United Nations Environment Programme

Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan

Monaco, 9-14 January 1978

Annotated Provisional Agenda

Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 on Monday, 9 January 1978, at the Loews Hotel in Monaco. The meeting will begin with an opening ceremony which will include an address by a representative of the Government of Monaco and another by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. Details of this ceremony will be decided upon in agreement with the representatives of the host Government.

Item 2. Organization of the meeting

Item 2 (i) Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedure for the UNEP Governing Council as contained in document UNEP/GC/3/Rev.1 will be used mutatis mutandis as provided for in Rule 62.

Item 2 (ii) Election of officers

The meeting should elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers should constitute the Bureau of the Meeting.

Item 2 (iii) Establishment of Working Committees

It is proposed to establish two working committees, one to consider agenda items 5 and 6 and the other to consider agenda item 7. The two Vice-Chairmen of the meeting should chair the two working committees. Each committee should elect its own vice-chairman and rapporteur.

All other agenda items should be considered in plenary.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda and suggested time-table

The provisional agenda suggested by the Secretariat has been distributed under symbol UNEP/IG.11/1. In light of the heavy work load of the meeting, it is suggested that a large proportion of time be devoted to the work of the working committees and that initial discussion in Plenary be limited to the opening session. A suggested time-table is contained in the Annex to this document.

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Item 4.  Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan and recommendations for follow-up

The report of the Executive Director, which is distributed as document UNEP/IG.11/3, presents an analytical summary of the progress made in the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan since it was adopted at the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean, Barcelona, 1975.

The meeting has before it two principal tasks. The first is to review the progress made since the Action Plan was adopted in February 1975. For this purpose a general review is presented in document UNEP/IG.11/3. This document will be presented by the Executive Director to plenary. A more detailed review of the work undertaken within each of the four chapters of the Action Plan is contained in the four annexes to the Executive Director’s report. It is proposed that these detailed reports be discussed in the working committees.

The second task of the meeting is to advise the Executive Director on the substantive and financial aspects of the future programme under the Mediterranean Action Plan. In order to assist the meeting, the Executive Director has proposed a set of general recommendations in his report, UNEP/IG.11/3. These recommendations are elaborated upon in the relevant annexes to the report. It is suggested that each working committee prepare for consideration by the Plenary detailed recommendations relevant to the components of the Action Plan which it has discussed.

Item 5.  Progress report and recommendations concerning the environmental assessment component of the Action Plan

This annex, distributed as document UNEP/IG.11/3/Annex I, gives a detailed account of the activities undertaken as part of the environmental assessment component of the Action Plan and suggests specific recommendations for the future orientation of these activities. Also of relevance to this agenda item is the information contained in the documents UNEP/IG.11/INF.3, “Administrative Report on the Implementation of the Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme and Related Projects of the Mediterranean Action Plan”, UNEP/IG.11/INF.4, “Preliminary Report on the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea”, and UNEP/IG.11/INF.5, “Pollutants from Land-Based Sources in the Mediterranean”.

Item 6.  Progress report and recommendations concerning the integrated planning component of the Action Plan

The detailed progress report on activities implemented under the integrated planning component of the Action Plan is distributed as document UNEP/IG.11/3/Annex II. A detailed set of recommendations is also proposed in this document. Participants should note under this agenda item the information contained in document UNEP/IG.11/INF.6, “Operational document for the Blue Plan”.

Item 7.  Progress report and recommendations concerning the environmental legislation component of the Action Plan

Document UNEP/IG.11/3/Annex III presents a review of the activities relevant to the environmental legislation component and suggests areas in which the States may wish to strengthen on-going, or to initiate future, actions. The reports circulated on
UNEPIG.11/INF.7, "Progress report on the Regional Oil Combating Centre" and UNEPIG.11/INF.8, "Report of the Executive Director on the possible establishment of subregional oil combating centres" are also relevant to this agenda item.

Item 8. Financial and institutional arrangements for the implementation of the Action Plan

In document UNEPIG.11/3/Annex IV the Executive Director summarizes the financial and institutional arrangements that have been made in connexion with the Action Plan. The report also presents alternatives for the future institutional structure of the programme and related budgetary estimates. The meeting is requested to advise the Executive Director on which alternative is preferable and what means should be employed for funding the programme.

Item 9. Other Business

Participants are invited to raise other items relevant to the meeting under this agenda item.

Item 10. Adoption of the report

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to participants for adoption.

Item 11. Closure of the meeting
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