MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Cairo, Egypt, 25-26 November 2004

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Introduction

1. Upon invitation of the government of Egypt and in consultation with the President and the members of the Bureau, it was decided that the meeting will be held in Cairo on 25 and 26 November 2004, at the Cairo House (Al Fostat Zone, Cairo, Egypt). Delegates will be transported by coach from the hotel (Grand Hyatt, Garden City, Corniche El Nil, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: +20-2-365 1234; Fax: +20 -2-362 1927) to the meeting venue.

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 09:00 hrs on Thursday, 25 November 2004 by the President of the Bureau, Mr Clini, Director General, Department for Environmental Research and Development of Italy.

4. It is expected that the Bureau will tackle all items of the Provisional Agenda during its one and a half day meeting including the adoption of a list of decisions. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at midday on 26 November 2004. The report of the meeting will be prepared at MEDU by the Secretariat and distributed to the members for comments and approval.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

5. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/61/1 and annotated in the present document.

6. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and French will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (1 June 2004-31 October 2004)

7. The Coordinator of MAP will present document UNEP/BUR/62/3.

8. 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 adopt recommendations as appropriate.

Agenda item 4: Date and the place of the next meeting of the Bureau Meeting

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

Agenda item 5: Any other business

10. The meeting will consider any other issues, which might be raised during the meeting.
Agenda item 6: Conclusions and decisions

11. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of recommendations. The report of the meeting is expected to be adopted at a later phase.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the meeting

12. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 13:00 hrs on Friday 26 November 2004.
TIMETABLE

THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2004

09.00  1) Opening of the meeting
        2) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work
        Mr Corrado Clini

09.30  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, 16 June 2004)
        A. General review on the progress and outputs of the main activities
        B. Specific issues
           a. Legal issues (points 1 and 2)
        MAP Secretariat

11.00  Coffee break

11.30  Continued
        3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, 16 June 2004)
        B. Specific issues
           a. Legal issues (points 3 and 4)
           b. Institutional matters (point 1)
        MAP Secretariat

13.00  Lunch Break

15.00  Continued
        3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, 16 June 2004)
        B. Specific issues
           b. Institutional matters (points 1 ctd and 2)
           c. Cooperation and Partners (point 1)
        MAP Secretariat

16.30  Coffee break

17.00  Continued
        3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, 16 June 2004)
        B. Specific issues
           c. Cooperation and Partners (point 1 ctd and point 2)
           d. Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) (point 1)
        MAP Secretariat
Continued
3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out since the last Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Genoa, 16 June 2004)

B. Specific issues
d. Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development
(point 1 ctd and point 2)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30
4) Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau
5) Any other business
6) Conclusions and decisions

13.00 7) Closure of the Meeting

President of the Bureau