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Introduction

The Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Athens, 3-6 October 1989) accepted the offer of Egypt to host the Seventh Ordinary Meeting in Cairo from 8 to 11 October 1991.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening Session will be preceded by informal consultations of heads of delegations on Tuesday 8 October 1991 at 09.00 hours.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 8 October 1991, by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Minister of State for Administrative Development and Minister in charge of the Environment of Egypt. The Executive Director of UNEP will deliver an opening statement.

Agenda Item 2 - Rules of procedure

The Rules of procedure 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 to this meeting.

Agenda Item 3 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a president, two vice-presidents and a rapporteur. The Bureau shall remain in office until their successors were elected at the next ordinary meeting and shall serve in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meetings.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Rule 10) has been distributed as UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/1.

As recommended by the last meeting of the Bureau (Paphos, Cyprus, 16-17 July 1991), there will be no Committee of the Whole during this meeting. The last meeting of the Bureau recommended that, under Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, an Ad-Hoc Working Group be established in due time with a view to reporting to the plenary on the issue of the "Report of the financial experts on the impact of inflation rates and exchange rate fluctuations on MAP budget" (UNEP/BUR/39/4) and the relevant paragraphs of the Report of the Joint Meeting of the two Standing Committees (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.25/5).

The meeting will review and adopt as amended the proposed timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document.

Simultaneous Arabic-English-French-Spanish interpretation will be available for the meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Credentials of representatives

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

Agenda Item 6 - Progress Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1990-1991

The meeting will be expected to consider and take note of the Progress Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1990-1991 (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/Inf.3), as a basis for the general debate.

Agenda Item 7 - Proposed decisions with respective budgetary allocation for the 1992-1993 biennium for adoption and the contribution of the Contracting Parties to the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF) for the 1992-1993 biennium

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce in general terms document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3 "Recommendations and proposed programme budget for 1992-1993".

The meeting is expected to concentrate its work on this document, to review it and to take decisions on the various proposed recommendations and the budgetary allocations.

The meeting will have also before it Information Document UNEP/BUR/39/4 relevant to the "Report of the financial experts on the impact of inflation rates and exchange rate fluctuations on the MAP budget".

Agenda Item 7-A - Implementation of the Barcelona Convention

7.1 Programme approval through decision-making meetings

7.2 Programme Co-ordination

7.3 Legal Component

7.4 Monitoring of marine pollution in the Mediterranean

7.5 Information

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993, relevant to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention.

Under the legal component, the meeting will be expected to consider document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3/Add.1 on the draft protocol concerning hazardous wastes and to take note of an information paper

prepared by Greenpeace on the issue as requested by the last Joint Meeting of the two Standing Committees. The meeting's attention is drawn to the following topics under this component:

- Text of the Annex IV to the LBS Protocol;
- Draft amendments to the Dumping Protocol concerning banning of (A) incineration of wastes at sea and (B) dumping of industrial waste.

Agenda Item 7-B - Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol

7.6 - Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol, with a view to their approval.

Under this component, the meeting will have before it recommendations concerning assessments and measures for control relevant to organophosphorus compounds, persistent synthetic materials, radioactive substances and pathogenic micro-organisms in the Mediterranean Sea.

As regards the precautionary principle, the meeting will have before it a concrete proposal by the Secretariat for the inclusion of this principle in the Dumping Protocol.

Agenda Item 7-C - Implementation of the Protocol on Emergencies

7.7 - Prevention and Combating pollution from ships

- a. Protocol on Emergencies
- b. Port reception facilities

The Director of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the implementation of the Protocol on Emergencies and port reception facilities, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 7-D - Implementation of the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Historic Sites

7.8 - Protection of the common Mediterranean heritage

- a. Protocol on Specially Protected Areas
- b. Preservation of Historic Sites

The Director of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas, with a view to their approval.

The Director of the Atelier de Patrimoine, City of Marseille will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the preservation of historic sites in the Mediterranean, with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 7.E - Environmentally sound management of the Mediterranean coastal zones

7.9(a) - Prospective analysis of the relationship between Environment and Development (Blue Plan)

The President of the Blue Plan Regional Activity Centre (BP/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget 1992-1993 relevant to the activities of the Blue Plan Centre, with a view to their approval.

7.9(b) - Coastal planning and management (Priority Actions Programme)

The Director of the Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the activities of the PAP Centre, with a view to their approval.

7.9(c) - Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP)

The Secretariat of the Mediterranean Action Plan will introduce the relevant sections contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.2/3, on recommendations and programme budget for 1992-1993 relevant to the Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP), with a view to their approval.

Agenda Item 8 - Date and place of the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's proposal to convene the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Athens, Greece, from 12 to 15 October 1993.

Agenda Item 9 - Other business

The meeting may consider any other business relevant to the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Agenda Item 10 - Adoption of the report

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda Item 11 - Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close at 18.00 hours on Friday 11 October 1991.

ANNEX
Suggested Time Schedule

| Date | Morning | Afternoon |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Tuesday, 8 October | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 1. Opening 2. Rules of procedure 3. Election 4. Adoption of agenda 5. Credentials 6. Progress Report (general debate) | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 6. General debate (concluded) |
| Wednesday, 9 October | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 7 - Recommendations and budget 7.A Implementation of the Barcelona Convention: 7.1 -Decision-making meetings 7.2 -Co-ordination 7.3 -Legal component 7.4 -Monitoring 7.5 -Information | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 7.B Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Dumping Protocol 7.6 -LBS and Dumping 7.C Implementation of the Protocol on Emergencies 7.7 - Protocol on Emergencies and Port Reception Facilities 7.D Implementation of the SPA Protocol and Historic Sites 7.8- SPA and Historic Sites |
| Thursday, 10 October | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 7.E Environmentally Sound Management of coastal zones 7.9(a) - Blue Plan (BP) 7.9(b) - Priority Actions Programme (PAP) | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 7.9(c) - Coastal Areas Management (CAMP) 8 - Date & Place next meeting 9 - Other Business |
| Friday, 11 October | No meeting (preparation of draft report) | <u>Agenda Item:</u> 10 -Adoption of Report 11 -Closure of meeting |

Working Sessions

09.30 - 12.30
14.30 - 17.30

Coffee breaks

11.00 a.m.
16.00 p.m.