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Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protocol
for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea
against Pollution resulting from Exploration and
Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the
Sea-bed and its Sub-soil

Madrid, 13-14 October 1994

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

At their Eighth Ordinary Meeting (Antalya, 12-15 October 1993), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Spain and decided to convene the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the draft Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from the exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the sea-bed and its sub-soil, in Madrid, Spain, October 1994, to be immediately preceded by the Fourth Meeting of Mediterranean Experts, to be convened at the same place (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/5).

At its last meeting (Rabat, 8-9 June 1994), the Bureau of the Contracting Parties decided that the Fourth Meeting of Experts be convened in Madrid, 11-12 October 1994, and the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, also in Madrid, 13-14 October 1994 (UNEP/BUR/44/4).

It is expected that the Fourth Meeting of Experts will be able to clear the pending issues in the draft Protocol in order to facilitate its adoption by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened at 10.00 hours on 13 October at the Palacio de Congresos de Madrid (Paseo de la Castellana, 99, 28046 Madrid, tel: 337 81 00 - 337 81 01, telex: 47678PECME, fax: 597 10 94), by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) or by her representative. The Conference will hear a statement by the Executive Director, or her representative and a welcoming statement by the representative of the host country.

Agenda Item 2 - Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the rules of Procedure, the Conference will elect its own President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. They will constitute the Bureau of the Conference (Rule 23).

Agenda Item 3 - Rules of procedure

The rules of Procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutadis mutandis* to this Conference (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director (Rule 10) has been circulated with the letter of invitation (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.4/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The morning of Friday, 14 October 1994 is required by the Secretariat in order to prepare the text of the Protocol, for signature in the four official languages.

Agenda Item 5 - Examination of the draft Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Sea-bed and its Sub-soil

The meeting will have before it the following documents:

- Report of the fourth meeting of experts on the offshore protocol, Madrid, 11-12 October 1994 (document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.81/4)
- Draft offshore Protocol (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.4/3)

Agenda Item 6 - Report of the Credentials Committee

Each Contracting Party shall be represented at the Conference 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 Conference shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference (Rule 19).

Agenda Item 7 - Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference

A draft Final Act shall be submitted to the conference for adoption. The draft will contain a report on the debate, the decisions taken, as well as the final text of the Protocol. The Conference will proceed to a separate vote on each of the articles of the protocol, before adopting the protocol in its entirety.

Agenda Item 8 - Signature of the Final Act

The Final Act shall be signed by the Representatives of the Contracting Parties attending the Conference. The detailed arrangements for the signature of the Final Act will be defined in agreement with the Bureau of the Conference.

Agenda Item 9 - Signature of the Protocol

The Protocol on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Sea-bed and its Sub-soil will be open for signature by the representatives of the Contracting Parties. The detailed arrangements for the signature of the Protocol will be defined in agreement with the Bureau. It will remain open for signature from 15 October 1994 to 14 October 1995 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Spain, in Madrid.

Agenda item 10 Closure of the Conference

The Conference will be closed on Friday, 14 October 1994 at 18.30 hours.

ANNEXSuggested Time Schedule

Date	Session	Agenda Item
Thursday, 13 October	Morning (9:30-12:30)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (14:30-18:30)	5 (concluded), 6
Friday, 14 October	Morning (9:30-12:30)	Free
	Afternoon (14:30-18:30)	7, 8, 9, 10

Coffee break: 11:00
16:00