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Meeting of Plenipotentiaries on the Annexes to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

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Introduction:

During their extraordinary meeting held in Montpellier from 1 to 4 July 1996, the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its Protocols took note of the draft annexes to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean and decided to convene a meeting of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of the three annexes.

It was also decided that the meeting of Plenipotentiaries should be immediately preceded by a one-day meeting of Government-designated experts to finalize the draft annexes in order to facilitate their adoption by the meeting of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 15:30 hours on Sunday, 24 November 1996, by the MAP Coordinator, representing the Executive Director of UNEP, who will also make an opening statement. It is also expected that a statement will be made by the representative of the host country.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedures

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 protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply <u>mutatis</u> <u>mutandis</u> to this meeting.

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-President and a rapporteur. They will constitute the Bureau of the meeting (Rule 23).

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The provisional Agenda prepared by the Executive Director (Rule 10) has been circulated with the letter of invitation (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.10/1). The Meeting will be invited to consider the document and adopt the Agenda.

Agenda item 5: Examination and adoption of the three annexes to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in

the Mediterranean.

The meeting will have before it the document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.10/3 containing the following drafts relative to the three annexes to the Protocol:

Annex 1: Common criteria for the choice of protected marine and

coastal areas that could be included in the SPAMI List.

Annex 2: List of endangered or threatened species

Annex 3: List of species whose exploitation is regulated

Agenda item 6: Report of the Credentials Committee

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

Agenda item 7: Adoption and signature of the Final Act of the meeting

A draft Final Act shall be submitted to the Meeting for adoption and signature. The draft will contain a report on the debate, the decisions taken, as well as the final text of the three annexes.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed by its President at 20:00 on Sunday, 24 November 1996.