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15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Almeria (Spain), 15-18 January 2008

COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

(1975 – 2007)
COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU

of Meetings and Conferences
of the Contracting Parties to the
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea
against Pollution and its related Protocols

1975 - 2005

Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea

Barcelona, 28 January - 4 February 1975  
(UNEP/WG.2/5)

Chairman:  
His Excellency  
Mr. Fernando de Ybarra Lopez Dóriga  
Under-Secretary of the Ministry  
of Development Planning  
(Spain)

First Vice-Chairman:  
Mr. S. E. El-Wakeel  
Director, Institute of Oceanography  
and Fisheries  
(Egypt)

Second Vice-Chairman:  
Mr. A. Sciolla Lagrange  
Judge, seconded to the Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs  
(Italy)

Rapporteur:  
Mr. E. Saliba  
Chargé d'Affaires  
at the Maltese Embassy in Tripoli  
(Malta)
Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea

Barcelona, 2 - 16 February 1976  Final Act: Adoption of the Convention and its related protocols

President:  H.E. Fernando de Ybarra Lopez Dóriga (Spain)
Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Development Planning

Vice Presidents:  Mr. Joseph Najjar (Lebanon)
Chairman of the National Scientific Research Council

Mr. Tomé Kuzmanovski (Yugoslavia)
Deputy President of the Federal Committee of Agriculture
President of the Commission for the Protection of the sea and inland waterways against pollution
Intergovernmental Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Blue Plan

Split, Yugoslavia, 31 January - 4 February 1977

President: Mr. Petar Strohal
Director of the Centre for Marine Research
(Yugoslavia)

Vice Chairman: Mr. Mohamed Ali Elwaer
Head of projects section
Ministry of Petroleum
(Libya)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. D. Francisco Monforte
Subdirector General de Organismo para el Desarrollo del Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores
(Spain)

Rapporteur: Mr. Claude Truchot
Ingénieur au Ministère de la Qualité de la Vie
(France)
Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan

Monaco, 9 - 14 January 1978

President: H.E. Mr. César Solamito
Plenipotentiary Minister

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Hassan Boussoffara
Adviser, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy

Mr. Marinos Yeroulanos
Director-General
Environment Secretariat, Ministry of Co-ordination

Rapporteur: Mr. Shafik El-Shinnawi
Juridical Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States and First Ordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties

Geneva, 5 - 10 February 1979

President: H.E. Mr. Ridha Bach Baouab
Director of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Vice-Presidents:
Mr. Daniel de Linos
Director General of Environment, Ministry of Public Works and Town Planning

Mr. Marinos Yeroulanos
Director General, Environment Secretariat, Ministry of Co-ordination

Rapporteur: Mr. Louis Saliba
Secretary, Malta Human Environment Council, Ministry of Health and Environment
Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan

Barcelona, 11 - 13 February 1980

President: H.E. Mr. Ridha Bach Baouab (Tunisia)
Director of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Vice-Presidents:
Mr. Daniel de Linos (Spain)
Director General of Environment, Ministry of Public Works and Town Planning

Mr. Marinos Yeroulanos (Greece)
Director General, Environment Secretariat, Ministry of Co-ordination

Rapporteur: Mr. Louis Saliba (Malta)
Secretary, Malta Human Environment Council, Ministry of Health and Environment
Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from land-based Sources

Athens, 12-17 May 1980 (Final Act and Protocol)

President: H.E. Mr. Ridha Bach Baouab
Director of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tunisia)

Vice-President: Mr. Marinos Yeroulanos
Director General, Environment Secretariat, Ministry of Co-ordination (Greece)

Rapporteur: Mr. Louis Saliba
Secretary, Malta Human Environment Council, Ministry of Health and Environment (Malta)
Intergovernmental Meeting on Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

Athens, 13-17 October 1980

President: H.E. Mr. Ridha Bach Baouab
Director of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tunisia)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Marinos Yeroulanos
Director General, Environment Secretariat, Ministry of Co-ordination (Greece)

Rapporteur: Mr. Louis Saliba
Secretary, Malta Human Environment Council, Ministry of Health and Environment (Malta)
Second Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols and Intergovernmental Review meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Action Plan

Cannes, 2 - 7 March 1981

(UNEP/IG.23/11)

President: H.E. Mr. François Delmas (France)\(^1\)
Secretary of State
Ministry of the Environment and Quality of Life

Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Giovanni Falchi (Italy)
Ambassador
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. M'hand Ladjouzi (Algeria)
Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Najjar (Lebanon)
Chairman of the National Scientific Research Council

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\(^1\) Upon Mr. Delmas' resignation, Mr. Falchi became President based on the Meeting's decision (document UNEP/IG.23/11, paragraph 72).
Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Geneva, 29 March - 1 April 1982

President: H.E. Mr. Giovanni Falchi
Ambassador
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Vice-President: Mr. M'hand Ladjouzi
Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Najjar
Chairman of the National Scientific Research Council

(UNEPI.G.36/8)
Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

Geneva, 2 - 3 April 1982  Final Act: Adoption of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas

President:  H.E. Mr. Giovanni Falchi  (Italy)
Ambassador
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Vice-President:  Mr. M'hand Ladjouzi  (Algeria)
Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Rapporteur:  Mr. Joseph Najjar  (Lebanon)
Chairman of the National Scientific Research Council
Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Dubrovnik, 28 February - 4 March 1983

President: H.E. Mr. Zivorad Kovacevic (Yugoslavia)
Membre du Conseil Fédéral exécutif et Président du Comité de Coordination pour l'Environnement, l'Aménagement du Territoire, l'Habitat et les Utilités publiques

Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mr. Mamdouh Abdel Razek (Egypt)
Ambassador
Embassy of Egypt to Yugoslavia

Mr. Joaquin Ros (Spain)
Jefe Departamento Contaminación del Mar Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia

Rapporteur: Mme Hédia Baccar (Tunisia)
Sous-Directeur chargée de l'Environnement au Ministère de l'Agriculture
Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Athens, 10 - 13 April 1984

President: H.E. Mr. Zivorad Kovacevic
Membre du Conseil Fédéral éxécutif et Président du Comité de Coordination pour l'Environnement, l'Aménagement du Territoire, l'Habitat et les Utilités publiques

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Sous-Directeur chargée de l'Environnement au Ministère de l'Agriculture
Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Genoa, 9-13 September 1985  

President: H.E. Mr. Javier L. Sáenz Cosculluela (Spain)  
Ministro de Obras públicas y Urbanismo  
Ministerio de Obras públicas y Urbanismo

Vice-Presidents:  
H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Boufettas (Morocco)  
Ministre de l'Habitat  
Ministère de l'Habitat et de l'Aménagement du Territoire

H.E. Mr. Abdul-Hamid Munajid (Syria)  
Minister of State for Environment

Rapporteur: Mme Nuran Talu (Turkey)  
Expert, General Directorate for Environment  
Prime Minister's Office
Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Athens, 7-11 September 1987                                             (UNEP/IG.74/5) and Corr. 1

President: H.E. Mr. Evangelos Kouloumbis (Greece)
           Minister for the Environment,
           Physical Planning and Public Works

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Yves Rodrigue (France)
                 Minister Plenipotentiary
                 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

                 Mr. Mustafa Asula¹/ (Turkey)
                 Ambassador,
                 Deputy Under-Secretary for
                 Economic Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr. Abdalla Abumahara²/ (Libya)
             Secretary of the People's Committee
             The People's Bureau of the
             Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

¹/ During the Meeting the Delegation of Turkey announced that Mr. T. Balkas would replace Mr. M. Asula as member of the Bureau.

²/ Libya informed the Co-ordinating Unit on 5 November 1987 that Dr. Yusef Elmehrik, Director General, Technical Centre for Environment Protection would replace Mr. A. Abumahara as member of the Bureau.
Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Athens, 3-6 October 1989

President:
H.E. Dr. Atef M. Ebeid (Egypt)
Minister of Cabinet Affairs
Minister of State for Administrative Development and Minister in charge of the Environment

Vice-Presidents:
H.E. Mr. Ivo Butini (Italy)
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Vladimiro Mandl (EEC)
Chef de Division
Direction Générale de l'Environnement, de la Protection des consommateurs et de la Sécurité nucléaire
Commission des Communautés Européennes

Rapporteur:
Mr. Andreas Demetropoulos (Cyprus)
Director, Department of Fisheries
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Cairo, 8-11 October 1991

President: H.E. Dr. Atef M. Ebeid (Egypt)
Minister of Cabinet Affairs
Minister of State for Administrative Development and Minister in charge of the Environment

Vice-Presidents: M. Etienne Franzi (Monaco)
Délégué Permanent Adjoint auprès des Organismes internationaux
Délégation permanente auprès des Organismes internationaux

Mr. Mohamed Adel Hentati 1/ (Tunisia)
Agence Nationale de Protection de l'environnement (ANPE)
Premier Ministère

Rapporteur: Dr. Uri Marinov 2/ (Israel)
Director General
Ministry of Environment

1/ Mr. Mohammed Ennabli, President-Director General, Agence Nationale pour la protection de l'environnement (ANPE) represented Tunisia at the two last meetings of the Bureau held in November 1992 and March 1993)

2/ Dr. Israel Peleg, Director General, Ministry of the Environment replaced Dr. Marinov as the Rapporteur of the Bureau as of November 1992
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

President: H.E. Mr. Riza Akçali
Minister of Environment
Ministry of Environment

(Ministry of Environment)

Vice-President: S.E. M. Chaouki Serghini
Sous-Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du
Ministre de l'Intérieur chargé de
la Protection de l'Environnement
Ministre de l'Intérieur

(Ministry of Environment)

Vice-President: M. Joaquin Ros Vincent
Sous-Directeur Général
Normativa y Relaciones institucionales
Direccióis general de Politica Ambiental

(Spain)

Vice-President: M. Serge Antoine
Conseiller pour les questions
méditerranéennes auprès du Ministre de
l'environnement
Ministère de l'environnement

(France)

Vice-President: M. Abderrahmen Gannoun
Président Directeur Général
Agence Nationale de Protection de l'environnement (ANPE)

(Tunisia)

Rapporteur: Mr. Hratch Kouyoumjian
Director
Centre for Marine Research (CNRS)

(Lebanon)

1/ The Meeting unanimously adopted an amendment to rule 23 of the Rules of procedure by which the number of the members of the Bureau has been increased from four to six

2/ Mr. Touhami Hamrouni, President-Director General, Agence Nationale de Protection de l'environnement (ANPE) replaced Mr. Gannoun as a member of the Bureau as of 24 December 1993
Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

**Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995**

| President: | S.E. M. Nourdine Benomar Alami¹/ (Morocco) |
| Vice-President: | H.E. Ms. Elisavet Papazoi²/ (Greece) |
| Vice-President: | Mr. Salah Hafez³/ (Egypt) |
| Vice-President: | Mr. Israel Peleg⁴/ (Israel) |
| Vice-President: | M. Ali Goudjil⁵/ (Algeria) |
| Rapporteur: | M. Joaquin Ros⁶/ (Spain) |

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¹/ H.E. M. Houcine Tijani, Minister of State in charge of the Environment, replaced H.E. Mr. Nourdine Benomar Alami as President of the Bureau as of August 1997
²/ H.E. Mr. Theodore Koliopanos, Deputy Minister of Environment, replaced H.E. Ms. Elisavet Papazoi as Vice-President of the Bureau as of September 1996
³/ Mr. Ibrahim Abdel Gelil, Chief Executive Officer of EEAA, replaced Mr. S. Hafez as Vice-President of the Bureau as of October 1997
⁴/ Ms. Nahama Ronen, Director General, Ministry of the Environment, replaced Mr. Israel Peleg as Vice-President of the Bureau as of January 1996
⁵/ Mr. Slimane Zaouche, Director of the Environment, Ministry of the Interior, replaced Mr. Ali Goudjil as Vice-President of the Bureau as of October 1995
⁶/ Mr. Mohamed Si. Youcef, Director General of Environment, Ministry of Interior, replaced Mr. S. Zaouche as of September 1997

Ms. Amparo Rambla Gil, Subdirectora General Adjunta, Ministry of Environment, replaced Mr. Joaquin Ros as Rapporteur of the Bureau as of May 1997
Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

Tunis, 18-21 November 1997

President: S.E. M. Mohamed Mlika
Ministre de l'environnement et de l'Aménagement du Territoire
Ministère de l'environnement et de l'Aménagement du Territoire

Vice-President: Ms Gordana Valcic
Deputy Director
State Directorate for Environment,

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Theodoros Koliopanos
Deputy Minister for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works
Ministry of the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Ashure Mohamed Emgeg
Deputy Secretary of Housing and Utilities
Mayor of Tripoli

Vice-President: H.E. Ms Imren Aykut
Minister of the Environment
Ministry of the Environment

Rapporteur: S.E. M. Bernard Fautrier
Ministre Plénipotentiaire
Chargé du suivi questions d'environnement
Direction des relations extérieures

1/ H.E. Ms Faiza Kefi, Minister of Environment of Tunisia, replaced H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mehdi Mlika as President of the Bureau as of April 1999

2/ H.E. Mr. Fevzi Aytekin, Minister of Environment of Tunisia, replaced H.E. Ms Imren Aykut as Vice-President of the Bureau as of January 1999
Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

Malta, 27-30 October 1999

President: H.E. Mr. Francis Zammit Dimech (Malta)
Minister for the Environment
Ministry for the Environment

Vice-President: Mr. Gabriel P. Gabrielides (Cyprus)
Director
Department of Fisheries and Marine Research
Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment

Vice-President: M. Pierre Roussel (France)
Secrétaire général de l'Inspection général de l'Environnement
Ministère de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'environnement

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Valerio Calzolaio (Italy)
Undersecretary of State
Ministry of Environment

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid Al-Mounajed (Syrian Arab Republic)
Minister of State for Environmental Affairs
Ministry of State for Environment Affairs

Rapporteur: H.E. Mr. Ashur Mohamed Emgeg (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Secretary of the People’s Committee for Shabiat of Tripoli (Governor of Tripoli)

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1/ H.E. Mr. Farouk Adli replaced H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid Al-Mounajed as Vice-President of the Bureau as of March 2000

2/ Mr. Ehtuish F. Ehtuish Secretary of the Peoples Committee of the Environment General Authority replaced H.E. Mr. Ashur Mohamed Emgeg as Rapporteur of the Bureau as of August 2000
**Twelfth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols**

**Monaco, 14-17 November 2001**

| President:                  | H.E. Mr. Bernard Fautrier  |
|                            | Ministre Plénipotentiaire chargé de la Coopération Internationale pour l'Environnement et le Développement Ministère d'Etat | (Monaco) |

| Vice-President:            | H.E. Ms Rodoula Zissis  |
|                            | Deputy Minister for the Environment Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works | (Greece) |

| Vice-President:            | H.E. Mr Janez Kopač  |
|                            | Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning | (Slovenia) |

| Vice-President:            | H.E. Mr Farouk Adli¹  |
|                            | Minister of State for Environmental Affairs Ministry of State for Environment Affairs | (Syrian Arab Republic) |

| Vice-President:            | H.E. Mr Cherif Rahmani  |
|                            | Ministre de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'environnement Ministère de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'environnement | (Algeria) |

| Rapporteur:                | Mr Boris Britvar  |
|                            | Deputy Minister Federal Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment | (Bosnia and Herzegovina) |

¹ H.E Mr Adnan Khozam replaced H.E. Farouk Adli as Vice-President of the Bureau as of December 2001
Thirteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

Catania, 11-14 November 2003

President: Mr Corrado Clini
Director General
Department for Environmental Research and Development
Ministry for the Environment and Territory

Vice-President: H.E. Mr Ethem Ruka
Minister of Environment
Ministry of Environment

Vice-President: Mr Mohamed Borhan
Director General of Coastal Zone Management Division
Cabinet of Ministers
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)

Vice-President: Ms Soledad Blanco
Director of International Affairs
DG Environment
European Commission

Vice-President: H.E. Mr Cherif Rahmani
Ministre de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'environnement
Ministère de l'aménagement du territoire et de l'environnement

Rapporteur: M. Philippe Lacoste
Sous-Directeur de l'environnement
Direction des Affaires économiques et financières
Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its protocols

Portoroz, 8-11 November 2005

President: H.E. Mr. Janez Podobnik
Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia)

Vice-President: Ms Soledad Blanco
Director of International Affairs and the LIFE Programme
DG Environment
European Commission (European Commission)

Vice-President: Ms Mawaheb Abu Elazm
Chief Executive Officer
Cabinet of Ministers
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) (Egypt)

Vice-President: Mr Sedat Kadioglu
Head of the Department for External Relations and the EU
Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Turkey)

Vice-President: M. Mohamed Saied
Conseiller à la direction générale
Ministère de l’Environnement et du Développement Durable
Agence Nationale de Protection de l’Environnement (Tunisia)

Rapporteur: Mr José Fernandez Perez
Director General of Coasts
Ministerio de Medio Ambiente (Spain)
## Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention

### Composition of the Bureau

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