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

Tripoli, 16 - 17 November 1998

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. In consultation with the host country (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) and the President and members of the Bureau, the meeting will be held in Tripoli, on 16 - 17 November 1998.
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 Monday, 16 November 1998, by the President of the Bureau. It is envisaged that the Vice-President from Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (host country) will make an opening statement.
4. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items inscribed in the Provisional Agenda during its two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at 13.00 hrs on Tuesday, 17 November 1998. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent to all members for their comments, before its finalization and distribution.

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/53/1 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, including draft recommendations on specific activities (March - November 1998)

6. The Coordinator of MAP will give a general introduction of document UNEP/BUR/53/3 "Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau, including draft recommendations on specific activities (March - November 1998)".

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 and review and approve the draft recommendations proposed by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 4: MAP Information Strategy

7. The Bureau will have before it the Secretariat report on "MAP Information strategy" contained in document: UNEP/BUR/53/4. The document contains a brief background information on MAP's mandate and role and a set of specific recommendations which might be the basis for a MAP information strategy.
8. The Bureau is requested to review the Secretariat proposal and take the necessary action thereon.

Agenda item 5: MAP cooperation with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

9. The Bureau will have before it for information, an updated Directory of Non-Governmental Organisations, MAP partners, contained in document UNEP/BUR/53/Inf.3.

10. The Secretariat will present the set of recommendations proposed by the meeting of the Working Group on MAP/NGO Collaboration (Athens, 9 October 1998), and contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 147/3.
11. The Bureau is requested to review these recommendations and take the necessary action thereon.

Agenda item 6: **Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau**

12. The meeting will decide on the date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau.

Agenda item 7: **Any other business**

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

Agenda item 8: **Adoption of the report of the meeting**

14. a draft report of the meeting will be sent to all members in English and French for their comments *before its finalization and distribution.*

Agenda item 9: **Closure of the meeting**

15. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 13.00 hrs on Tuesday, 17 November 1998.

Working Sessions: 09.30 - 12.30 hrs
14.30 - 18.00 hrs

Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs
16.00 hrs