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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the  
Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution  
of the Mediterranean Sea Area by  
Transboundary Movements of Hazardous  
Wastes and their Disposal

Izmir, 30 September-1 October 1996

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## Introduction

At their Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Turkey and decided to convene the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Area against Pollution resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Hazardous Wastes Protocol), in Izmir, Turkey, September 1996, to be immediately preceded by a Third meeting of Mediterranean Experts, to be convened at the same place (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/16).

It is expected that the Third Meeting of Experts will be able to clear the pending issues in the draft Protocol in order to facilitate its adoption by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

### Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened at 10.30 hours on Monday 30 September 1996, by the MAP Coordinator, representing the Executive Director of UNEP, who will also make an opening statement. It is also expected that a statement will be made 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, four 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.9/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The morning of Tuesday, 1 October is required by the Secretariat in order to prepare the text of the Final Act and the Protocol, for signature in the four official languages of the Conference.

### Agenda Item 5 - Examination and adoption of the draft Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

The meeting will have before it the following documents:

- Report of the Second Meeting of Experts on the Hazardous Wastes Protocol, Rome, 21-24 September 1994, (document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.79/4)
- Draft Hazardous Wastes Protocol (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.9/3)

Agenda Item 6 - 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 7 - Adoption and signature of the Final Act of the Conference

A draft Final Act shall be submitted to the conference for adoption and signature. The draft will contain a report on the debate, the decisions taken, as well as the final text of the Protocol. The Conference will proceed to a separate vote, if needed, on each of the articles of the Hazardous Wastes protocol, before adopting the protocol in its entirety.

Agenda Item 8 - Signature of the Protocol

The Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal will be open for signature by the representatives of the Contracting Parties. The detailed arrangements for the signature of the Protocol will be defined in agreement with the Bureau of the Conference.

Agenda Item 9 - Closure of the Conference

The Conference will be closed on Tuesday, 1 October 1996, at 18.00 hours.

ANNEX

Suggested Time Schedule

Date	Session	Agenda Item
Monday, 30 September	Morning (10.30-12.30)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (14.30-18.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Tuesday, 1 October	Morning	Free
	Afternoon (16.00-18.00)	7, 8, 9

Coffee Break: 11.00 hours  
16.00 hours