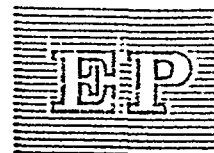




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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The opening session will be preceded by informal consultations of Heads of delegations on Monday, 9 September 1985 at 09:00 hours at Palazzo Tursi, Via Garibaldi, Genoa.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting.

The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 hours on Monday, 9 September 1985, at Palazzo Tursi by the President elected by the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The Mayor of Genoa, the President of Region Liguria and the Representative of the Italian Government will welcome the participants. The Executive Director will deliver an opening statement.

Agenda item 2. Rules of procedure.

The Rules of procedures appearing in document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI, will apply.

Agenda item 3. Election of officers.

In accordance with Rule 20, the Meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the Agenda.

The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau (Rule 10) has been distributed as document UNEP/IG.56/1.

Agenda item 5. Organisation of work.

It is proposed to establish under Rule 24 a Committee of the Whole open to all delegations to consider agenda items 10 and 11 as indicated in the suggested time-table appearing as an annex to this document. In line with past practice the meeting is expected to designate one of its Vice-Presidents to chair the Committee of the Whole. The Committee should elect at its first sitting a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur. The remaining agenda items will be considered in plenary. In accordance with Rule 9 plenary sittings shall be held in public and Committee sittings shall be held in private, unless the meeting decides otherwise.

Agenda item 6. Credentials.

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 7. General debate on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Mediterranean, 1975-1985.

In accordance with the "Decision on the 10th anniversary" adopted by the Extraordinary Meeting held in Athens in April 1984, the Meeting will review the past performance of the Mediterranean Action Plan and consider its future. The meeting will have before it the text of the Executive Director opening statement, the working document entitled "The Mediterranean Action Plan - Retrospect and Prospect" (UNEP/IG.56/4), the information document entitled "The First Ten Years of the Mediterranean Action Plan - A Critical Review" (UNEP/IG.56/INF.3) and the information document entitled "Report on the State of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea" (UNEP/IG.56/INF/4). The Representatives of the Contracting Parties will be invited to make a statement not exceeding 15 minutes, highlighting the progress made in the protection of the Mediterranean Sea\*. At the end of the general debate the meeting is expected to approve a Common Declaration, for which a draft is proposed in the annex to document UNEP/IG.56/4.

Agenda item 8. Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1984-1985 and recommendations for activities to be undertaken in 1986-1987 biennium with related budget proposals.

The meeting will have before it document UNEP/IG.56/3. The report will be presented by the secretariat. The meeting will be invited to provide general comments on the report. Recommendations and detailed analysis of the report including its budget proposals will be considered under the corresponding agenda items, and adopted in plenary or by the Committee of the Whole for the items assigned to it.

Agenda item 9. Framework convention and related protocols with their technical annexes for the protection of the Mediterranean environment.

(a) Implementation of the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution

The meeting will be expected to consider those articles of the Convention that have been insufficiently acted upon. In particular, the meeting will be expected to review, with the view to its adoption, the secretariat's proposal and timetable for the development of a draft Protocol on the prevention of pollution from Off-Shore Exploration and Exploitation (document UNEP/IG.56/3, paragraph 99). The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (I), with a view to their approval.

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\* Written statements submitted by the Representatives will be circulated to the meeting in the languages in which they will have been provided.

(b) Implementation of the Protocol on the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean sea by dumping from ships and aircraft

The report on the implementation of the above Protocol was submitted to the Third Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL in document UNEP/WG.118/8. The meeting will consider recommendations concerning implementation of this Protocol under item 11 (c).

(c) Implementation of the Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediteranean by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency

The meeting will have before it the report on alerts and accidents (document UNEP/IG.56/INF.6). The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (IV) with a view to their approval.

(d) Implementation of the Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution from land-based sources

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (III) with a view to their approval.

(e) Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (II c) with a view to their approval.

(f) Other Legal Matters

The meeting will have before it information document on the law of the Sea, UNEP/IG.56/INF.5. The meeting will be invited to take note of the document. The meeting will be further invited to take note of the developments concerning Interstate Guarantee Fund (UNEP/IG.56/3, paras 120-123).

Agenda item 10. Integrated planning of the development and management of the resources of the Mediterranean basin.

(a) Blue Plan

The sub-item will be introduced by the secretariat. The chairman of the Steering Committee for the Blue Plan will make a statement.

The meeting will have before it the report of the joint meeting of Blue Plan and PAP National Focal Points, Athens, 6-9 May 1985 (UNEP/WG.129/8). The meeting will be invited to take note of the report and endorse its recommendations.

The meeting will be invited to designate five National Focal Points who will serve on the Steering Committee until September 1986; the remaining seven National Focal Points will thereafter constitute the Steering Committee through 1987 and will elect their Chairman.

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I with the 1986-1987 budget for the Blue Plan (UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex V) with a view to their approval.

(b) Priority Actions Programme

The sub-item will be introduced by the secretariat. The meeting will be invited to take note of the report of the Joint Meeting of Blue Plan and PAP National Focal Points (document UNEP/WG.129/8) and to endorse its recommendations.

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations for the Priority Actions Programme contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I with its 1986-1987 budget (UNEP/WG.56/3, Annex V) with a view to their approval.

(c) Specially Protected Areas

The secretariat will introduce this sub-item. The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I, and the budget for Specially Protected Areas for 1986-1987, (UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex V), with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11. Co-ordinated pollution monitoring and research programme for the Mediterranean (MED POL - PHASE II).

(a) Monitoring

The meeting will be invited to take note of the report of the Third Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical co-operation for MED POL (Athens, 27-31 May 1985), document UNEP/WG.118/9 and to consider the recommendations concerning monitoring and the budget for 1986-1987, contained in the same document with a view to their approval.

(b) Research

The meeting will have before it the report on the Third Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL (Athens, 27-31 May 1985), document UNEP/WG.118/9. The meeting will be invited to take note of the document and consider the recommendations concerning research and the budget for 1986-1987 with a view to their approval.

(c) Scientific/technical implementation of the land-based sources and dumping protocols

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations concerning the scientific/technical implementation of the land-based sources and dumping protocols contained in documents UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I and UNEP/WG.118/9 with a view to their approval.

(d) Environmental Quality Criteria

The meeting will be invited to consider the WHO/UNEP interim environmental quality criteria for bathing waters recommended by the Third Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL (Athens, 27-31 May 1985) and contained in document UNEP/WG.118/9, Annex VI with a view to their adoption.

The meeting will be further invited to consider the WHO/FAO/UNEP interim criteria for mercury in seafood, contained in document UNEP/WG.91/5, paragraphe 109 and the recommendations contained in paragraph 113 with a view to their adoption. An alternative formulation recommended by the WGSTC is contained in document UNEP/WG.118/9, Annex V. Finally, the meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations for the submission of environmental quality criteria for shellfish and shellfish-growing areas, and for petroleum hydrocarbons, contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (III e).

Agenda item 12. Institutional and financial implications of the Action Plan.

(a) Co-ordination

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (V, 1, 4) and the proposed budget for 1986-1987 (UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex V) with a view to their approval.

(b) Meetings

The meeting will have before it the reports of the meetings of the Bureau (UNEP/BUR/20; UNEP/BUR/21; UNEP/BUR/22; UNEP/BUR/23 and UNEP/BUR/24 as well as the reports of the meeting on co-operation (Brussels, 23-26 October 1984) (UNEP/WG.104/5). The meeting will be invited to consider the list of meetings proposed for 1986-1987 with their related budget (UNEP/IG.56/3 paragraph 140) and Annex V with a view to their approval.

(c) Regional Oil Combating Centre

This sub-item will be introduced by the secretariat. The meeting will be invited to take note of the report on the activities of the Centre in 1984 (UNEP/IG.56/INF.6). The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendation contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (V. 5) with the related budget proposals for 1986-1987 with a view to their adoption.

(d) Training and exchange of information

The meeting will be invited to take note of the activities in 1984-1985 described in document UNEP/IG.56/3, (paragraphs 31 to 40) and in the report of the meeting of Directors of United Nations Information Centres on the Mediterranean Action Plan, Athens, 23-25 April 1985 (UNEP/WG.132/3). The meeting will be invited to consider the proposed programme for 1986-1987 (paragraph 41) with their related budget, and the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (V. 6, 7 and 8) and Annex V with a view to their approval.

(e) The System of Regional Activity Centres

The meeting will have before it document UNEP/IG.56/INF.8 prepared at the request of the Bureau. The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex I (V. 3, 6) with a view to their adoption.

(f) Status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund

The meeting will be invited to take note of the status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, paragraphs 141 to 144, and in Annex III and IV, and to consider the recommendation contained in Annex I (VI. 1) as well as the proposal to convene a Working Group on financing of the Mediterranean Trust Fund (paragraph 140), with a view to their approval.

(g) Amendment to financial rules

The meeting will be invited to take note of the clarifications provided by the secretariat in document UNEP/IG.56/3, paragraph 149.

(h) Adoption of budget and pledges for the 1986-1987 biennium

The meeting will be invited to consider the proposed budget for 1986-1987 contained in document UNEP/IG.56/3, Annex V, the cash-flow (Annex VI) and the apportionment of contributions (Annex VII), with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 13. Date and place of the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The meeting will be invited to consider the secretariat's proposal to convene the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties from 7 to 11 September 1987 in Athens.

Agenda item 14. Other business.

The meeting may consider any other matter relevant to the implementation of the Action Plan.

Agenda item 15. Adoption of the report.

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

Agenda item 16. Closure of meeting.

The meeting is expected to close by 18:00 hours on Friday, 13 September 1985.



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SUGGESTED TIME-TABLE

DATE	SITTING	PLENARY	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, 9 Sept.	morning	items 1,2,3,4,5,7	-
	afternoon	item 7 (continued)	Item 11 (a)
Tuesday, 10 Sept.	morning	7 (concluded)	11 (a) concluded
	afternoon	8, 9(a) (b) (c) (d)	11 (b) (c)
Wednesday, 11 Sept.	morning	6, 9 (e) (f), 12(a)	11 (d)
	afternoon	12 (b) (c) (d) (e)	10 (a)
Thursday, 12 Sept.	morning	12 (f) (g) (h)	10 (b)
	afternoon	-	10 (c)
Friday, 13 Sept.	morning	13, 14, 15	Adoption of the Committee Report
	afternoon	15 (concluded), 15	-