopted in previous Ministerial Declarations to connote countries belonging to the EAS region. PRF would like to propose for the phrase to be retained 	BOTH PROPOSED ACTIONS CONFIRMED BY SGOM

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3	<p>We take note of / <u>underline</u> the need to address the impacts of COVID-19 by implementing green recovery strategy <u>plans / actions</u>, driven by a robust Blue Economy that boosts employment and equitable growth, and brings transformation towards responsible consumption, production and investment, while protecting our natural capital, enhancing resource efficiency and resiliency, and reducing carbon footprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All countries accepted the use of the term 'plans' except for the Philippines and Lao PDR. The Philippines suggested to use 'actions', while Lao preferred 'strategy' Indonesia suggested to replace 'take note of' with 'underline' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain 'plans' with majority opting for it PRF supports Indonesia's proposal to replace 'take note of' with 'underline' for consideration by the meeting 	<p>BOTH PROPOSED ACTIONS CONFIRMED BY SGOM</p>
4	<p>We reaffirm our commitment to Blue Economy made in the Changwon Declaration in 2012 and Climate action under the Manila Declaration in 2009, and support the global efforts to achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement signed in 2016, with mitigation and adaptation as crucial underlying principles in our strategies and actions to accelerate Blue Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia suggested to remove 'Climate' and use the original term- 'Paris Agreement' All countries agreed to delete 'signed in 2016' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt suggestion from Indonesia to use 'Paris Agreement' PRF would like to seek further advice from SGOM if the Declaration can already refer to the Glasgow Climate Pact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUGGESTION FROM INDONESIA ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED BY SGOM SGOM REAFFIRMED THAT REFERENCE TO GLASGOW CLIMATE

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	and Sustainable Development.			PACT IS STILL PREMATURE AND AGREED TO RETAIN PARIS AGREEMENT ONLY
7	<p>We acknowledge the recognition of / recognize PEMSEA as a model for regional ocean governance and partnerships, and reaffirm the SDS-SEA as the regional framework of commitments for collaborative and inclusive actions, thus providing PEMSEA with the essential institutional foundation to take on a greater role in contributing to achieving / help countries achieve global and regional commitments in the UN Sustainable Development Goals, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Climate Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity, and Sendai Framework, which were confirmed through the Danang Compact and the Iloilo Declaration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philippines suggested to: replace 'acknowledge the recognition of' with 'recognize' ; and to modify 'take on a greater role in contributing to achieving' into 'help countries achieve' • All countries accepted the insertion of 'reaffirm' • Indonesia suggested to remove 'Climate' and use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt the proposed modification from the Philippines and Indonesia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROPOSED ACTIONS CONFIRMED BY SGOM

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		the original term- 'Paris Agreement'		
8	We welcome the [United Nations] proclamation of a [the UN] Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, and the UNEA-4 Ministerial Declaration and support the global efforts in facilitating access to ocean science data and information to support science-informed coastal and ocean policies and interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia suggested to revise the statement into 'We welcome the proclamation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science...' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the proposed modification from Indonesia 	PROPOSED ACTION CONFIRMED BY SGOM
11	EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE. Improve policies for mainstreaming ICM and adopt relevant tools and mechanisms that will support an integrated, [coordinated,] inclusive and science-based decision making process; and strengthen institutional, technical and resource capacities by adopting innovative financing mechanisms and generating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippines suggested to add 'coordinated' Insertion of 'river' was accepted by all countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the proposed insertion from the Philippines 	PROPOSED ACTION CONFIRMED BY SGOM

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	knowledge and regional best practices on [river,] coasts and ocean management through learning and technology exchange platforms, science research and information management initiatives.			
12	HEALTHY OCEAN. Scale up ICM as a proven sustainable management approach to strengthen coastal resilience and protect the health of [river,] coasts and ocean ecosystems [,and related natural resources, as well as coastal communities,] from the threats and impacts of climate change, land-based pollution, [including] marine litter and debris, unsustainable [fishing] [activities and] practices, and other unsustainable patterns of use that lead to [coastal and marine] environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion of 'river' was accepted by all countries • The Philippines suggested to modify the paragraph as shown in green highlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt the proposed modification from the Philippines 	PROPOSED ACTION CONFIRMED BY SGOM
13	HEALTHY PEOPLE. Engage the community as responsible and effective stewards and enhance their capacities to protect and sustainably use and manage coastal, ocean [and water] resources thereby	Accepted by all countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm the proposed insertion 	CONFIRMED BY SGOM

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	facilitating food security and nutrition, access to livelihood opportunities and better quality of life.			
14	<p>HEALTHY ECONOMIES. Accelerate blue investments and ensure [sustainable and] efficient utilization of coastal and ocean ecosystems, [and water] [and related] resources, to support [national] green recovery initiatives that will generate jobs [and] livelihood and [enterprises within ecological limits, towards] contribute [ing] to the countries' sustainable economic development.</p>	<p>All countries accepted the insertion of 'and water' except the Philippines. The Philippines suggested to delete 'and water' and modify the paragraph as shown in green highlights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt suggested modification from the Philippines 	<p>PROPOSED ACTION CONFIRMED BY SGOM</p>
15	<p>CALL FOR ACTION We recognize the importance of the PEMSEA Resource Facility as [the coordinating and enabling mechanism] for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, [which is aligned with the global targets / objectives / goals] [that EAS Countries have signed to].</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All countries accepted the statement 'the coordinating and enabling mechanism'. Indonesia and Singapore <p>***</p>	<p>Confirm the insertion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that more countries opt to retain 	<p>CONFIRMED BY SGOM</p> <p>PROPOSED ACTIONS CONFIRMED BY SGOM</p>

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	<p>We further assure the PRF of our continued financial and technical / voluntary contributions and technical/ resource contribution and technical] support in sustaining partnerships in the region and call on our partners, local governments, private sector, academe, youth network, non-governmental organizations, financing institutions, and the international community to extend the necessary assistance to enable PRF to build regional capacities, facilitate knowledge exchange and leverage technical expertise, skills and resources for the sustainable</p>	<p>preferred the term 'global objectives'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● China, DPRK, Japan, ROK preferred the term 'global goals' ● Lao PDR preferred the term 'global targets' ● Cambodia agrees with either 'global goals' or 'global targets' <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All countries accepted the statement 'that EAS countries have signed to' <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p>'global goals', PRF would like to request SGOM to further discuss and agree on the use of 'global goals'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Confirm inclusion of inserted statement</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMED BY SGOM</p>

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	management of coastal and ocean ecosystems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambodia, China, IDN, DPRK, Japan, Philippines, ROK, and Singapore preferred the term 'voluntary contributions and technical support' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain 'voluntary contributions and technical support' with majority opting for it (Note: the same phrase was adopted in the Iloilo Declaration) 	CONFIRMED BY SGOM
16	<p>COVID 19 has brought activities to a slow down, giving the environment [and people] a chance to reset and regenerate. COVID 19 is a challenge [but also opportunities] to the people and the environment reset and regenerate].</p> <p>COVID 19 continues to pose a challenge to the people and the environment. As the world adjusts and works to manage the [global] pandemic and resulting in economic crisis, PEMSEA should take the opportunity to [support / lead in] the green recovery to build [back] better [and].</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia suggested to delete 'and people' as it does not conform well with the term 'regenerate' side by side with the environment; and add 'back' on 'build back better' The Philippines suggested to modify the last sentence as shown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the proposed modifications from Indonesia and the Philippines 	CONFIRMED BY SGOM TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THIS REVISED FORMULATION "COVID 19 continues to pose a challenge to the people and the environment. As the world adjusts and works to manage the pandemic resulting in economic crisis, PEMSEA

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	healthier [,and resilient] ocean, people and economies.	in green highlights.		should take the opportunity to support the green recovery to build back better and healthier ocean, people, and economies.”
SIGNATURE PAGE		As suggested by countries, the PRF modified the signature page to reflect the names of confirmed Heads of Delegation per country, who have been given the authority to sign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Partners to confirm the names in the updated Signature Page 	Country Partners to confirm final names for the final signature page (Note: Request from the Philippines- insert middle initial “A.” of DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu

2.4 Following the detailed review, the Chair secured the final confirmation from each country on the final draft Declaration. All 11 countries have confirmed their concurrence to the final draft, taking into consideration the final edits as provided and agreed to by the SGOM. The SGOM formally endorsed the revised final draft for adoption or signature at the 7th EAS Ministerial Forum on December 2, 2021.

2.5 In line with the endorsement by the SGOM, the Chair further requested the PEMSEA Secretariat to finalize and format the Ministerial Declaration together with the complete signature pages for onward transmission to all countries in preparation for the 7th Ministerial Forum.

2.6 The full final draft Declaration with revisions from the SGOM is found in Annex 3.

3.0 7th EAS MINISTERIAL FORUM PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS (SGOM7/DOC/03b)

3.1 Ms. Kathrine Rose G. Aguilin, PEMSEA Consultant for the 7th MF, presented the final program and arrangements for both the 7th Ministerial Forum and the Press Conference. Both scheduled on December 2, 2021. In particular, she highlighted the two key agenda items of the Forum: (a) delivery of Country Statements; and (b) signing of the Ministerial Declaration.

3.2 On the signing of the Ministerial Declaration, the following guidance were provided to the countries:

- Final copies will be provided to all countries together with the signature page
- Each country will print three copies in color for signature at the 7th MF; 2 copies will be submitted back to the PEMSEA Secretariat after the 7th MF, while 1 copy will be retained in each PEMSEA Focal Ministry
- Black sign pen will be used for signature
- (More detailed guidelines will be shared by the PEMSEA Secretariat to all countries after the SGOM, together with the final and laid out 7th EAS Ministerial Declaration)

3.3 On the conduct of the virtual MF, the SGOM were reminded that individual country zoom links as well as other administrative and logistical reminders have already been provided via the 7th MF Advisory that was released to all countries in advance. While countries who will require simultaneous interpretation were requested to register their interpreters separately and coordinate directly with the Secretariat.

3.4 All Country Partners who have yet to submit their respective Country Statements were also reminded to submit copies to the PRF together with their supporting visuals, if any. Country Teams were also requested to join the rehearsals scheduled on November 29 and 30, 2021.

4.0 FINAL CONFIRMATION OF COUNTRY DELEGATION FOR THE 7TH MF (SGOM7/DOC/04)

- 4.1 Ms. Aguilung provided an update on the status of confirmation of country delegations for the 7th Ministerial Forum. She highlighted that the heads of delegation from all 11 countries have already confirmed. The list as of 24 November 2021 is found in Annex 4.
- 4.2 To facilitate better preparation, all Country Partners were requested to brief their respective heads of delegation on the program flow and requirements.

5.0 CLOSING OF THE 7th EAS SGOM

- 5.1 The SGOM Chair expressed his appreciation and congratulated all the country representatives for reaching consensus on the 7th Ministerial Declaration which will serve as the region's new commitment document in support of the Global Sustainable Development Agenda as well as a response to the Decade of Ocean Science and Ecosystem Restoration. Moreover, he expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Environment of Cambodia who has been working full time together with the PRF to ensure smooth arrangements for the 7th Ministerial Forum. The Chair reminded all the countries to coordinate closely with the PEMSEA Secretariat and actively participate in the remaining preparatory activities leading to the 7th Ministerial Forum. In closing, he wished everyone good health and safety. The SGOM Chair declared the meeting officially adjourned at 12noon of 25 November 2021 (Manila time).

ANNEX 1
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

7th EAS Senior Government Officials' Meeting
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**ANNEX 2
MEETING AGENDA**

7th EAS Senior Government Officials' Meeting
AGENDA OF THE MEETING

DATE: 25 November 2021

MEETING PLATFORM: ZOOM

TIME/DURATION (in Cambodia time)	AGENDA
8:55-9:00 AM	Announcement of Meeting Guidelines
9:00-9:05 AM	Agenda 1.0: Opening of the SGOM Introductory Remarks Ms. Aimee Gonzales PEMSEA Executive Director Opening Remarks Dr. Keita Furukawa Technical Session Co-Chair
9:05-10:00 AM	Agenda 2.0: Final Review and Confirmation of 7th EAS Ministerial Declaration
10:00-10:40 AM	Agenda 3.0: Briefing on 7th EAS Ministerial Program and Arrangements Program Flow and Arrangements for Signing of Declaration Virtual Meeting Requirements and Schedule of Rehearsals
10:40-10:55 AM	Agenda 4.0: Final Confirmation of Country Ministers and Country Delegation for the 7th EAS Ministerial Forum
10:55-11:00 AM	Agenda 5.0: Group Photo and Closing of the SGOM

ANNEX 3
FINAL DRAFT 7TH EAS MINISTERIAL DECLARATION
(SGOM REVISIONS REFLECTED)

**PREAH SIHANOUK MINISTERIAL DECLARATION
ADVANCING OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA:
ROAD TO 2030 FOR HEALTHY OCEAN, PEOPLE, AND ECONOMIES**

We, the Official Government Representatives of eleven countries bordering the Seas of East Asia, have virtually gathered this 2nd day of December 2021 to review the progress and scale up good practices in implementing the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia; chart our actions in the new decade to achieve our vision of healthy ocean, people, and economies; and respond to the global call for a green recovery strategy post COVID-19 pandemic.

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a global crisis that disrupted trade, travel, tourism, and fisheries industries, plunging national economies across the region and affecting the lives and livelihood of the people.

We underline the need to address the impacts of COVID-19 by implementing green recovery plans, driven by a robust Blue Economy that boosts employment and equitable growth, and brings transformation towards responsible consumption, production and investment, while protecting our natural capital, enhancing resource efficiency and resiliency, and reducing carbon footprint.

We reaffirm our commitment to Blue Economy made in the Changwon Declaration in 2012 and Climate action under the Manila Declaration in 2009, and support the global efforts to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, with mitigation and adaptation as crucial underlying principles in our strategies and actions to accelerate Blue Economy and Sustainable Development.

We have taken initiatives to protect our coastal and ocean ecosystems from the impacts of climate change, marine pollution and other unsustainable patterns of resource use, mindful of the ecosystem services that it provides, including hosting nine of the world's busiest container-shipping seaports, producing 80% of the world's aquaculture and 40 million tons of annual fish catch, and supporting a third of the world's coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass beds.

We have achieved our targets set in the Danang Compact 2015, specifically 1) the completion of a regional State of Oceans and Coasts (SOC) and ten National SOC reports on Blue Economy, 2) scaling up of integrated coastal management (ICM) covering an estimated 40 percent of the region's coastline and contiguous watershed areas, surpassing the 25 percent target coverage by 2021; and 3) facilitating the formulation, adoption, and implementation of policies, action plans and programs on coastal, rivers, associated watershed areas and ocean ecosystems.

We recognize PEMSEA as a model for regional ocean governance and partnerships, and reaffirm the SDS-SEA as the regional framework of commitments for collaborative and

inclusive actions, thus providing PEMSEA with the essential institutional foundation to help countries achieve global and regional commitments in the UN Sustainable Development Goals, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity, and Sendai Framework, which were confirmed through the Danang Compact and the Iloilo Declaration.

We welcome the proclamation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, and the UNEA-4 Ministerial Declaration and support the global efforts in facilitating access to ocean science data and information to support science-informed coastal and ocean policies and interventions.

We are grateful to our non-country partners, development partners, collaborators, and donors; the PEMSEA networks of local governments, learning institutions, and youth; as well as non-government organizations, local communities, private sector and the media, which continue to support PEMSEA in achieving the SDS-SEA vision and goals.

PEMSEA ROADMAP TO 2030

We support the PEMSEA Roadmap 2030, which is anchored on SDS-SEA's vision and will complement PEMSEA Countries' green recovery plans. We commit to guide and work with the PEMSEA Resource Facility in the development of the PEMSEA Roadmap 2030 and the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2023-2027, based on the following regional priorities:

1. **EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE.** Improve policies for mainstreaming ICM and adopt relevant tools and mechanisms that will support an integrated, coordinated, inclusive and science-based decision making process; and strengthen institutional, technical and resource capacities by adopting innovative financing mechanisms and generating knowledge and regional best practices on river, coasts and ocean management through learning and technology exchange platforms, science research and information management initiatives.
2. **HEALTHY OCEAN.** Scale up ICM as a proven sustainable management approach to strengthen coastal resilience and protect the health of river, coasts and ocean ecosystems and related natural resources, as well as coastal communities from the threats and impacts of climate change, land-based pollution, including marine litter and debris, unsustainable activities and practices, and other unsustainable patterns of use that lead to environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.
3. **HEALTHY PEOPLE.** Engage the community as responsible and effective stewards and enhance their capacities to protect and sustainably use and

manage coastal, ocean and water resources thereby facilitating food security and nutrition, access to livelihood opportunities and better quality of life.

4. **HEALTHY ECONOMIES.** Accelerate blue investments and ensure sustainable and efficient utilization of coastal and ocean ecosystems, and related resources, to support green recovery initiatives that will generate jobs, livelihood and enterprises within ecological limits, towards contributing to the countries' sustainable economic development.

CALL FOR ACTION

We recognize the importance of the PEMSEA Resource Facility as the coordinating and enabling mechanism for the implementation of the SDS-SEA, which is aligned with the global goals that EAS Countries have signed to. We further assure the PRF of our continued voluntary contributions and technical support in sustaining partnerships in the region and call on our partners, local governments, private sector, academe, youth network, non-governmental organizations, financing institutions, and the international community to extend the necessary assistance to enable PRF to build regional capacities, facilitate knowledge exchange and leverage technical expertise, skills and resources for the sustainable management of coastal and ocean ecosystems.

COVID 19 continues to pose a challenge to the people and the environment. As the world adjusts and works to manage the pandemic resulting in economic crisis, PEMSEA should take the opportunity to support the green recovery to build back better and healthier ocean, people, and economies.

ANNEX 4
LIST OF COUNTRY DELEGATION FOR THE
7TH EAS MINISTERIAL FORUM

LIST OF 7th MF COUNTRY DELEGATIONS

In line with the preparation for the 7th EAS Ministerial Forum, the following list of delegation was received from the PEMSEA Country Partners (as of 24 November):

COUNTRY	LIST OF MF DELEGATION
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Say Samal, Minister, MOE (Head of Delegation) ● H.E. Eang Sophalleth, Secretary of State, MOE ● 5 Secretaries of States ● 4 Undersecretaries of States ● 6 Minister's Cabinet ● 4 Ministry of Environment's and Minister's Advisors ● 6 Secretary General and General Directors ● 14 Undersecretaries General and Deputies Directors Generals ● 14 Directors of Departments ● 17 Deputies Directors of Departments ● (Other participants will come from various Ministries/Agencies, International programs or entities based in Cambodia, and Coastal Provinces)
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Zhang Zhanhai, Chief Engineer and Director General, Department of International Cooperation, MNR (Head of Delegation) ● WANG Hua, Director General, Department of Marine Forecasting and Monitoring, MNR ● LIU Chunjing, Division Director, Department of Marine Forecasting and Monitoring, MNR ● SHEN Jun, Deputy Director General, Department of Marine Strategic Planning and Economy, MNR ● PANG Chong, Division Director, Department of Marine Strategic Planning and Economy, MNR ● FAN Xiangguo, Deputy Director General, Department of Sea Area and Island Management, MNR ● GAO Zhengqi, Division Director, Department of Sea Area and Island Management, MNR ● CHEN Danhong, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, MNR ● XU Heyun, Division Director, Department of International Cooperation, MNR ● YU Xinwei, Deputy Division Director, Department of International Cooperation, MNR ● HE Guangshun, Director General, National Marine Data and Information Service, MNR ● REN Xingyuan, Division Director, National Marine Data and Information Service, MNR ● ZHANG Zhaohui, Professor/Deputy Director, First Institute of Oceanography, MNR/ China-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Center

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WANG Shouqiang, Engineer/Programme Director, First Institute of Oceanography, MNR/ China-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Center
DPR Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Ri Myong San, Vice Minister, MEER (Head of Delegation) ● Jong Kwang Jin, DDG, GBCIO ● Kang Hyon A Officer, GBCIO (INTERPRETER) ● Ro Kyong Su, Officer, GBCIO ● Choe Ho Jong, Teacher, ICM Training Center, Kim Il Sung University ● Ri Il Kwang, Teacher, ICM Training Center, Kim Il Sung University
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Siri Nurbaya Bakar, Minister, MoEF (Head of Delegation) ● (Other members of delegation still being finalized)
Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Masayuki Takada, Deputy Minister for Technical Affairs, MLIT (Head of Delegation) ● Mr. Nobuhiro Hirashima, Director for International Ocean Affairs, Ocean Policy Division, Policy Bureau, MLIT ● Mr. Kensaku Kobayashi, Ocean Policy Division, Policy Bureau, MLIT
Lao PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Mme Bounkham Vorachit, Minister, MONRE (Head of Delegation) ● H.E Chanthanet BOUALAPHA, Vice Minister, MONRE ● Dr. Inthavy AKKHARATH, Director General, DWR, MONRE ● Phonexay SIMMALAVONG, Deputy Director General, DWR, MONRE ● Phousavanh FONGKHAMDENG, Head of Division, DWR, MONRE ● Chindavanh SOURİYAPHACK, Senior Officer, DWR, MONRE ● Aphideth SENGDALA, Technical staff, Cabinet office, MONRE ● Thongphun OUDOMPHEIT, Technical staff, Cabinet office, MONRE ● Representative, Department of Planning and Finance, MONRE ● Representative, Department of Environment, MONRE ● Representative, Department of Methodology and Hydrology, MONRE ● Representative, Department of Climate Change Management, MONRE ● Representative, Department of Natural Resources and Environment Inspection, MONRE ● Representative, Department of International Organization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Secretary Roy Cimatu, Secretary, DENR (Head of Delegation) ● Mr. Rodolfo Garcia, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, DENR ● Atty. Jonas Leones, Undersecretary, DENR ● Atty. Analiza Rebueta-The, Undersecretary, DENR ● Mr. Gavin Edjawan, Head Executive Assistant, DENR ● Mr. Marcial Amaro Jr., Assistant Secretary, DENR ● Datu Tungko Saikol, Director, BMB, DENR
RO Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. MOON, Seong-Hyeok, Minister, MOF (Head of Delegation) ● Hon. Song, Sang Keun, Deputy Minister, MOF (TBD)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Shim, Soo Bin, Deputy Director, Marine Environment Policy Division, Marine Policy Office, MOF
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Hazri Hassan, Director of International Policy, MSE (Head of Delegation) ● Ms Angeline Chui, Deputy Director, International Policy Division, MSE ● Ms Valerie Chia, Senior Executive, International Policy Division, MSE
Timor-Leste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Pedro dos Reis, Minister, MAF (Head of Delegation) ● Hon. Elidio de Araujo, Secretary of State for Fisheries, MAF ● Mr. Acacio Guterres, Director General for Fisheries, MAF ● Mr. Joao Carlos, Director General for Environment, MAF ● Mr. Artur Maria Pereira, Officer, MAF ● Mr. Timotio Alves, Staff, MAF ● Mr. Jose Gouveia Leite, Media Representative ● Mr. Rosalino X Lopes, Media Representative
Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Le Minh Ngan, Deputy Minister, MONRE (Head of Delegation) ● Mr. Nguyen Que LAM, Deputy Director General, VASI/MONRE ● Mr Ngo Tuan DUNG, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, MONRE ● Nguyen My Hang, Deputy Director, Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, VASI/MONRE ● Representative, Vietnam Environment Administration, NEA/MONRE
