



Synthesis paper on the revision of the Convention,  
its Protocols and the Mediterranean Action Plan

**"Note by the Secretariat"**

1. The Bureau of the Contracting Parties at its meeting in Tunis, 2-3 November 1994, considered the preparations for the Ninth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 5-10 June 1995) and decided on the following:

"In the context of restructuring MAP, the following three documents should be prepared:

- i. the feedback of the Barcelona meeting (14-18 November 1994);
  - ii. a paper to be prepared by the Secretariat of MAP regarding the orientation and restructuring of MAP; and
  - iii. a non-paper on medium-term (5 years) programme of action to be prepared by Mr. Joaquin Ros, the Vice-President of the Bureau.
2. All three background documents should be distributed by 15 December 1994 to the Contracting Parties for comments and suggestions. Their replies will be expected to be received before the 15th of January 1995, to enable the Secretariat to prepare a synthesis on the issue for the next meeting of the Bureau (Paris, 30-31 January 1995)."
  3. All three documents were sent on 15 December 1994 for comments to the Contracting Parties, Regional Activity Centres, UNEP Headquarters and UN Agencies.

Mediterranean Action Plan - MAP II

4. As of 25 January 1995, the comments on the document "Mediterranean Action Plan - Phase II" were received from the:
  - I. **Contracting Parties:**
    - Tunis
    - Libya
    - Turkey
    - Israel
    - Croatia
    - Monaco
  - II. **Regional Activity Centres:**
    - REMPEC
    - SPA/RAC
    - BP/RAC
    - PAP/RAC

III. **UN Agencies**

- WHO
- FAO
- WMO
- IOC

5. On the basis of these comments, the Secretariat prepared the new proposed structure of the **MAP II document**, for the consideration of the Bureau. A new revised version of **MAP II** will be prepared by the Secretariat based on a new structure, if any, to be agreed upon with the Bureau.

Feedback of the Barcelona meeting (Convention, Dumping, LBS and SPA Protocols)

6. As of 25 January 1995, the comments on the document "Feedback of the Barcelona Meeting (14-18 November 1994)" were received from:

I. **Contracting Parties:**

- Tunis
- Libya
- Turkey
- Israel
- Croatia
- Monaco

II. **Regional Activity Centres:**

- REMPEC
- SPA/RAC
- BP/RAC
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7. On the basis of an analysis of these comments, the MAP Secretariat prepared three documents which contain revised texts for :

- the Barcelona Convention;
- the Dumping Protocol;
- the LBS Protocol;
- the SPA Protocol.

The documents UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.91/3 (Barcelona Convention), UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 91/4 (Dumping Protocol) and UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.91/5 (SPA Protocol) will be reviewed by the Barcelona meeting of Legal and Technical Experts (7-11 February 1995). Document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.92/3 (LBS Protocol) will be reviewed by the meeting of experts to be convened in Syracuse, Italy, on 23-25 February 1995.

NON-paper on MAP programme

8. As of 25 January 1995, the comments on the non-paper on a medium-term programme of action were received from:

I. **Contracting Parties:**

- Tunis
- Libya
- Turkey
- Israel
- Croatia
- Monaco

II. **Regional Activity Centres:**

- REMPEC
- SPA/RAC
- BP/RAC
- PAP/RAC

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9. On the basis of an analysis of these comments, the MAP Secretariat is in the process of preparing a second draft of the non-paper which the Secretariat proposes to the Bureau to consider it as a "Barcelona Declaration for the Third Mediterranean Decade" to be discussed and approved by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995) on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Mediterranean Action Plan. The draft Declaration will be submitted to the Joint Committees meeting for its consideration.

State of the Marine and Coastal Environment in the Mediterranean region

10. At its last meeting, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare an outline of a document on the State of the environment in the Mediterranean region. The outline was prepared by the Secretariat and was sent to the Contracting Parties, Regional Activity Centres and UN Agencies on 20 December 1994 asking for information and comments by 31 January 1995.

11. On the basis of the few comments received so far, the Secretariat has prepared an outline (contained in document UNEP/BUR/46/2 as Annex IX) which will be used by the MAP Consultant to prepare the document for the consideration of the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, June 1995).

Progress report by the Coordinator and specific recommendations to be submitted to the Joint Committees meeting

12. The Secretariat is planning to submit a progress report as well as specific recommendations concerning the 1996 programme and budget for MAP, to the forthcoming Joint Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee.

The progress report will translate the new orientation and restructure of MAP into specific activities with corresponding funding.

In addition a general outline of the budget structure to be used in the future, will be proposed to the Joint Committees meeting.