Draft resolution related to the creation of a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development

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

The Ministers in charge of the environment in the Mediterranean countries, and the member of the European Commission responsible for the environment, participating in the MED 21 Conference held at Tunis on 1st November 1994

Determined to implement at Mediterranean level the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

Considering the major contribution of the Mediterranean Action Plan, approved in Barcelona in 1975, as a framework for cooperation between the countries of the Mediterranean Basin for environmental protection and development.

Retain the principle of setting up a Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development and suggest examining its practical components and the modalities for its integration within the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Invite the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean to ask the Mediterranean Action Plan’s Coordinating Unit to prepare concrete suggestions on the Commission’s terms of reference, responsibilities and composition, while bearing in mind the activities and mandate of the other inter-governmental and regional organisations, particularly in the Mediterranean.

Invite the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to envisage setting up a Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development, accompanied by a clear definition of the appropriate priorities and modalities of work, bearing in mind the Mediterranean Action Plan’s means and possibilities.