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**REPORT**

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OF EXPERTS ON THE PREPARATION OF AN AGENDA 21 FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN**

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## Introduction

1. The Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Antalya, October 12-15 1993) decided on a request from the tunisian delegation to entrust Tunisia with the task of organizing a Mediterranean Conference on sustainable development. This decision was taken as a result of Tunisia's request to host and organize this Conference. This initiative followed on the call made on the occasion of World Environment Day (5 June 1993) by His Excellency the President of the Tunisian Republic, Mr. Zine El Abidine BEN ALI, for the promotion of sustainable development in the Mediterranean and the strengthening of action to protect the environment in this basin. To provide the best possible conditions for this Conference, it was agreed that it would be preceded by two preparatory meetings of experts, held in the months of May and October 1994 in Tunis.

2. The first preparatory meeting of experts was convened in Tunis on 16-20 May 1994 at the KARIM Hotel (Gammarth), on the invitation of the Tunisian Minister for the Environment and Land Use Planning.

## Attendance

3. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Palestine, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey designated experts to attend the meeting.

4. Representatives from the coordinating unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and the directors of the Regional Activity Centers of the MAP have participated and supported the organisation of this meeting.

Observers representing UN bodies and institutions as well as Non Governmental Organisations (NGO's) were also present at the meeting, namely :The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) , the World Bank, Greenpeace International, the Mediterranean Information

Office for Environment , Culture and sustainable Development (MIO/ECSDE) , the Foundation for International Studies (Malta), the Foundation for Research and Cooperation , Forum for the CIUC Lagoon (Italy), Tunisian Institute for appropriate Technology , the Tunisian Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment of Tunis (ATPNE) , the Tunisian Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment of Kairouan (ATPNEK) , the Association for the Development and the Promotion of the Environment of la Marsa (ADPEM).

5. A complete list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

Agenda item 1:            Opening of the meeting

6. The representative from Tunisia, Mr. Mohamed Ennabli, made an introductory statement. He mentioned the general context in which the preparatory meeting for the Mediterranean 21 Ministers' Conference was being held, at Tunisia's invitation, two years after the Rio United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and just before the second meeting of the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development in New York, when a number of Mediterranean countries already possessed national sustainable development commissions. He also emphasized the pertinent recommendations made by the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention about restructuring the MAP to promote sustainable development in the Mediterranean. He hailed the worthy efforts and support offered by the MAP, under whose aegis the Ministers' Conference will be organised in Tunis.

7. Mr. Jeftic, Officer-in-charge of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), expressed on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP, Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, his thanks and appreciation to the Tunisian Government for hosting this meeting on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean. He emphasized that UNEP and MAP attach great importance to this meeting and pointed out that the MAP Secretariat

had been requested by the last meeting of the Contracting Parties to assist Tunisia in organizing the meetings on Agenda 21, which are considered as Tunisian meetings.

8. The meeting was opened by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mehdi MLIKA, the Tunisian Minister for the Environment and Land Use Planning. He welcomed the participants on behalf of his Government and said he was certain that this first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the MED 21 Conference would help to develop the dialogue that the Mediterranean countries had got under way on the future of this region, and, six months before the November Conference, to sum up how far intra-Mediterranean cooperation as regards the environment and development had advanced.

While emphasizing Tunisia's determination to work increasingly hard to protect the environment in this part of the world, he said that the holding of the MED 21 Conference as a result of the call made by His Excellency the President of the Tunisian Republic, Zine El Abidine BEN ALI, proved once again how very interested Tunisia was in reconciling care for the environment with development, in the interests of present and future generations, and that this was right in line with the new sustainable development approach that had come out of the Rio Earth Summit.

He said it was urgent and necessary that the countries of the Mediterranean continue pondering on the most efficient ways to ensure a healthy, balanced future in this region.

To this end, the meeting was asked to come up with concrete suggestions in line with the Rio recommendations, whose aim would be greater consideration for the region's requirements, in particular a major revision of exchange relations and a strengthening of international and regional cooperation.

Recalling the different initiatives undertaken in the region to develop regional cooperation, such as the MAP, the Nicosia Charter and the Algiers Ministers' Conference on water, he insisted on the need to draw up a balance sheet on how the commitments made by the various countries at Rio and in the MAP were being put into effect.

And thus, to make of the Mediterranean a pilot ecoregion for sustainable development, there was a great need to reflect on new institutional arrangements to set up a Mediterranean sustainable development commission, new approaches for the MAP, such as the objective by objective approach, and an Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean.

He ended his speech by hailing the relaxing of the political tensions that had affected the region, particularly the starting of a peace process between Palestine and Israel.

9. The full text of H.E. Mr. MLIKA's statement is attached as Annex II to this report.

Agenda item 2:            Election of the Bureau

10. In accordance with the informal consultation that took place prior to the official opening of the meeting, the MAP representative proposed, and the meeting approved, the following Bureau:

Chairman	:	Mr. Mohamed Ennabli (Tunisia)
Vice-Chairmen	:	Mr. Joaquin Ros Vicent (Spain) Mr. Patrick Van Klaveren (Monaco)
Rapporteur	:	Mr. M'hamed Malliti (Morocco)

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

11. The provisional Agenda was distributed as document MED 21 DT/1 and in its annotated form was distributed as document MED 21 DT/2.

12. A general debate was held on the objectives of the meeting and the status of the four documents in front of it.

13. During the general remarks on this item all the representatives who took the floor expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Tunisian Government for convening this important meeting and for the hospitality it had extended to them.

14. Several views were expressed on the efforts made to develop a pilot experience in the Mediterranean region vis-à-vis sustainable development, in conformity with UNCED decisions. Some expressed the usefulness of pilot experiences and proposed the establishment of national commissions for sustainable development the Mediterranean countries.

15. As regards the status of the four documents submitted to the meeting, the idea was accepted that document MED 21 PC/1 on the "Tunis Declaration" should be reviewed and finalized for approval by the Ministerial Conference on Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean in November 1994.

16. The document MED 21 PC/2 "Draft Agenda 21", should be considered as a reference and guideline document for the Mediterranean countries and MAP, including the creation of proposed Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development which is under study.

17. Priorities for the Mediterranean should be decided.



18. With regard to document MED 21 PC/3 "Juridical Measures", this meeting has no authority to take decisions, as the juridical measures are the responsibility of meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. Therefore, it was pointed out that this was a document for information and a contribution to the general discussion.

19. Some participants pointed out that there should not be a drastic revision of the Barcelona Convention, but only minor modifications, if necessary, with a view to incorporating the concept of sustainable development. It was also pointed out that revising the Barcelona Convention is a complex and a difficult legal issue which should be tackled primarily by the meeting of legal experts (Barcelona, 14-18 November 1994) under the supervision of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties.

20. At the end of the debate the Chairman summed up the discussion in terms of the following consensus on the status of the documents:

(a) Document MED 21 PC/1 (Tunis Declaration)

This is a working document. The proposed "Tunis Declaration" will be proposed for approval to the Ministerial Conference to be held on the 1st of November 1994;

(b) Document MED 21 PC/2 (Draft Agenda 21)

This is a reference document which will be used as a platform and a guide to facilitate further action by Mediterranean countries and organizations. The Ministerial Conference will take note of this document.

(c) Document MED 21 PC/3 (Legal Arrangements)

This is an information document for the Ministerial Conference. As the Barcelona Convention is a legal instrument which was signed by the Mediterranean States,

only those States can revise it through the relevant MAP mechanism and procedure. This meeting can only generate thoughts to be presented to the forthcoming meeting of experts scheduled to be convened in Barcelona on 14-18 November 1994.

(d) Document MED 21 PC/4 (Institutional Arrangements)

This is a working document aiming at preparing the decisions of the Ministerial Conference about the appropriateness of the creation of a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development within the framework of MAP.

21. At the end of the debate on this item, the meeting adopted the agenda which figures in Annex III.

22. The meeting approved the organization of work as it appears in document MED 21 DT/2. It was further agreed that Mr. P. Van Klaveren will chair Working Group I (document MED Agenda 21) and Mr. J. Ros Vicent will chair Working Group II (Declaration, Juridical and Institutional Aspects).

Agenda item 4: Review of the issues related to sustainable development

A. Working Group I: (Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean)

Working Group I has held a meeting chaired by Mr. PATRICK VAN KLAVEREN (Monaco) and assisted by Mr. MOHAMED ENNABLI as moderator. The Meeting Agenda include the point 4.2 concerning the document MED 21 PD/2 of the Agenda MED 21.

Agenda item 4.2: Agenda MED 21

23. The working group decided to examine the draft Agenda MED 21 contained in document MED 21 PC/2 chapter by chapter, and a thorough review was undertaken during which various comments and amendments or new proposals were introduced.

24. It was agreed that an document of information on the activities carried out by the contracting parties in respect to their obligations on relation to the Genoa Declaration, Nociosia Charter should be submitted to conference of Ministers in Tunis. An assessment of environmental changes in the last twenty years is most use ful and should be included in the document.:

25. At the end of the debate on this item , the Chairman proposed and the meeting adopted the following modus operandi :

- (1) The various amendments already proposed during the debate on the draft Agenda MED 21 will be incorporated by the drafting group in a revised text;
- (2) The amended version of the draft Agenda MED 21 will be sent to all Mediterranean countries as well as to the specialized organizations concerned. They will be requested to return their supplementary comments in writing not later than 15 August 1994.
- (3) These comments will be taken into consideration in the final version of the document which will be submitted to the second preparatory meeting of experts (Tunis, end of October 1994);
- (4) The priorities of the Mediterranean countries will be reflected in the amended version of draft Agenda MED 21 in the following way:
  - a. priorities identified within the MAP framework and from the various studies carried out in the Mediterranean area notably within the MAP framework;
  - b. priorities expressed by the Mediterranean countries;

(5) Other aspects. As certain important issues were not explicitly reflected in the draft Agenda MED 21, most participants agreed that the following issues would be prepared and added to the amended version of the document: Tourism and Related Activities, Maritime Transportation, Energy, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

26. The meeting approved a draft resolution relative to Agenda MED 21 as document MED 21/WG1/L1 which will be submitted for adoption to the Ministerial Conference in Tunis (Annex IV).

27. The representative of FAO informed the meeting about FAO's activities, especially about the preparation of a code of conduct on rational fishery. He also suggested contributing to the revision of Chapters 17 and 18 of the document in question.

B. Working Group II (Declaration, Juridical and Institutional Aspects)

28. Group II met with Mr. Joaquin Ros Vicent (Spain) presiding, aided by Mr. Adel Hentati (Tunisia) as moderator. The meeting's agenda included the following points:

4.1 Examining document MED 21 PC/1 on the Tunis Draft Declaration on Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean;

4.4 Examining document MED 21 PC/4 on the Draft Institutional Arrangements; setting up the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) ;

4.3 Presenting for information document MED 21 PC/3 on the Draft Legal Arrangements: integrating sustainable development in the Barcelona Convention.

Agenda item 4.1: Tunis Declaration

29. After presenting the document MED 21/1, Mr. Hentati made it clear that this document would be submitted to the Ministers' Conference (Tunis, 1 November 1994) for adoption. After a wide-ranging debate and in-depth discussion on both substance and form of the Draft Declaration, the meeting made several changes and additions to the text under consideration. The text of the Draft Declaration, as amended by the meeting, figures in Annex V to the present report. The moderator also indicated that the last draft of the document would be submitted at the 2nd meeting of the Preparatory Committee before being submitted to the Ministers' Conference (1 November 1994) for approval.

Agenda item 4.4: Institutional Arrangements

30. After the speech made by Mr. Adel Hentati (Tunisia), moderator of Working Group II of document MED 21 PC/"Draft of Institutional Arrangement: setting up a Mediterranean Sustainable Development Commission (MSDC)", the Working Group held a wide-ranging discussion on the principle and usefulness of the creation of such a commission, on the framework to be set up, and on the procedures to be followed.

It has been also stressed to have a document for information on UN conference on Sustainable Development and the existing National Committee for Sustainable Development.

31. The meeting approved the draft resolution which figures in Annex VI of the present report.

Agenda item 4.3: Juridical Arrangements

32. Mr. Hentati presented document MED 21 PC/3 on the draft on juridical arrangements: integrating sustainable development in the Barcelona Convention. He explained that this document had to be considered by the present meeting as a Tunisian contribution to the refocusing of the MAP; it was in line with the proceedings of

the MED 21 Conference and its extension with a view to the 9th meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. He made it clear that the document reflected Tunisia's view of a possible approach to the integration of sustainable development in the Barcelona Convention, and that it would be submitted by Tunisia as her contribution to the proceedings of the meeting of legal experts to be held in Barcelona 14-18 November 1994.

33. The meeting went on to a brief exchange of views. Two main lines of thought emerged: one favourable to the introduction of sustainable development in the Barcelona Convention, the other regarding the integration of sustainable development into MAP, the most appropriate .

Agenda item 5:                    Other business

34. No other business was raised.

Agenda item 6:                    Adoption of the report of the meeting

35. The meeting adopted its report on Friday 20 May 1994.

Agenda item 7:                    Closure of the meeting

36. After the customary exchange of courtesies, during which the meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to the Tunisian Government for its generous hospitality, the Tunisian representative warmly thanked all the delegations which had accepted Tunisia's invitation. He also thanked the secretariat of the Coordinating Unit of MAP as well as the heads of the Regional Activity Centres of MAP for their contribution and assistance in making the meeting's work such a success.

37. The Chairman declared the meeting closed on Friday, May 20 1994, at 11.30 a.m.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Honoured Guests,

Firstly, I should like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Tunisia and thank you for coming here among us.

I am certain that your taking part in the proceedings of this first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the "Med 21" Conference will help strengthen the dialogue we have embarked on together on the future of the Mediterranean and will - a bare six months before our important meeting in November 1994 on sustainable development in the Mediterranean - help us to assess how Mediterranean cooperation on the environment and on development is progressing.

This Conference, called for by the President of the Republic, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, is yet another illustration of how keen is the President's interest in protecting the environment and the right of future generations to a healthy environment; and it is entirely in keeping with the new approach laid out at the Rio Earth Summit.

The Mediterranean Basin, so often the theatre of violent clashes and rivalries, offers (we firmly believe) more than any other part of the planet the potential of a crossroads and appears as a peculiarly favourable place for the exchange of goods and ideas; this has encouraged a civilisation to emerge that is in many respects unique and that has left its mark on all the countries that border on that sea.

It is hardly surprising that the Mediterranean Basin is seen as the pattern for an "ecoregion" likely to be a pilot area for a re-reading at regional level of the decisions reached at the Earth Summit.

So we should continue to ponder the most effective means of protecting this common civilisational heritage and come up with concrete suggestions in line with the Agenda 21 recommendations and the conventions later voted at Rio de Janeiro that aim at paying increased attention to sustainable development requirements and their underlying logic, to wit, an in-depth revising of exchange relations and a strengthening of international cooperation, under UN auspices.

And how far have we come, today, as regards putting into effect the promises made at Rio at the highest political level on reconciling environment protection and development and making sustainable development into a palpable reality for the coming century ?

That is the question. And that is what will in large measure affect the sustainability of the activities we have undertaken in the various programmes and institutions for intervention in the Mediterranean, in particular the Mediterranean Action Plan (the MAP), the Mediterranean Environment Technical Assistance Programme (the METAP) with the World Bank, the European Union Commission, the setting up of a "Mediterranean Observatory" in the context of the Blue Plan, etc.

The initiatives the European Union has undertaken over the past few years, through the Nicosia Charter and the Cairo Action Programme, to define concrete aims on Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on the environment and sustainable development deserve to be stressed and supported.

The recommendations made by the Algiers Conference of Mediterranean Ministers for Water should also be considered by your meeting.

The October 1993 Antalya (Turkey) meeting allowed the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to make a preliminary 'post Rio' assessment and decide what progress the MAP had made, in order to boost and refocus its activities so that the challenges of sustainable development and the irreversible nature of attacks on the environment and on natural resources could be better borne in mind.

Today we must press ahead still further with Mediterranean cooperation for sustainable development and consider ways of integrating this concept into the Barcelona Convention, exactly one year after the 9th meeting of the Contracting Parties.

For this, it is obvious that new institutional and legal arrangements are needed, which we will have to identify and define together, our guiding principle being that we do not try to cover too wide a field with our cooperation efforts and that we set up a coherent and effective follow-up mechanism for the MAP programme, one that does not duplicate the already existing structures.



So what the working groups which will be meeting over the next five days must do is basically ponder the draft Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean

As they bear in mind the special character of our region and the commitments the states have made, each insofar as it is concerned or together in the intra-Mediterranean context, the "Med 21" draft Agenda is designed to be a reflection on what the desired aims in the Mediterranean region in line with the Rio Agenda 21 are, and how they can be achieved.

The second, no less important, point concerns the plan to set up a Mediterranean Commission for sustainable development, which would, for greater efficiency, be integrated into the MAP and would come under the authority of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

To avoid a proliferation of groups of experts and advisers, though their contributions are always welcome, it would be advisable that this Commission replace the scientific, technical and socio-economic committees already existing within the MAP, even if this means widening the representation of our respective countries within this Commission.

The third point concerns the Tunis draft declaration on sustainable development and cooperation in the Mediterranean, a Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, which bears in mind the identity and diversity of the Mediterranean Basin and is concerned with liberating resources and means to promote solidarity between Mediterranean peoples on the basis of a general strategy which satisfies both development and environment problems and speeds up the creating of an area of prosperity and well-being throughout the entire Mediterranean Basin, on the northern and southern shores of that Sea.

Through this cooperation, the Mediterranean area will be able to overcome the many challenges and complex problems that face it, and that constitute factors of insecurity and instability - not only for the southern shores but for the whole of the Mediterranean Basin.

It is active solidarity between the two shores that can offer us hope that an era of peace and prosperity will be ushered in for the whole region.

Our common reflection on the future of the Mediterranean region is just one more step along the path leading to that aim.

So let us work together for sustainable development in the Mediterranean, which will guarantee peace and security in our region.

I do not wish to end my speech without taking advantage of the opportunity we are offered today to hail the peace accord signed recently in Cairo by the Palestinians and Israelis, and which - we hope - augurs well for an era of peace, liberty and justice for all the peoples of the region. We support it all the more whole-heartedly in that Tunisia has never failed to act towards this end and to call for respect for international law and for the right of peoples to self-determination with human dignity and with respect being shown for human rights.

I wish you all the best success in your work; thank you for your kind attention.

ANNEX III

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the bureau
3. Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work
4. Examination of documents:
  - 4.1. Examination of document MED 21/PC/1
  - 4.2. Examination of document MED 21/PC/2
  - 4.3. Presentation of document MED 21/PC/4
  - 4.4. Examination of document MED 21/PC/4
5. Adoption of the report of the meeting
6. Closure of the meeting

ANNEX IV

DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AGENDA MED 21 DOCUMENT

The Ministers, meeting in Tunis, have taken due note of the document 'Agenda MED 21' about identifying and progressively putting into effect sustainable development in the Mediterranean Basin, making use to this end of both national policies and actions and those resulting from bilateral or multilateral cooperation between the countries bordering on the Mediterranean and with the European Union.

They congratulate the Tunisian authorities on this piece of work, which offers them the possibility first and foremost to renew the commitments they made at Rio de Janeiro in June 1992, in the context of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

They confirm that they will do everything possible to put their commitments into effect, increasingly involving civil society, the local authorities and businesses and associations in particular.

They have noted with interest Agenda MED 21, which is a Mediterranean reading of Agenda 21 and which contains an analysis, chapter by chapter, of the main characteristics of the Mediterranean area, of useful orientations for national or bilateral action and of suggestions for inter-Mediterranean cooperation. This document constitutes a useful pool of ideas, themes and concrete suggestions.

They have decided to bear it in mind as a reference tool and to make sure it is disseminated in the countries, the United Nations organs, MAP and the various bodies which give it support.

This document will constitute one of the basic reference documents for the forthcoming work of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development, once this is set up. It can also be used to readjust the MAP and restructure this programme according to objectives.

After an analysis of activities corresponding to the forty chapters of Agenda 21 plus several additional chapters on tourism, energy, transport, fisheries, aquaculture and the cultural domain, the Contracting Parties will be responsible for producing a Mediterranean action calendar that is not only in line with the Agenda 21 chapters but also takes account of Mediterranean priorities.

ANNEX V

Draft of Tunis Déclaration for  
Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean basin

The Ministries ( ) participating in the MED 21  
Conference held in Tunis, 1 November 1994

- Aware of the specificities of the mediterranean basin and the mediterranean sea with its character of semi-enclosed sea,
- Aware of the profound, often harmful, effects human activities have on public health, the marine environment, the coast and the fragile ecosystems of the Mediterranean,
- Aware of the socio-economic importance of the Mediterranean at world level, particularly as a tourist haven and a site for maritime communication routes,
- Concerned to protect and maintain the identity and the diversity of the peoples of the mediterranean basin,
- Recognizing the important contribution of the Mediterranean Action Plan adopted at Barcelona in 1975,
- Recognizing the significance of the 1976 Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols,
- Underlining the contribution made by activities carried on in their respective countries,
- Underlining the importance of the euro-mediterranean and intra-mediterranean cooperation that are being pursued in the mediterranean basin,

- **Noting** that there is a big difference in level and pace of development among the Mediterranean countries which requires the strengthening of regional cooperation,
- **Aware** that the elaboration and implementation of sustainable development policies require inter-ministerial coordination in every country and active participation from the public and all the parties concerned,
- **Recognizing** that the peaceful and just settlement of conflicts helps keep peace and promote sustainable development,
- **Reaffirming** the principle of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development whereby human beings are seen as central to concern for sustainable development, they have the right to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature,
- **Viewing** any act of aggression against and destruction of populations, their environment and their resources, as inadmissible acts which must be confronted with solidarity and every kind of efforts,
- **Determining** to give full effect and to ensure complete respect for the commitments made at the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development and other international agreements to which the Mediterranean countries are party,
- **Expressing** political will and their commitment to the sustainable development in the Mediterranean,

**Decide to:**

- **work** to mobilize the necessary means and resources to achieve sustainable development,
- **promote** the notion that sustainable development should be given due consideration when elaborating and implementing

national and local development policies taking into account the Principles of the Rio Declaration,

- promote and develop Mediterranean cooperation, particularly North-South solidarity and aid in favor of developing countries,
- share their experience, to achieve exchanges of information and to develop bilateral, regional and multilateral action,
- encourage economic partnership and co-development initiatives by improving national abilities to achieve sustainable development,
- examine those provisions that best suit sustainable development aims and introducing the necessary institutional arrangements,
- promote, enhance and support the peace process in the Mediterranean,
- develop programmes to rehabilitate the areas which have been affected by recent hostilities in the mediterranean basin,
- use concrete action to demonstrate solidarity and support to peoples who are exposed to aggression and destruction,

ANNEX VI

DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE CREATION OF  
A MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE MINISTERS ( . ) PRESENT IN THE  
MED 21 CONFERENCE HELD IN TUNIS ON NOVEMBER 1ST 1994

- **Considering** the major contribution of the Mediterranean Action Plan, adopted in Barcelona in 1975, as a framework for cooperation between the countries of the Mediterranean Basin for the environmental protection and the development,
- **Determine** to implement at the Mediterranean level the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro,
- **Propose** the establishment of a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan,
- **Invite** the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to adopt the proposal and to proceed with the establishment of the Commission.



**ANNEX VII**

**List of Documents**

**Working documents**

Document-MED21/DT/1	Provisional agenda
Document-MED21/DT/2	Annotated provisional agenda
Document-MED21/PC/1	Draft of the Tunis declaration on Sustainable development in Mediterranean
Document-MED21/PC/2	Draft of the Agenda 21 for the Mediterranean Region
Document-MED21/PC/3	Draft Legal Agreements: The Intergation of Sustainable Development in the Barcelona Convention.
Document-MED21/PC/4	Draft Institutional Agreements: The Institution of the Mediterranean Commission for the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD).
Document-MED21/DT/3	Report of the Meeting (to be issued at the end of the meeting)

**Information documents**

Document-MED21/Inf/1	List of documents
Document-MED21/Inf/2	List of participants

**Reference documents**

UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/5	Report of the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993)
UNEP/BUR/43/3	Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols (Ankara, 2-3 February 1994)