Operationalisation of the Regional Cooperation Framework

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Bali Process on People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

Ad Hoc Group Meeting
11-12 October 2011; Sydney, Australia
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Background

4th Bali Regional Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia
29-30 March 2011

Agreed to an inclusive but non-binding Regional Cooperation Framework (RCF) to cooperate to reduce irregular movement through the region

Steering Group Meeting in Brisbane, Australia
17 June 2011

• UNHCR presented a Discussion Note on the Operationalisation of Regional Cooperation Framework
• Steering Committee Members provided comments to discussion note

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Presentation of the document entitled The Operationalisation of the Regional Cooperation Framework in the Asia Pacific Region
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Recommendation 1: Establishment of RSO

Co-Chairs

Australia  Indonesia

Regional Support Office
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Recommendation 2: Establishment of Working Groups

Regional Support Office

- Training and Capacity Building
- Ad Hoc Working Groups
- Research
- Practical Projects

- Processing and Case Management
- Resettlement and Burden Sharing
- Return
- Migration Management
Possible specific activities

- **Recommendation 3** –
  
  Global Expert Meeting ➔ Regional Roundtable on Rescue at Sea

- **Recommendation 4** – Pilot study on information exchange and data analysis
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Terms of Reference for Regional Support Office

- **Purpose**: Support and strengthen practical cooperation on refugee protection and international migration
- **Objectives**: Support facility and focal point for Bali Process Member States
- **Structure**: Under the oversight of the Co-Chairs in consultation with UNHCR and IOM
- **Location**: In South East Asia
- **Budget**: Staff allocation and financial contributions from Steering Group Member States and others
Cross-cutting activities
Short and long term

A. Information sharing/ data collection management
B. Capacity building and exchange of best practices
C. Pooling of common technical resources
D. Logistical and operational support for joint pilot projects