

Note to R. E. Thornton

Notes on Scientific Research Group - Notes on your Meeting

Having read through your comments I have comments on recommended Working Practices and one overall comment.

Firstly, lets cover the general comment. The only point of weakness I detect (but it is serious) is in the Action side. It is clear that the group will identify and evaluate all forms of research and you say that it will report recommendations to the Research Policy Group. Since this is likely to meet only once per year we need other machinery to ensure that prompt action is taken. I would welcome your comments on that.

Turning to 'Working Practices':

Item 2 - I would suggest reads:

R.E.T. would act as Chairman of the S.R.G. which would have members chosen from Senior experts within the CAC countries.

Item 3 - Possibly related to my previous general point I am left wondering for what purpose the S.R.G. will identify on an on-going basis

Items 4 and 5 ought probably to be written in the 'conditional' mode i.e, "should" rather than "will".

Finally a suggestion for point 7:

The SRG should be responsible for ensuring a continuing source of group technical specialists in the area of Smoking Issues.

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