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## MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Meeting of experts to review the MED POL  
Biomonitoring Programme

Malta, 29 September - 1 October 1997

## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting will be opened at 10:00 hrs of 29 September 1997 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr George Vella and the representative of the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan in the "Aula Magna" of the Foundation for International Studies, Valletta.

**Agenda item 2. Election of officers**

The meeting shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and organisation of work**

The provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat is distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/1 and its annotation (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/2) and a proposed timetable are contained in this document for examination and adoption. The working languages of the Meeting are English and French.

**Agenda item 4. Background and scope**

Mr. G.P. Gabrielides, Senior Programme Officer, will present to the participants the background and scope of the meeting.

**Agenda item 5. Review of the results of the 1996 pilot biomonitoring programme including evaluation of techniques**

A report on the results of the 1996 pilot biomonitoring programme is distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/3. The report will be presented by Prof. Aldo Viarengo, Technical Coordinator of the exercise and a discussion will follow. Principal investigators will also be allowed to present their work.

**Agenda item 6. Data quality assurance**

Documents UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/4 and UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/5 on the Intercomparison exercises will be presented by the respective technical coordinators and a discussion will follow on the future of the data quality assurance programme.

**Agenda item 7. Review of manual on biomonitoring techniques**

A manual on biomonitoring techniques is distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.132/6. The participants are invited to comment on the content and the usefulness of the manual.

**Agenda item 8. Recommendations for future action**

The meeting will be invited to make recommendations for future action in as far as the MED POL biomonitoring programme is concerned.

**Agenda item 9. Any other matter**

The meeting will discuss any other matter raised by the participants or the Secretariat.

**Agenda item 10. Adoption of the report of the meeting**

The participants will examine, amend as appropriate and adopt the draft report of the meeting in English.

**Agenda item 11. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting will be closed on Wednesday afternoon by the representatives of the MAP Coordinator and the Foundation for International Studies.

**Proposed programme of work**

Monday, 29 September	09:30 Registration 10:00-12:30 Items 1,2,3,4,5 14:30-17:30 Item 5
Tuesday, 30 September	09:00-12:30 Items 5,6 14:30-17:30 Items 6,7
Wednesday, 1 October	a.m. Items 8,9 p.m. Items 10,11

Lunch hour: 12:30-14:30  
Coffee breaks: 10:30 and 15:30