

**SOM 3 Coordinators' Report of the Second Meeting  
of Senior Officials from East Asia and Latin America  
Santiago, Chile, 28 –30 March 2001**

The III Meeting of Senior Officials was held in Santiago, Chile, on 28 March 2001. The meeting was co-Chaired by Ambassador Octavio Errazuriz, Director-General (Asia Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, and Mr. Bilahari Kausukan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

The meeting was attended by senior officials of the 27 member countries, namely Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Colombia, Chile, China, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam.

Item 1 Adoption of Agenda  
The Meeting adopted the agenda

Item 2 Business Arrangements.  
The Meeting noted the Program. The Meeting met in Plenary.

Item 3 Discussion on Appellation of Forum  
The Meeting supported the proposal that the official name of the forum could be 'Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation'. The Meeting further agreed that it be submitted to the Ministers with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Item 4 Discussion of Framework Document  
The Meeting finalized the draft-Framework Document and agreed that it be submitted to the Ministers for their endorsement. The Meeting agreed that the Framework Document could be reviewed and amended by consensus, if necessary.

Item 5 Discussion on New Members  
The Meeting discussed the applications for membership by Costa Rica, Cuba and El Salvador. The Meeting agreed to recommend to the Ministers that the three countries be admitted into the forum.  
The Meeting also agreed to recommend to the Ministers, if the Ministers agreed to admit the three countries, that their representatives Could be invited to participate in the Ministerial Meeting immediately Following their acceptance into the forum.

Item 6 Report and Discussion on Projects  
The Meeting was briefed by its members on the status of on-going projects, and proposal for new projects. A document on a list of the projects as well as papers submitted by members on new projects will be circulated at due course.

It was noted that some of the projects overlapped with each other and that there was need for better coordination. The Meeting agreed that the next Senior Officials' Meeting will address this issue. The meeting also agreed that one of the Co-Chairs could brief the Ministers on the status when this item is discussed at the Ministerial Meeting.

#### Item 7 Preparations for the Ministerial Meeting

The Meeting was briefed on the program and agenda for the Ministerial Meeting.

The Meeting supported the proposal for the establishment of 3 Working Groups dealing with political/cultural; economic/social; and education/science and technology. The Working Groups could be tasked to develop specific frameworks for cooperation in this areas and to recommend specific forum wide-projects. The Working Groups may have Co-Chairs from the two regions. Membership of the Working Groups is flexible and could include Government officials, private sector and academia. The Working Groups could submit an interim report to the next Senior Officials Meeting in Colombia and the final report by the Ministerial Meeting in the Philippines in 2003. The Meeting agreed that the idea of establishing Working Groups could be Submitted to the Ministers for their consideration.

The Meeting also agreed to recommend to the Ministers that there could be a short draft communique attaching the Coordinators Report of the Ministerial Meeting and the Framework Document. In this connection, they supported the draft Communique and agreed that it could be sent to the Ministers for their consideration.

#### Item 8 Other Matters

No other matters were raised.