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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Conference of Plenipotentiaries on  
the Convention for the Protection of  
the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution  
and its Protocols

Barcelona, 9-10 June 1995

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



## Introduction

At their Eighth Ordinary Meeting (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Spain and decided to convene the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution in Barcelona, Spain, June 1995.

### Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened at 10.00 hours on 9 June at Hotel Melia by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) or by her representative. The Conference will hear a statement by the Executive Director, or her representative and a welcoming statement by the representative of the host country.

### Agenda Item 2 - Rules of procedure

The rules of Procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutadis mutandis* to this Conference (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

### Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the rules of Procedure, the Conference will elect its own President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. They will constitute the Bureau of the Conference (Rule 23).

### Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work

A provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director (Rule 10) has been circulated with the letter of invitation (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.6/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The morning of Saturday, 10 June 1995 is required by the Secretariat in order to prepare the text of the Barcelona Convention, Dumping Protocol and Specially Protected Areas Protocol for signature in the four official languages.

### Agenda Item 5 - Adoption of the amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols

Agenda Item 5(a) - Adoption of the amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention)

The Conference will have before it the document "Proposed Amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention)" (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.6/3) as adopted by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995). The Conference will be invited to consider and adopt the amendments.

Agenda Item 5(b) - Adoption of the amendments to the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol)

The Conference will have before it the document "Proposed Amendments to the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol)" (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.6/4) as adopted by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995). The Conference will be invited to consider and adopt the amendments.

Agenda Item 5(c) - Adoption of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

The Conference will have before it the document "Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean" (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.6/5) as adopted by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995). The Conference will be invited to consider and adopt the Protocol.

Agenda Item 6 - Adoption of the Barcelona Resolution on the Environment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Basin

The Conference will have before it the document "Barcelona Resolution on the Environment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean Basin" with its annexes "Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Sustainable Development of the Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean (MAP Phase II)" and "Priority Fields of Activities for the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean Basin (1996-2005)" (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.6/6) as adopted by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995). The Conference will be invited to consider and adopt the Resolution with its annexes.

Agenda Item 7 - Report of the Credentials Committee

Each Contracting Party shall be represented at the Conference by an accredited

representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted by the Contracting Parties to the Executive Director before the opening session. The Bureau of the Conference shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference (Rule 19).

Agenda Item 8 - Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference

A draft Final Act shall be submitted to the Conference for adoption. The draft will contain a report on the debate, the decisions taken, the texts of the amendments to the Barcelona Convention and Dumping Protocol, as well as the text of the Specially Protected Areas Protocol. The final act will also contain as its annex the Barcelona Resolution (with its two annexes). The Conference will proceed to a separate vote, if needed, on each of the articles of the Barcelona Convention, Dumping Protocol and Specially Protected Areas Protocol, before adopting them in its entirety.

Agenda Item 9 - Signature of the Final Act of the Conference

The Final Act shall be signed by the Representatives of the Contracting Parties attending the Conference. The detailed arrangements for the signature of the Final Act will be defined in agreement with the Bureau of the Conference.

Agenda Item 10 - Signature of the amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols:

Agenda Item 10(a) - Signature of the amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention)

The amendments to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention) will be open for signature by the representatives of the Contracting Parties. The detailed arrangements for the signature will be defined in agreement with the Bureau. It will remain open for signature from 11 June 1995 to 10 June 1996 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Spain, in Madrid.

Agenda Item 10(b) - Signature of the amendments to the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (Dumping Protocol)

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Agenda Item 10(c) - Signature of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

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Agenda Item 11 - Closure of the Conference

The Conference will be closed on Saturday, 10 June 1995 at 15.00 hours.

ANNEX

Suggested Time Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
Friday, 9 June	Morning (10:00-13:00)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (15:00-18:00)	5 (concluded), 6, 7
Saturday 10 June	Morning	Free
	Afternoon (12:00-15:00)	8, 9, 10, 11

Coffee break: 11:30  
16:30