



Male' Declaration

# **Establishment of Sustainable Financing Mechanism**

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# Background

- Air pollution in South Asia has become priority issue
  - pollutants cause adverse effects on human and animal health, crop and animal husbandry and also by corrosion of materials and objects of cultural heritage
  - Pollutants can also travel across national boundaries
- Environment Ministers of the region adopted the Malé Declaration in Maldives in 1998



# Background

## SALIENT POINTS OF MD

1. Analysis (economic and technical) of the origins, causes and effects of local and regional air pollution using expertise in various institutions and building capacity in them
2. Development of strategies to minimize air pollution
3. Co-operation in monitoring arrangements and standardizing methodologies for monitoring
4. Transfer of financial resources and technology for the programme and training securing incremental assistance from bilateral and multilateral sources
5. Encouragement of key stakeholders in the effort and activities

# Background

- The implementation of MD has been in phases with funding from Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) and secretarial support from UNEP RRC/AP
- Member countries have so far contributed only in kind and that too marginally by helping in the organizing of meetings on their soil and providing land and appurtenant facilities for the monitoring stations
- No cash contributions have come from member countries
- `good offices ` of international agencies have also meant underwriting the financial component of MD



# Background

- appropriate national structures and networks will be evolved and the good offices of regional, international, bilateral and multilateral agencies in this process will be used, as appropriate
- major effort for funding and setting up structures, networking etc., would come from member countries themselves



# Financing Arrangements

- time has arrived to look at future funding and to put in place a sustainable financing scheme in the interest of carrying forward this effort at subregional cooperation in South Asia, which is unique in many ways and is in the long term interests of the South Asian countries themselves



# Proposed Principles

1. Activities of the MD will be classified into three groups: (a) National level core activities such as implementation of monitoring activities at the national level, (b) Regional level core activities such as intergovernmental meeting, and (c) additional activities such as research activities.
2. Member countries will take the lead in financing their respective national level core activities



# Proposed Principles

3. Member countries will attempt to contribute to the regional level core activities based on the UN assessment scale or a mutually agreed formula

No.	Country	Percentages in UN Assessment	Percentages in MD (App)
1	Afghanistan	0.001	0.14
2	Bangladesh	0.10	1.4
3	Bhutan	0.001	0.14
4	India	0.450	63.00
5	Iran	0.2520	25.00
6	Maldives	0.001	0.14
7	Nepal	0.003	0.4
8	Pakistan	0.059	8.2
9	Sri Lanka	0.010	1.4



# Proposed Principles

4. Financial resources for the additional activities will be mobilized from external sources
5. Financial contribution of member countries will be on voluntary basis
6. Stepwise approach will be implemented for the contributions from the member countries. It is not necessary that all countries will start contributing at once



# Proposed Principles

- Task Force on future development of the MD will develop a report on the sustainable financing mechanism for the MD for the consideration of the twelfth intergovernmental meeting (IG12)
- The report will be based on these principles
- The report will define activities under three groups and provide annual estimates for the regional level core activities and additional activities



# Suggestions

- The member countries have to decide on the substance and process
- Some leeway be given for the smaller countries by way of a moratorium for three years while others start sharing first on the basis an agreed method
- IG12 will take a decision on the burden sharing option