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

Athens, Greece, 10-11 February 2009

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Introduction

1. In consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, it was decided that the meeting of the Bureau will be held on 10 and 11 February 2009, at the Crown Plaza Athens City Centre hotel, 50 Mihalakopoulou Ave., Athens, Greece (Tel. +30 210 727-8000, Fax: +30 210 727-8600).

2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda 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 Tuesday 10 February 2009, by the President of the Bureau.

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

4. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/68/1.

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

6. 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 mid-day on 11 February 2009. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to the members of the Bureau for comments and approval through circulation.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period July – December 2008 and Specific Issues

7. The Coordinator of MAP will present document UNEP/BUR/68/3 “Progress Report by the Secretariat on activities carried out during the period July – December 2008 and Specific Issues”.

8. The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress report on the implementation of the activities carried out and their achievements. Specific attention is expected to be given by the Bureau on a number of issues including:

- Implementation of the Governance paper (draft mandates of MAP components and Host Country Agreement template)
- Main topic for the ministerial segment of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
- Organization of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
- Calendar of MAP institutional meetings
- Endorsement of new MCSD members
- Update on the recruitment of the Deputy Coordinator and the GEF Project Management Unit staff.
9. The meeting is expected to have an exchange of views on these issues and provide the Secretariat with guidance as appropriate and take decisions.

**Agenda item 4**  
**Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau**

10. The meeting is expected to decide on the date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau.

**Agenda item 5**  
**Any other business**

11. The meeting will consider other issues, which may be raised during the meeting.

**Agenda item 6:**  
**Conclusions and decisions**

12. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of decisions. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the Bureau at a later stage for adoption.

**Agenda item 7:**  
**Closure of the meeting**

13. The meeting will be closed by the President of the Bureau at 13:00 hrs on Wednesday 11 February 2009.
TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 10 February 2009

09.30  1) Opening of the meeting                                      President of the Bureau
        2) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda
            and organization of work

10.00  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat on
        activities carried out during the period July
        – December 2008
        MAP Coordinator and
        Bureau Members

11.00  Coffee break

11.30  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat
        Legal Issues (continued)
        MAP Coordinator and
        Bureau Members

13.00  Lunch Break

15.00  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat
        (continued)
        MAP Coordinator and
        Bureau Members

        Institutional Arrangement and Coordination
        Application of the Ecosystem Approach
        Cooperation and Partnership

16.30  Coffee break

17.00  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat
        (continued)
        MAP Coordinator and
        Bureau Members

        MCSD/MSSD Implementation
        Information and Communication
        Financial and Personnel matters

Wednesday, 11 February 2009

09.30  3) Progress Report by the Secretariat
        (continued)
        MAP Coordinator and
        Bureau Members

        Components

        Date and place of the next meeting of the
        Bureau

        4) Any other business

11.00  Coffee break

11.30  5) Conclusions and decisions

        7) Closure of the Meeting
        By the President of the
        Bureau