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Conference of Plenipotentiaries on
the Protocol for the Protection of
the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
from Land-Based Sources

Siracusa, 6-7 March 1996

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

At their Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, 4-8 June 1995) the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of the Government of Italy to host the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources in 1996 to be immediately preceded by the Second Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts to examine amendments to the Protocol (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.5/16).

It is expected that the Conference of Plenipotentiaries will adopt amendments to the Protocol and sign the Final Act.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Conference will be opened at 10,00 hours on 6 March 1996 in Siracusa at the Hotel "Villa Politi" tel (39)(931) 41 21 21; fax (39)(931) 36061 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. Rules of Procedure

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

Agenda item 3. 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 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.7/1).

A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The working languages of the Conference will be Arabic, French, English and Spanish.

Agenda item 5. Adoption of the amendments to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources

The Conference will have before it the document "Proposed amendments to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources" (Document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.7/3) as adopted by the Meeting of the Legal and Technical Experts to examine amendments to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (Siracusa, 3-4 March 1996). The Conference will be invited to consider and adopt the amendments.

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 and the texts of the amendments to the Land-Based Sources Protocol. The Conference will proceed to a separate vote, if needed, on each of the articles of the Land-Based Sources Protocol, before adopting it in its entirety.

Agenda item 8. Signature of the Final Act of the Conference

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. Closure of the Meeting

The Conference will be closed on Thursday, 7 March 1996 at 16,00.

ANNEX

Suggested timetable

Date	Session	Agenda item
Wednesday, 6 March	Morning (10,00 - 13,00)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (14,30-17,30)	5 (concluded), 6
Thursday, 7 March	Morning	Free
	Afternoon (14,30-18,30)	7, 8, 9

Coffee break: 11,30
 16,30