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Third Meeting of Government-designated Legal and Technical Experts on the preparation of a Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area by Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Izmir, Turkey, 26-28 September 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 Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Thursday 26 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 Meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI)

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting will elect its own President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. They will constitute the Bureau of the Meeting (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 WG.116/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The official languages of the Meeting will be English and French.

<u>Agenda Item 5</u> - <u>Examination and adoption of the draft Protocol on the Prevention of</u> 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 WG.116/3)

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It is expected that the meeting will examine the pending issues with a view to agreeing on a common text to be submitted to the Conference scheduled to be convened on 30 September - 1 October 1996 in Izmir.

Agenda Item 6 - Any other matters

The meeting may consider any other subject relevant to the Hazardous Wastes Protocol.

Agenda Item 7 - Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda Item 8 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Saturday, 28 September 1996.

<u>ANNEX</u>

Suggested Time Schedule

Date	Session	Agenda Item
Thursday, 26 September	Morning (09.30-12.30)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (14.30-17.30)	5 (continued)
Friday, 27 September	Morning (9.30-12.30)	5 (continued)
	Afternoon (14.30-17.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Saturday, 28 September	Morning	Free (to prepare the Report)
	Afternoon (15.00-18.00)	7, 8

Coffee Break: 11.00 hours 16.00 hours