Strategic option 1 – Not to proceed with the mainstream projects

Regional Undertaking:
- LMB countries formulate plan for alternative energy sources
- LMB countries to have alternative plan for income generation from the other activities besides energy
- Create regional organization for integrated water resources management of Mekong river involving all 6 countries and concerned stakeholders by enlarging the role of MRC or creating a new agency
- LMB countries set policy not to pursue mainstream HP development projects
- Seek cooperation with China government in minimizing impact due to dam operation in China

National Undertaking:
- The government should have clear policy not approving power purchase from mainstream HP
- To conduct study and research on natural resources and environmental impact of HP for baseline information including compilation of past experiences
- The government set national development policy shifting revenue from non-energy dependence activities
- PDP should clearly exclude power generate from the mainstream dam

Strategic Options 2 – Defer a decision on whether or not to proceed and in what form and circumstances

Regional Undertaking:
- LMB countries formulate plan for alternative energy sources
- LMB countries to have alternative plan for income generation from the other activities besides energy
- Create regional organization for integrated water resources management of Mekong river involving all 6 countries and concerned stakeholders by enlarging the role of MRC or creating a new agency
- LMB countries set policy not to pursue mainstream HP development projects
- Seek cooperation with China government in minimizing impact due to dam operation in China

National undertaking:
- PDP should clearly exclude power generate from the mainstream dam
- To conduct study and research on natural resources and environmental impact of HP for baseline information including compilation of past experiences
- The government adopt position for 10 years deferment period
Strategic Options 2 – Defer a decision on whether or not to proceed and in what form and circumstances

Regional undertaking:
- LMB countries formulate plan for alternative energy sources
- Additional study and in depth research on the environmental issues identified in the SEA report
- Create regional organization for integrated water resources management of Mekong river involving all 6 countries and concerned stakeholders by enlarging the role of MRC or creating a new agency
- Support programme for non-energy revenue generation of the Mekong River

Strategic option 3 phasing basis – Proceed with mainstream development on a gradual phase basis.

Regional Undertaking
- Establish committee to formulate criteria for pilot project selection
- The key selection criteria should be project with minimum negative impact on environment
- The study procedure and information collection of candidate project should based on same international standard
- All candidate projects seek public opinion through public participation process prior to the selection
- Establish benefit sharing fund for improving quality of life and livelihood of the affected stakeholders

Strategic option 3 phasing basis – Proceed with mainstream development on a gradual phase basis. (Continue)

Regional Undertaking
- Create regional organization for integrated water resources management of Mekong river involving all 6 countries and concerned stakeholders by enlarging the role of MRC or creating a new agency with the responsibility to safeguard dam operation impact on neighboring countries
- Utilization of the pilot project to study additional information on impact as guideline for future projects selection
- The pilot project should not affect the sovereign boundary between Thailand and Lao PDR

4. Proceed with rapid development of all 12 mainstream projects

Regional Undertaking
- All projects feasibility and EIA study should based on same international standard
- All projects should provide mitigation and enhancement measures to minimize all impacts
- Dam operation of all the proposed dam should follow same standard procedure to avoid impact with each other
- Create regional organization for integrated water resources management of Mekong river involving all 6 countries and concerned stakeholders by enlarging the role of MRC or creating a new agency with the responsibility to safeguard dam operation impact on neighboring countries
4. Proceed with rapid development of all 12 mainstream projects (Continue)

Regional Undertaking

➢ The pilot project should not affect the sovereign boundary between Thailand and Lao PDR
➢ Establish benefit sharing fund for improving quality of life and livelihood of the affected stakeholders

Conclusion – Preferred strategic option?

➢ Thailand prefer strategic option 1 and 2
➢ Do not oppose option 3 if other LMB members choose this option
➢ Oppose option 4

Inclusion of Scenarios of the various impact

➢ Of the opinion that the SEA report should include a chapter on the impact scenarios with respect to environment, social and economic of the various clusters but not individual ranking

RECOMMENDATION TO MRCS

1) MRCS to submit the final SEA report to Joint Council for endorsement and reaction
2) MRCS to submit the report to National Mekong Committees for discussion and action (through the Chairman of the National Mekong Committee ie the Minister for MONRE)
3) Translations:
   □ the full final report into national languages,
   □ summary form with non technical language key sections and recommendations of the SEA report
RECOMMENDATION TO MRCS (Continue)

4) NMCs to undertake a series of workshops and public meetings with various stakeholders to present and discuss the report, including with river basin committees.

5) NMCs submit to the highest decision making level – e.g. the Cabinet, for adoption and to inform cabinet resolution so that all line ministries would implement.

6) MRCs should provide financial support to NMCs to carry out the activities.