



## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Introduction

The Meeting of experts on the implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean marine turtles, held in Arta, Greece, from 27 to 29 October 1998, drew up a revised version of the action plan. The same meeting suggested the convening of a further meeting aimed at producing a list of priority actions to be submitted to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties together with the revised action plan.

At its meeting held in Tripoli from 16 to 17 November 1998 the Bureau of the Contracting Parties approved the convening of this new meeting. Upon a proposal of the chair, the Bureau agreed that the meeting be held in Tunis. The government of France kindly offered a financial support to its organization.

The present Meeting of Experts on priority actions for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles is convened in Tunis (Tunisia) from 18 to 20 February 1999.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### **Agenda item 1 - Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting will be opened at 9.30 hours on Thursday, 18 February 1999, at the Hotel Belvédère, 10 Avenue des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, Tunis, by the representatives of the host country, the representative of the Coordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Director of the SPA/RAC. All the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution have been invited through the National Focal Points for SPAs to designate experts taking into account the specific subject of the meeting. Representatives of relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations have been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

### **Agenda item 2 - Rules of Procedure**

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6/annex XI) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3 - Election of officers**

The meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting

Parties a chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

**Agenda item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work**

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, appearing in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.152/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing at the end of the present document.

Working languages will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions.

**Agenda item 5 - Implementation of the Action Plan for the conservation of Mediterranean marine turtles : priorities for research and conservation**

The Secretariat will briefly introduce this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider a draft proposal for priority actions for the implementation of the action plan, contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.152/ 3. The work of the meeting is expected to lead to an agreed list of priorities, which will be submitted to the 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for adoption in conjunction with the revised action plan. The meeting will be also invited to discuss on mechanisms for the financing of the proposed actions. In this regard, reference will be made to document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.152/Inf.3.

**Agenda item 6 - Any other matters**

Possible other issues relevant to the subject of the meeting which might be brought to the attention of the meeting by the participants or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item.

**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 be closed by the chairman at 18.00 hours on Saturday, 20 February 1999.

**PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE**

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	<i>Agenda items</i>	<i>Sessions</i>
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<b><u>Thursday 18 February 1999</u></b>		
Morning	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
Afternoon	5	
<b><u>Friday 19 February 1999</u></b>		
Morning	5	
Afternoon	5, 6	
<b><u>Saturday 20 February 1999</u></b>		
Morning	free (preparation of the report)	
Afternoon 17.00	7, 8	

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*Note: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Belvédère, 10 Av. des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, Tunis, tel. (+216) 1 783133, fax (+216) 1 782214*

*Morning sessions: 09.30 - 13.00*  
*Afternoon sessions: 14.30 - 18.00*

*Coffee breaks: 11.00 and 16.00*

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