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1. Status of Implementation of the Activities listed under "Work-plan" in Project Document and Status of Documents, Reports, Manuals and Guidelines being prepared

a. Studies and Surveys: ROCC publishes annually (in January) an updated list of oil pollution alerts and accidents in the Mediterranean Sea. During the period under review this list has been updated and disseminated in January 1987 and January 1988.

b. Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, Study Tours, Training Courses, Fellowships:

(i) The Director and the Technical Expert of the Centre participated in the Workshop on "Evaluating the risk of accidental pollution related to marine transport of dangerous substances" organized by CEDRE in Brest, France, from 25 to 27 March 1987.

(ii) The Director of the Centre participated in a conference on "Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean, control methods and international co-operation" during the Convention of the Mediterranean "Lions" in Sicily, Italy, from 7 to 9 May 1987.

(iii) MEDIPOL '87 training course was held from 6 to 16 April 1987. This is a general training course on marine oil pollution combating organized by ROCC annually at its premises in Malta. The EEC contributes to this training course for the participants coming from EEC countries. Twenty five participants took part - 12 coming from Mediterranean countries were supported financially by ROCC. Ten from EEC countries were supported by EEC. Two other participants from Kuwait and one from Norway were sponsored by their respective administration.

(iv) MEDEXPOL '87 - An advanced training course on oil combating on shore for candidates who are already familiar with general oil pollution problems and who are in charge of the handling of on-shore operations in National Contingency Plans. This training course was held in Marseilles, France, from 13 to 20 October 1987.

(v) MEDIPOL '88 - training course was held from 8 to 18 March 1988. Like previous MEDIPOLS, this is a general training course on marine pollution combating organized annually by ROCC at its premises in Malta. For the first time, the programme was extended to harmful substances other than oil.
As in 1987, EEC contributed by supporting financially participants coming from EEC countries.

Twenty seven participants took part - 10 coming from Mediterranean countries were supported financially by ROCC. Eleven from EEC countries were supported financially by EEC and other six participants from Italy (1), Greece (1), Libya (2) and Kuwait (2) were supported by their oil companies.

(vi) Fellowships: ROCC has also financed the participation of one candidate to INFOPOL '87 training course on oil pollution combating, organized by ACTIM in Paris, Brest and Marseilles, France from 4 to 19 June 1987.

The Director of the Centre delivered a lecture to the participants of the course on the subject "Regional cooperation in oil pollution combating".

Sponsoring of one or two participants to INFOPOL '88 will depend on our budget possibilities.

(vii) Seminars:

- The 4th National Training Course on Prevention and Response to Maritime Oil Pollution, held in Alexandria Egypt, from 24 to 31 October 1987, was organized jointly by the Arab Maritime Transport Academy (AMTA), TOCC and the Association of African Maritime Training Institute (AAMTI).

For the first time, the Commision of European Communities offered financial assistance for the organization of the course bearing the costs of lecturers and some participants from Mediterranean countries non members of EEC. The course was attended by 38 participants amongst whom 28 were Egyptian.

Topics presented covered various aspects of marine pollution, ranging from sources, behaviour of spilled oil, contingency planning, response methods as well as legislation and international conventions.

AMTA provided premises and teaching aids. ROCC was represented in Alexandria by its Technical Expert Mr. Darko DOMOVIC.

- A Training Workshop on accidental marine pollution was held from 5 to 9 December 1987 at the premises of the Institut Supérieur Maritime of Bou-Ismail, Algeria. Organized by the Division fo the Protection against Pollutio and its Harmful Impact with ROCC's co-operation, the Workshop brought together about fifty Algerian participants from all the coastal "willayas" coming from all the administrations or professions concerned with the setting up of the National Contingency Plan whose preparation is underway.
The programme of the Workshop included all fields of prevention and response concerning accidental marine pollution. Topics were presented partly by top level Algerian specialists and partly by the Director of ROCC assisted by an expert, Mr. Lucien CABANTIOLS, and by a representative of the Institut Français du Pétrole, Mr. Christian BOCARD, financially supported by BEC.

The course ended with a very quick theoretical exercise which nevertheless showed that the topics covered were well grasped and that the interdisciplinary co-operation between participants was excellent.

(viii) Lectures were delivered by the Director or the Technical Expert at various training courses (Urbino Training Course 23 November to 4 December 1987, etc.).

(ix) The Director participated in the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, held in Athens, Greece, from 7 to 11 September 1987 where the activities, including the new role of ROCC were discussed.

c. Status of Documents, Reports, Manuals, Guidelines:

(i) ROCC INFO 18, 19 and 20 were prepared and disseminated respectively in January 1987, June 1987 and January 1988. The next edition of this publication, due for June 1988 is also underway. The list of subscribers has now been computerized (as are all addresses used by ROCC - Focal Points, experts, companies offering services, etc...).

(ii) Documentation: Preparation of documents, in English and French, used as a written support for the training courses organized by ROCC.

(iii) Reports on the Activities of ROCC: The Director prepared and disseminated to IMO and to MAP a report entitled "Summary of ROCC's Main Activities" covering the period September 1985 to August 1987.

(iv) Guidelines: ROCC's publication "Guide for Oil Pollution Combating in the Mediterranean" is continuously being updated. The Third version was finalized and disseminated between December 1987 and January 1988.

(v) Data Bank: Creation of a data bank of commercialized equipment and products specially designed for oil pollution combating is being carried out at ROCC. A Catalogue of "Spill Response Equipment and Products" was disseminated.
2. **Summary of the Problems Encountered in Project Delivery**

(i) Word processor and computerization - completion of hardware equipment.

(ii) Possibility of change of the premises of ROCC - due to the present site being taken over for development of a tourist project by the Maltese Government.

3. **Actions taken or required to solve the problems**

(i) Immediate need for co-ordination and technical help to complete our hardware (2 more terminals) and to set up and adequate software inventory.

(ii) Representations made to Maltese Government by the Director of the Centre concerning:

- the Agreement between the Government of Malta and IMO on ROCC's status - still not signed 11 years after the creation of the Centre.

- the difficulties in recovering documents addressed to the Centre from the Post Office.

ANNEX I : 1987 Budget

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### ANNEX I

#### 1987 Budget

**CHAPTER 5 - REGIONAL OIL COMBATING CENTRE**

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1. **PERSONNEL**
   (a) Experts
   - Director P-5 12 67,980 67,980
   - Technical Expert (P-4) 12 64,270 64,270
   - Deputy Director/Admin. (P-4) 12 59,740 59,740

(b) Consultants
   - Information Officer 12 23,870 23,870
   - Bilingual Secretary 6 18,590 18,590
   - 2 Clerks/typists/telephone, telex operators 24 33,220 33,220
   - Concierge 12 13,950 13,950
   - Prior Years Adjustment ... 360...

2. **TRAVEL**
   - 15,000 14,640

3. **SUB CONTRACTS**
   - - -

4. (a) Fellowships
   - 6,000 6,000
   (b) Meetings 69,000 69,000
   (c) Review Meeting, Jan. 1987
   - 32,493
   (d) Workshop of operating Focal Points
   - 28,000

5. **EQUIPMENT**
   - 5,500 5,500
   - Prior Years Adjustment ...
   
6. **RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES**
   (a) Rental
   - - -
   (b) Maintenance
   - 1,000 1,000

7. **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT**
   - 5,680 5,680

8. **REPORTING COSTS**
   - - -

9. **SUNDARY**
   - 24,000 24,000

**TOTAL CHAPTER 5**

412,500 448,955

1/ As of March 1988
Workplan and timetable for 1988

**Activity**

**General:**
1. Participation in the Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting

**Information:**
   September 1988
3. List of Alerts and Accidents in the Mediterranean recorded at ROCC  
   1st Trimester
4. ROCC INFO - two issues in English and French  
   June /September 1988
5. Updating of:
   - Inventory of Experts  
     1st Semester
   - Concise dictionary of anti-pollution terms
   - List of Companies offering services in the Mediterranean
   - Catalogue of equipment and products  
     End of 1988

**Training:**
6. General Training Course on Oil Pollution Prevention and Combating - 2 weeks in Malta - MEDIPOL '88  
   8-18 March 1988
7. Specialized Practical Course on one aspect of oil pollution combating  
   1 week - MEDEXPOL '88  
   (subject and place not yet definitely chosen, probably "Recovery at Sea" in Ercolano, Italy)  
   27 September / 4 October
8. National Seminars in Mediterranean coastal States - 2 possibly 3  
   On request
9. Participation and lectures to existing training courses organized in Mediterranean countries (INFOPOL, SOGESTA, etc.) on request

10. Fellowships to courses organized in Mediterranean coastal States - 2 to 4

11. Seminars in collaboration with the Federation of Arab Sea Ports in Lattakia, Syria and with Moroccan authorities in Mohammedia on request

Advisory services:

12. Preparation of draft National Contingency Plans on request

13. Use of staff and consultant on request

14. Visit of Director to coastal States and follow-up of former visits systematically in case of changes in operational Focal Points

Assistance in case of emergency:

15. Use of staff consultant on request


17. Alert and communication exercise June 1988
For 1989:

Training should remain mainly based on:

- a general course on marine pollution prevention and combating in Spring at RCC premises in Malta;
- a practical advanced course on one aspect of marine pollution combating in autumn;
- a workshop dealing with pollution by harmful substances other than oil should be organized;
- continued co-operation with the EBC is anticipated in support of training.

Based on the recommendations of the Contracting Parties (UNEP/IG.74/5, Section II, M), and taking into account the need to "perform the new activities within the present budget allocation "it is proposed to replace the post of Deputy-Director (Administration) with a Chemist (P-3) and to assign administrative responsibilities to an Administrative Assistant under the supervision of the Director."
ANNEX III

1988/1989 Budget

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CONSULTANTS

(unspecified) 2 5.000 5.000

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

| Administrative Assistant | G-4         | 12     | 19.000 | 20.000 |
| Information Assistant/  | G-4         | 12     | 19.000 | 20.000 |
| Bilingual Secretary     |             |        |        |        |
| Word Processor operator  | G-3         | 12     | 16.000 | 17.000 |
| Typist - Telephone -     | G-2         | 12     | 14.000 | 14.500 |
| Telex operator           |             |        |        |        |
| Caretaker - documents    | G-2         | 12     | 14.000 | 14.500 |
| reproducer               |             |        |        |        |

TRAVEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Official travels 16.000 16.000

COMPONENT TOTAL (Project personnel) 276.000 283.000
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