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Meeting of Experts to Evaluate  
the Pilot Phase of MED POL and  
to Develop a Long-Term Monitoring  
and Research Programme for the  
Mediterranean Action Plan

Geneva, 12-16 January 1981

## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The pilot phase of the Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL - PHASE I) was initiated in 1975 after it was formally approved by the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean (Barcelona, 28 January - 4 February 1975) as the scientific/technical component of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Four years later, 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) recommended that during the 1979/1980 biennium the results of MED POL - PHASE I should be evaluated and a long-term pollution monitoring and research programme (MED POL - PHASE II) should be formulated (UNEP/IG.14/9, annex V, paragraphs 1-13).

Consequently UNEP, with the collaboration of the organizations that have supported the MED POL - PHASE I, has prepared an evaluation of the pilot phase of MED POL and a draft proposal for a long-term monitoring programme to be reviewed and revised by this meeting of experts before submission for approval to the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties (March 1981).

The meeting is convened by UNEP and co-sponsored by FAO, WHO, WMO, IAEA and IOC.

The experts invited to participate in the meeting are attending in their personal capacity.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9.30 hours on Monday, 12 January 1981, at Room XXIII of the Palais des Nations, in Geneva. The meeting will begin with the statements of the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan and of the Director of the Regional Seas Programme Activity Centre of UNEP.

Item 2. Organization of the meeting

2.1 Rules of procedure

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocol (UNEP/IG.14/9, Annex VII) will apply for the meeting.

2.2 Election of officers

The meeting will be invited to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as proposed in document UNEP/WG.46/1 and elaborated in document UNEP/WG.46/2 will be proposed for adoption by the meeting.

2.4 Workplan and timetable

The suggested workplan and timetable of the meeting are shown in the annex to this document.

Item 3. Evaluation of the results of the Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme and related activities (MED POL - PHASE I)

Document UNEP/WG.46/3 contains the scientific and administrative/financial report on MED POL - PHASE I. It will be introduced by the secretariat. The experts will be invited to examine the report, to assess the results obtained during the pilot phase of MED POL, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the administrative/financial arrangements used in the development and implementation of MED POL - PHASE I.

Item 4. Development of the draft Long-Term Programme for Pollution Monitoring and Research in the Mediterranean (MED POL - PHASE II)

The proposed long-term (10 years) programme for pollution monitoring and research in the Mediterranean is contained in document UNEP/WG.46/4. It will be introduced by the secretariat. The experts will be invited to examine the proposal, to review and revise as appropriate its components so that a new version of the document could be prepared by the secretariat and submitted for adoption to the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

The detailed descriptions of activities envisaged under MED POL - PHASE II are contained in documents UNEP/WG.46/5, UNEP/WG.46/5/Add.1 and UNEP/WG.46/8. These activities will be presented by the relevant organization which expressed interest to support their implementation. The experts will be invited to examine the proposed activities and recommend a detailed programme for the triennium 1981-1984, including its financial and administrative implications.

The first drafts of selected environmental quality criteria is contained in document UNEP/WG.46/7. They will be presented by the secretariat and the organizations which participated in their preparation and the experts will be invited to comment on the rationale used in drafting the proposed criteria, on the scientific evidence supporting this rationale and on the applicability of the proposed criteria, which may ultimately lead to their adoption and application by the Contracting Parties.

Item 5. Other matters

Experts will be invited to raise other issues relevant to the meeting.

Item 6. Adoption of the report

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

Item 7. Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Friday, 16 January 1981.

## ANNEX

## SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITTING</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEMS</u>
Monday 12 January	Morning Afternoon	Items 1,2,3 Item 3 (continued)
Tuesday 13 January	Morning Afternoon	Item 3 (continued) Item 4
Wednesday 14 January	Morning Afternoon	Item 4 (continued) Item 4 (continued)
Thursday 15 January	Morning Afternoon	Items 4 (continued), 5 -
Friday 16 January	Morning Afternoon	Item 6 Item 7