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Meeting of Government-designated Experts to review the implementation of the SAP through the execution of the GEF Project and the MED POL Programme

Catania, 9 -12 December 2002

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by representatives of the Italian national and local authorities and by representatives of MAP/MED POL and GEF and of the Association Amici per la Vita. The Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Catania, Italy, and will start at 9,30 hours of 9 December 2002. The Meeting is partly supported by the Municipality of Catania and the Association Amici per la Vita.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur.

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

The Agenda presented in document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.212/1 will be examined, amended and adopted. The Meeting will be conducted in plenary only and simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be ensured.

Agenda item 4. Background Information on the operational links between MED POL, SAP and GEF Project objectives

After the adoption in 1997 of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) to address Pollution from Land-based Activities, the MED POL Programme re-adapted its objectives and activities in order to concretely assist countries in the implementation of the SAP. In addition, a 12 million US \$ GEF Project started in 2001 to contribute to the setting of the bases at the national and regional levels of the long-term implementation of the SAP. Under this Agenda item the Secretariat will briefly recall the existing operational links between the MED POL Programme, the GEF Project and the over all implementation of the SAP objectives and activities, and how the three programmes interact.

Agenda item 5. Review of the implementation of the SAP through the related MED POL and GEF activities

- 5.1 Preparation of National Action Plans**
- 5.2 Pollution hot spots and pre-investment studies**
- 5.3 Pollution reduction and baseline budget of releases**
- 5.4 Monitoring**
- 5.5 Capacity Building**
- 5.6 Public Participation**
- 5.7 Reporting**
- 5.8 Long-term financial sustainability of SAP**
- 5.9 Other activities related to SAP**

Under this Agenda item and in particular under the sub-items, a review will be made of all the activities of the SAP and of how they are being implemented in the framework of the MED POL Programme and the GEF Project (achievements, gaps and bottlenecks). The review will be followed by a discussion on future activities, including on how to proceed with the implementation of the SAP objectives after the completion of the GEF Project. The discussion will first start with the review of the process of preparation of National Action Plans that cover all the subjects of the SAP (items from 5.2 to 5.9) and that should be

considered as the main output of the work of the first two years of implementation of the SAP.

Agenda item 6. Updating of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA)

The Global International Water Assessment (GIWA) is preparing a global assessment based on regional assessments. The assessments are to be used as platforms for the implementation of GEF Projects. Concerning the Mediterranean, GIWA is relying on the Mediterranean TDA which is at present being updated. As a result, the Secretariat will present the work being done for the updating of the TDA and a discussion will be held on the methodology being used and on how to approach GIWA requirements.

Agenda item 7. Conclusions and recommendations

The Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will attempt to draw conclusions on the present status of implementation of the SAP through the execution of the MED POL Programme and the GEF Project and will propose recommendations for future actions.

Agenda item 8. Other business

The Meeting will examine and discuss any other business that may be raised by the participants or the Secretariat.

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the Report

The Meeting will examine, amend and approve a draft report of the Meeting in English and French.

Agenda item 10. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 13,00 hours of 12 December 2002.

WORKPLAN AND TIMETABLE

Monday 9 December

09,30 - 10,30 hours	Agenda items 1., 2., 3.
10,30 - 11,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
11,00 - 13,00 hours	Agenda items 4., 5., 5.1.
13,00 - 15,00 hours	<u>Lunch break</u>
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 5.1. (cont'd)
16,30 - 17,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
17,00 - 18,00 hours	Agenda item 5.2.

Tuesday 10 December

09,30 - 10,30 hours	Agenda item 5.2. (cont'd)
10,30 - 11,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
11,00 - 13,00 hours	Agenda item 5.3.
13,00 - 15,00 hours	<u>Lunch break</u>
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda item 5.4.
16,30 - 17,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
17,00 - 18,00 hours	Agenda item 5.5.

Wednesday 11 December

09,30 - 10,30 hours	Agenda items 5.6., 5.7.
10,30 - 11,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
11,00 - 13,00 hours	Agenda item 5.8.
13,00 - 15,00 hours	<u>Lunch break</u>
15,00 - 16,30 hours	Agenda items 5.9., 6.
16,30 - 17,00 hours	<u>Coffee break</u>
17,00 - 18,00 hours	Agenda items 6. (cont'd) 7.

Thursday 12 December

09,00 - 10,30 hours	Agenda items 8., 9.
10,30 - 11,00 hours	<u>Coffee Break</u>
11,00 - 13,00 hours	Agenda item 9. (cont'd), 10.