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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties  
to the Convention for the Protection of the  
Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its  
Protocols

Sophia Antipolis, France, 31 October 1997

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## **Introduction**

1. In consultation with the host country (France) and the members of the Bureau, the meeting will be held in Sophia Antipolis, on 31 October 1997.
2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting**

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Friday, 31 October 1997, by the President of the Bureau.
4. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items inscribed in the Provisional Agenda during its one day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at 18.30 hrs on 31 October 1997. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent to all members for their comments.

### **Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work**

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/51/1 and annotated in the present document.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

### **Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (Palma de Majorca, 9 May 1997)**

6. The Coordinator of MAP will give a general introduction of document UNEP/BUR/51/3 "Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (May - September 1997)".

The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress report on the implementation of the activities carried out during this period.

### **Agenda item 4: Preparation of the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997)**

7. The Secretariat will brief the meeting on the status of preparation for the forthcoming Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be hosted by Tunisia on 18-21 November 1997. It is expected that the Bureau reviews these preparations and make any necessary comments.

### **Agenda item 5: Rules of procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)**

8. The draft Rules of procedure of the Commission was reviewed by the First Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (Athens, 20-21 February 1997) and by the Second Meeting of the Commission (Palma de Majorca, 6-8 May 1997). Various proposals were made and subsequently incorporated in the draft text. However, due to time

limitation, the Second Meeting of the Commission was not able to finalize the text and decided to defer this issue to its Third Meeting (Sophia Antipolis, France, 28-30 October 1997).

9. The Meeting will have before it the draft of the Rules of procedure and will be briefed on the decision of the Commission. It is expected that the Bureau will review the subject and make comments on the draft text, before its submission to the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (18-21 November 1997, Tunis) for approval.

**Agenda item 6: Review of MAP collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)**

10. As decided by the last meeting of the Bureau, the meeting will have before it an evaluation document on the status of MAP collaboration with the 62 NGOs incorporated in the MAP list as approved by the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Barcelona, 1995) as well as the new requests received from twelve NGOs in the Mediterranean (see document UNEP/BUR/51/5). It is expected that the Meeting will review the secretariat proposals and take the necessary decision.

**Agenda item 7: Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau**

11. The Secretariat proposes that the next meeting of the Bureau shall, if necessary, take place immediately before the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Tunis, November 1997).

**Agenda item 8: Any other business**

12. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

**Agenda item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting**

13. A draft report of the meeting will be sent to all members in English and French for their comments before its finalization.

**Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting**

14. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 18.30 hrs on Friday, 31 October 1997.

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**Working Sessions: 09.30 - 12.30 hrs  
14.30 - 18.30 hrs**

**Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs  
16.00 hrs**