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Session 6—New Areas of Cooperation between the FMMP and the Member States and Partners

Working Group Component 3 - Mediation of Trans-boundary Flood Issues

I – Communications		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. What (new) communications mechanisms might be effective with respect to this component?	a) Should we hold (special) meetings to exchange information about FMMP components? b) Should we research communications mechanisms that are used in other river basins that could be useful in the Lower Mekong? c) Are there other ways?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing mechanisms should be used firstly, similar to other exiting programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional discussions • Setup FMM Working Groups/Ntl Teams • Programme Implementation Plan • Communication must be strengthened from Programme to National level • 3 levels in TB issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decision making; existing OK ▪ Resource management; existing OK ▪ Public participation; Hugely important but also very complex! a) Regional meetings with FMM WGs should be held b) Yes c)

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II – Planning		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. Are there activities or omissions in the existing component that need to be reconsidered?	a) What activities should be modified? b) Are there activities to be added?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Consensus building activities o Mechanism for balancing interests and making collective decisions o Fairness



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III – Implementation, Coordination, and New Areas of Cooperation		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. How can MRC and partners strengthen coordination of MRC FMM component programmes with partner programmes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can exchange of personnel between countries minimize the possibility of disputes and improve coordination? b) Can the countries assist MRC in the recruitment of a consulting company that will assist this component? c) Should there be more exchange of data and information? d) What other coordination approaches should we consider? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Building relationships and teams - yes b) Yes, they should be involved c) Yes, e.g. improving financial and human resources for O&M of hydromet networks; Also more exchange of data/info between upstream and downstream, through MRC d)
2. What new areas of cooperation with respect to this component should the FMM Programme and partners explore?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Should MRC-partner teams visit other countries that share river basins to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand how existing treaties attempt to minimize disputes? ▪ Understand how they cooperate in general? ▪ Benefit from lessons learned? o What other new areas of cooperation might be useful? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Yes, partner visits are generally very valuable

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