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PHILIPPINE NR'S PERSPECTIVES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RCARO

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Brief History of the RCA

- ❖ **RCA** – Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific
- ❖ **12 June 1972** – the RCA was officially established
- ❖ **The RCA has grown from 10 to 20 Government Parties to the RCA Agreement**

Establishment of the RCARO

- The GPs agreed to establish a Regional office in ROK with the following mandate:
 - To contribute in increasing the RCA visibility in the region as well as its viability through specific roles and responsibilities
- 2002 - The RCARO was established in Daejeon, ROK
- 2005 – the RCARO went into full operation

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- ❖ The Philippines believes in the establishment of the RCARO as advantageous for the interest and furtherance of the activities of the RCA.
- ❖ Over the past ten years, the RCARO has shown excellent performance in carrying out its mandate given by the GPs.

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- ❖ The Philippines cites the following outstanding activities of the RCARO:
 - Publication of brochures, pamphlets, video
 - Establishment and maintenance of the RCA website
 - Securing funding from UNDP and managing three very relevant projects
 - Travel grants to scientists for conferences

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- RCARO Fellowship Programme enabling secondment of staff of GPs in the Regional Office
- Nuclear knowledge management for GPs

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❖ Points for discussion:

- The RCARO must aim for greater involvement of experts from the other RCA Member States in the implementation of technical projects; it should be outward-looking, not just inward-looking
- The GPs should exert more effort in interacting with the Regional Office
- The GPs with more resources should extend assistance for the operations of the Regional Office

Concluding Remarks

- The RCARO **should continue** performing its present mandate
- The GPs **may consider added roles** for the RCARO for the benefit of the RCA.
- The GPs **must show increased ownership** of the regional office through greater support for its operations (financial contribution, cost-free experts, etc.)