MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Consultation meeting on marine and coastal wastes in the Mediterranean

Athens, Greece, 20-21 December 1999

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Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by the MED POL Coordinator at 09.30 hours of Monday 20 December 1999 at the premises of the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan, 48, Vassileos Konstantinou, Athens. The working language of the Meeting will be English.

Agenda item 2: Background and purpose of the Meeting

The MED POL Coordinator will briefly recall the events which lead to the convening of the Meeting as well as its expected outputs. The main expected output of the Meeting is a draft outline and terms of reference of a project to address the issue on marine and coastal solid waste.

Agenda item 3: Review of MED POL activities and decisions related to marine and coastal solid waste

The main activities and programmes carried out as part of MED POL as well as the decisions and recommendations adopted by Contracting Parties related to solid waste which have to be taken into account in drafting a project will be briefly reviewed. In particular, the secretariat will review the links with the MED POL Programme, the GEF Mediterranean Project and the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-based Activities (SAP).

Agenda item 4: Secretariat’s views on the possible content of a draft project on solid waste as part of MED POL

The secretariat will shortly present some ideas related to the content of the project which could be the basis for the discussion under Agenda 5.

Agenda item 5: Discussion on the content, including workplan and timetable, of a draft project, based on the participants’ experience and data availability

This Agenda item is the main part of the Meeting. The possible content of the project will be discussed by the participants. A specific presentation is expected from each participant on his regional or national experience on solid waste assessment and management. As a result, each participant will be asked to comment on the secretariat ideas on the basis of his experience, data availability and views on the project feasibility. The discussion will identify gaps and needs but also data and information already available which will be used to formulate the elements of the project.

Agenda item 6: Drafting of the terms of reference of a Mediterranean project

On the basis of the participants views and presentations, a draft project content, including a work plan and time table, will be drafted by the Meeting.

Agenda item 7: Closing of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed at 13.00 hours of Tuesday 21 December 1999.