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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Experts meeting on environmentally sound management of  
sea water desalination plants and brine discharges

Forlì, Italy, 16 – 18 May 2002

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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

The Meeting will be opened at 09,30 hours of 16 May 2002 at the Salone Comunale, Piazza A. Saffi, 8, Forlì by the UNEP/MAP representatives and by Officials from the Italian Ministry of the Environment, the Municipality of Forlì and the Association of Amici per la Vita. The Meeting is also organised in cooperation with ANCI, the Province of Forlì-Cesena and the Emilia Romagna Region.

**Agenda item 2. Election of Officers**

The meeting will elect a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur.

**Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work**

The meeting will review and adopt the Agenda and the proposed work plan.

**Agenda item 4. Scope and Purpose of the Meeting**

The Secretariat will briefly review the background of the Meeting, will present the implications of desalination activities within the context of the Barcelona Convention and MAP, and will explain the expected outputs of the Meeting, i.e. to review and agree on the assessment and environmental implications of desalination activities and to agree on a set of recommendations for the management of desalination plants and of brine discharges. Such recommendations may be used at a later stage for the formulation of specific guidelines.

**Agenda item 5. Discussion and recommendation for the management of desalination plants in the Mediterranean**

Under this Agenda item, three experts from the Mediterranean and other regions will present key note papers on the development of desalination activities, environmental effects and application of EIA (**Agenda 5.1**). The presentations will be made in plenary. Subsequently, the participants will be divided in two working groups chaired by the two vice-chairpersons. The first group will be dealing with the review and analysis of the assessment of desalination activities in the Mediterranean (**Agenda 5.2**) with a view at reviewing and possibly updating the existing information contained in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.205/3. The second group will review the content of the recommendations for the management of desalination plants and of brine discharges (**Agenda 5.3**) with a view at discussing, revising and agreeing on the draft text of document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.205/4. The Secretariat and the experts will assist and facilitate the work of the two groups. The work of the plenary will be carried out with the assistance of simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

**Agenda item 6. Conclusions and recommendations**

The two vice-chairpersons will present to the plenary the results and the conclusions of the work of their respective groups which will form the conclusions of the Meeting. A complete report of the Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat after the Meeting and will be circulated to all participants for review and comments at a later stage, before finalization.

**Agenda item 7. Other Business**

The participants will discuss any other business that will be possibly raised under this Agenda item.

**Agenda item 8. Closure of the Meeting**

The chairperson and the UNEP/MAP representative will close the Meeting.