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

Barcelona, 11-13 February 1980

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States and First Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols, Geneva 5-10 February 1979, in its resolution number 2 (see document UNEP/IG.14/9, annex XIII) invited the Executive Director of UNEP:

"to convene a short (2-3 days) Intergovernmental Meeting of Mediterranean States and the EEC invited to this present meeting, in the period between the regular biannual intergovernmental meetings, to review the progress of the MAP, including its budgetary implications".

In accordance with the resolution referred to above, the Executive Director of UNEP is convening the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan. At the kind invitation of the Government of Spain, the meeting will take place in Barcelona from 11 to 13 February 1980. The main purpose of the meeting is to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan since February 1979 and the work programme for 1980 including institutional and budgetary implications.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 11 February 1980 in Barcelona. The meeting will begin with a brief opening ceremony which will include addresses by a representative of the Government of Spain, the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, and the representative of 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.

2. The Bureau elected at the February 1979 Intergovernmental Meeting is expected to be in charge of the meeting.
Item 2. Rules of Procedure

3. Since the meeting is being convened by the Executive Director of UNEP at the request of the Contracting Parties, the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply mutatis mutandis as provided for in Rule 49 (UNEP/IG.14/9, Annex VII).

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda suggested by the secretariat has been circulated under symbol UNEP/IG.18/1.

Item 4. Organization of work

5. It is proposed that the work of the meeting be carried out in plenary and by such ad hoc working groups as may prove desirable.

Item 5. Review of progress achieved in 1979 and the work programme for 1980

6. Under this agenda item the meeting is invited to review the activities undertaken or initiated since February 1979 and the work programme for 1980. Documents UNEP/IG.18/3 and UNEP/IG.18/5 summarize the issues to be reviewed. Detailed reports on some of the activities undertaken in 1979 are submitted to the meeting as information documents.

Item 6. Review of institutional and financial arrangements

7. Under this item, the meeting will be invited to review matters relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan co-ordinating unit, the proposal concerning an enlarged Bureau and a financial statement on the Regional Trust Fund. Documents UNEP/IG.18/4, UNEP/IG.18/5 and UNEP/IG.18/6 cover the issues to be discussed under this agenda item.

Item 7. Other business

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

Item 8. Adoption of the report

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

Item 9. Closure of the meeting

10. The meeting is expected to close by 18:00 hours on Wednesday, 11 February 1980.