Proposed Establishment of a Regional Oil-Combating Centre for the Mediterranean

Report by the Executive Director

Prepared in co-operation with The Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

Addendum

1. In response to the decision of the Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts on a Regional Oil-Combating Centre that governments were to submit any offer to host the regional or subregional centres to UNEP, the Government of Cyprus expressed its interest in acting as host to a subregional centre. A detailed proposal was received by UNEP after the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/CONF.1/9) had been distributed. The detailed proposal of the Government of Cyprus is described in this addendum to the above-mentioned report.

2. The Government of Cyprus proposes that the subregional centre should have the following functions:

   A. The establishment and operation of a communication and information system according to the needs of the States served by the centre in their efforts to combat pollution from accidental massive oil spills or from an accumulation of smaller oil slicks.

   B. Co-operation with other Mediterranean centres on matters relating to the activities of the centre resulting from A above.

3. The communication facilities available in Cyprus are outlined in Annex I.

4. The proposed budget for a subregional centre is outlined in Annex II.
ANNEX I

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF CYPRUS

FACILITY

A. TELEPHONE

1. There exist two submarine cables of capacity 480 channels: one between CYPRUS–GREECE and one between CYPRUS–LEBANON.

2. One Tropospheric scatter link with Greece of capacity 120 channels.

3. One UHF link CYPRUS–ISRAEL presently of capacity 24 channels. This capacity will be increased to 48 channels by mid-1976.

Note: All above are used to provide telephone, telegraph and telex service with Overseas.

Automatic Subscriber dialling exists within the Island.

International Subscriber dialling exists with all Overseas countries which were able to introduce it. (EUROPE, U.S.A., CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA, ETC.).

Direct Telephone Service exists with the following:

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Note: Telephone service with all the other countries of the world is effected via the above-mentioned countries.

B. TELEGRAPH

A fully Automatic Computerized Telegraph Retransmission Centre, temporarily out of service will be operating in 1976 serving both ICAO and CCITT (commercial) traffic.

The following countries are connected to this Centre for ICAO purposes:

GREECE  LEBANON
ISRAEL  TURKEY
The following countries are connected to this Centre for CCITT Format F31 purposes:

CANADA  
GREECE  
ISRAEL  
LEBANON  
SWEDEN  
UNITED KINGDOM

Using the above Centre, transmission and reception of messages within the Island, as well as overseas, are fully automatic and take place without the intervention of an operator.

C. **TELEX SERVICE**

A computerized fully automatic Telex Exchange is in operation.
Service is fully automatic both Inland and Overseas.
The following countries are directly connected to the Cyprus International Telex Exchange:

FRANCE  
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GREECE  
ISRAEL  
ITALY  
LEBANON  
SWEDEN  
SWITZERLAND  
UNITED KINGDOM  
U.S.A. (ITT)  
U.S.A. (RCA)

D. **MARITIME COAST STATION**

CYPRUS-Radio: (a) Medium frequency telegraph. Present range: 50 miles (normal extension to 600 miles): 24-hour service


(c) Radio Telephony. Range: 750 miles: 24-hour service.

(d) H.F. Telephony. Range: World wide: 12-hour service.

Experimental VHF Telephony full duplex with a range of 100 miles.

E. **VHF POINT OPERATION**

In operation at the ports of Limassol and Larnaca.

F. **AERONAUTICAL**

A 24-hour service is provided for speech communication, air to ground and ground to air, on VHF with a range of 200 miles.

Telegraph service also exists on a 24-hour basis. Telegraph traffic is processed via an Automatic Message Switching Centre (AMSC) (See B above)

G. **MUSIC PROGRAMME CHANNEL**

Equipment exists to provide a 15kHz Music Programme Channel between any town and Nicosia and between Nicosia-Athens and Nicosia-London.
## ANNEX II

### A. ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SUBREGIONAL OIL-COMBATING CENTRE IN CYPRUS (in Cyprus pounds)

1. **Staff**
   - Head (1) £4,000
   - Administrative Officer (1) £1,700
   - Typists/Telex operators (4) £4,000
   - Messenger (1) £750

   **Subtotal**: £10,450

2. **General expenses**
   - Rent £1,500
   - Furniture and fittings (Apportionment) £1,000
   - Office expenses £2,000
   - Maintenance expenses £500
   - Translations £1,000
   - Travelling expenses (Abroad) £2,000
   - (Local) £500
   - Overtime expenses and labour £500
   - Telex rental and operation and Telephone fees £3,000
   - Contingencies 10% £2,245

   **GRAND TOTAL**: £24,695

   ($24,695 = US $62,478)

### B. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS

   1. Rent £1,500
   2. Furniture and Fittings £1,000
   3. Office expenses £2,000
   4. Maintenance expenses £500
   5. Local travelling expenses £500

   **TOTAL**: £5,500

   ($5,500 = US $13,915)

### C. ANNUAL EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTION

   1. Staff £10,450
   2. Translations £1,000
   3. Travelling expenses abroad £2,000
   4. Overtime expenses and labour £500
   5. Communication fees £3,000
   6. Contingencies 10% £2,245

   **TOTAL**: £19,195

   ($19,195 = US $48,563)

   **TOTAL**: £62,478