PROVISIONAL AGENDA

8th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee
Split, Croatia, 7 April 2004

1. Opening of the meeting; The meeting will be opened by the President of the Steering Committee of the MCSD (Croatia) and the Secretariat.

2. Refining and finalizing the MSSD Vision and Orientations; Following a brief introduction by the Secretariat on related discussions at the Contracting Parties meeting, the MCSD members will discuss the possible "refinements", if any and if necessary, of the Orientations Document, keeping in mind that this document was already approved by the previous meeting of the MCSD and that no major comments of substance were received since then.

3. Discussing and advising on the MSSD preparatory process
   a. challenges/priorities
   b. specific objectives
   c. task managers
   d. partners
   e. means
   f. responsibilities

   This agenda item, the most important on the agenda, as we are actually defining the preparatory process for the MSSD, will require interactive discussions on the various points listed above. The output from this discussion is expected to guide the related workshop that would be held on 7-8 May in Rabat; draft guidelines based on two of the priority issues will be introduced and discussed before using them as framework guidelines for the Rabat workshop.

4. Discussing and advising on MCSD Inter-Agency Platform and MSSD Advisory Group; At the last meeting of the Contracting Parties, it was agreed that a "MCSD Inter-Agency Platform" and a "MSSD Advisory Group" need to be established. The SC members will exchange on the role, mandate and composition of these groups of agencies/experts.

5. Agenda for next MCSD meeting; A provisional agenda will be presented for the consideration of the members that are expected to discuss also the organizational matters, in particular the plenary sessions vs the break out sessions and side-events.

6. Any other matters;

7. Closure of the meeting.

N.B. the meeting will start at 09.00 and will be and ending late, around 19.00 or 20.00, if necessary

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
13.30-15.00 Lunch Break
16.30-17.00 Coffee Break