

PREFACE

APEC WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE AND PLANNING

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Recalling that in 1996 the APEC Leaders affirmed “the central role of the business sector in the APEC Process” and the Marine Resources Conservation (MRC) Working Group adopted an Action Plan for the Sustainability of the Marine Environment that identifies three central tools to meet its objectives: research, exchange of information, technology and expertise; capacity building, training and education; public and private sector participation and partnership.

Recognizing that this APEC Workshop in Singapore was approved by the APEC Marine Resources Conservation Working Group at its May 2001 meeting in Hong Kong;

Recalling the recommendation of the APEC Workshop on Assessing and Maintaining the Integrity of Existing Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities, held in Beijing, China, in 2000 to consider a workshop that addresses the state of the art technologies and methodologies available worldwide for rapid response to oil spills from ship accidents as well as from offshore oil production facilities; and

Noting that the APEC Workshop provided for an exchange of views among APEC economies on oil spill response and planning.

The APEC Workshop identified issues and made recommendations for improvements within each participating Economy.