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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical  
Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee

Athens, 3-8 April 1995

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## Introduction

The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993), decided to convene during 1995 the Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee to review both separately and together the progress of the Action Plan and to propose recommendations to be considered at the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995). In view of the fact that this year's meeting will have to discuss the programme and budget for 1996, the two Committees will meet jointly in a plenary session to consider matters of common interest, and separately to review their respective programme components. The agenda will permit a clear distinction between the subjects falling within the responsibility of each Committee so that individual experts may attend sessions as appropriate.

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 10.00 hours on Monday, 3 April 1995, in the Hotel Holiday Inn, 50 Michalakopoulou Street, Athens by the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). All MAP focal points have been invited to send representatives taking into account the specific subjects of the meeting. Representatives of relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the Regional Activity Centres have also 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 will apply mutatis mutandis to the meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

### Agenda Item 3 - Election of Officers

In accordance with the amended Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a chairman, four vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

Two of the vice-chairmen will chair the meetings of the two Committees. Each Committee will elect a vice-chairman and a rapporteur.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat and appearing in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. It is proposed that the two Committees will meet jointly on the first two days (3-4 April), then separately on 5 and 6 April and in the morning of 7 April to consider their respective reports, and jointly again on 8 April morning to adopt the final report of the Joint Meeting.

The provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Directors of the Regional Activity Centres and the relevant U.N. Organizations. Ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub-committees may be formed by the Joint Meeting, in consultation with the Secretariat. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 5 - Revision of the Mediterranean Action Plan

Agenda item 5.1 Mediterranean Action Plan - Phase II

The Coordinator will introduce the relevant section of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it. He will also introduce the document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/6, "Mediterranean Action Plan - Phase II", with a view of its approval.

Agenda item 5.2 Programme of activities (1996-2005)

The Coordinator will introduce this item in conjunction with the item on the Barcelona Declaration/Resolution. The meeting will be invited to consider this item and take the necessary decision.

Agenda item 5.3 Barcelona Declaration/Resolution

The Coordinator will introduce the relevant section of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it. The Coordinator will also introduce the document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/7, "Barcelona Declaration/Resolution" for the consideration of the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 - Progress report on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan during 1994/1995 and general presentation of recommendations and programme budget for 1996

The Coordinator will give a general introduction of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3, "Progress Report by the Coordinator on the implementation of activities carried out since the last Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties - October 1993 - February 1995". The meeting is expected to comment and take note of the activities carried out during this period.

The Coordinator will also give a general introduction of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, "Recommendations and programme budget for 1996". The meeting is expected to concentrate its work on this document, to review it and take decisions on the various proposed recommendations.

Agenda item 7 - Implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan

Agenda item 7.1 Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

- (a) Programme coordination
- (b) Legal framework
- (c) Sustainable Development:
  - Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean
  - Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)
- (d) Information and training
  - State of the Mediterranean Environment

The Coordinator will introduce relevant sections of the progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this section.

The Coordinator will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4 "Recommendations and Programme Budget for 1996" with a view to their approval.

The Coordinator will introduce Annex III of the progress report (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3, relative to the draft Terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties. The meeting will be invited to review this draft and take the necessary action.

The Coordinator will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/8, proposal of "MAP Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)" with the view to its approval by the meeting.

He will also introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.8, "Multilateral Treaties in the field of Environment to which Mediterranean countries are parties". The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of it.

Agenda Item 7.2                      Implementation of the Land-Based Sources Protocol (LBS) and the Dumping Protocol

- (a)      Assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by zinc, copper and their compounds and proposed measures
- (b)      Assessment of the state of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by anionic detergents and proposed measures
- (c)      Assessment of the state of eutrophication in the Mediterranean Sea
- (d)      Guidelines for submarine outfall structures for Mediterranean small and medium sized communities
- (e)      Guidelines for treatment of effluents prior to discharge into the Mediterranean Sea
- (f)      Research projects relevant to the LBS

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce the relevant section contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this section.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996, and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

The FAO Senior Fishery Officer will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.3, "Assessment of the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Zinc, Copper and their Compounds". The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this document. He will also introduce the relevant recommendations contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, with a view to their approval.

The WHO Senior Scientist will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.4, "Assessment of the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Anionic Detergents". The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this document. He will also introduce the relevant recommendations contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, with a view to their approval.

The Marine Scientist and the FAO Fishery Officer will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED 89/Inf.5, "Assessment of the State of Eutrophication in the Mediterranean Sea". The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of this document.

The WHO Senior Scientist will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.6, "Guidelines for Submarine Outfall Structures for Mediterranean Small and Medium sized Coastal Communities" and document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.7, "Guidelines for Treatment of Effluents prior to Discharge into the Mediterranean Sea". The meeting will be invited to consider and take note of these documents.

Agenda Item 7.3                      Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

- (a)        MED POL - Phase III (1996 - 2005) programme for the assessment and control of pollution in the Mediterranean Region
- (b)        Monitoring programme and supporting activities
- (c)        Data Quality Assurance
- (d)        Research projects
- (e)        Climatic changes
- (f)        The presence of *Caulerpa taxifolia* in the Mediterranean

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce the relevant section contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996, and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

The Senior Marine Scientist will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/5, "Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean Region. MED POL-Phase III (1996/2005)". The meeting will be invited to consider this document with the view to its approval.

The FAO Senior Fishery Officer will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/Inf.9, "The Presence of Tropical Alga *Caulerpa taxifolia* in the Mediterranean". The meeting will be invited to consider the document and take note of it.

Agenda Item 7.4                      Implementation of the Protocol on Emergency

- (a)        The protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean sea by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency
- (b)        The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

(c) Implementation of the Action Plan on Port Reception Facilities for the Mediterranean Region

The Director of REMPEC will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider these sections and take note of them.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

The Director of REMPEC will introduce documents UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/9, "Medium Term Programme (1994-1997) of the Activities of REMPEC", document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/10 "Draft Recommendations concerning Decisions and Actions which should be taken at the Port, and at National and Regional Level for Preparedness and Response to Maritime related Accidents involving Hazardous Substances in Mediterranean Port Areas and their Approaches", and document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/11, "Draft Guidelines concerning the Exchange of Liaison Officers between the Contracting Parties in case of Response Operations involving several States". The meeting will be invited to consider these documents with the view to their approval.

Agenda Item 7.5                      Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zone:

(a) Observation and systemic and prospective analysis of Environment and Development in the Mediterranean

The Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC)

The President and the Director of the Blue Plan/Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

They will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(b) Coastal planning and management

The Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)

The Acting Director of the Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

c) Environment remote sensing  
The Environment Remote Sensing/Regional Activity Centre (ERS/RAC)

The Director of the Environment Remote Sensing/Regional Activity Centre (ERS/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it. He will also introduce the relevant section contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 7.6                      Implementation of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Historic Sites

(a) The Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

(b) The Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC)

The Director of the Specially Protected Areas/Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3, on the status of the protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and on the activities of the SPA Centre during the period under consideration. The Meeting will be invited to consider these sections and take note of them.

He will also introduce relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

(c) Preservation of the 100 Coastal Historic Sites of common Mediterranean interest

The Director of the Atelier de Patrimoine, City of Marseille will introduce the relevant section of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/3, on the activities undertaken relative to the preservation of historic sites. The meeting will be invited to consider this section and take note of it.

He will also introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.89/4, on proposed programme budget for 1996 and the relevant recommendations, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 8 -                      Other business

Other subjects relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan 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 9 - Adoption of the report of the meeting

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

Agenda Item 10 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 13.00 hours on Saturday, 8 April 1995.

<b>DRAFT PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Scientific Committee</b>	<b>Socio-Economic Committee</b>
Monday, 3 April	<b>a.m.</b> - Agenda item 1 Opening - Agenda item 2 Rules of procedure - Agenda item 3 Election - Agenda item 4 Adoption of the agenda - Agenda item 5.1 MAP Phase II	-	-
	<b>p.m.</b> - Agenda item 5.1 MAP Phase II	-	-
Tuesday, 4 April			
	<b>a.m.</b> - Agenda item 5.1 MAP Phase II	-	-
	<b>p.m.</b> - Agenda item 5.2 Programme of activities (1996-2005) - Agenda item 5.3 Barcelona Declaration/ Resolution	-	-



Date	Plenary	Scientific Committee	Socio-Economic Committee
Saturday, 8 April	<b>a.m.</b> -Agenda item 9 Adoption of the Report of the Meeting -Agenda item 10 Closure of the Meeting	-	-

**NOTE:**

The Plenary and the two Committees will meet at the Hotel HOLIDAY INN, 50 Michalakopoulou Street, Athens. Tel. 7248 322, Fax 7248 187

**Working Sessions:**      09.30 - 12.30  
    14.30 - 17.30

**Coffee breaks:**            11.00 a.m.  
    16.00 p.m.