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1. The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft was ratified by all Contracting Parties and entered into force on 12 February 1978.
2. Since the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation (Athens, 6-10 April 1987) the secretariat has received no further information on the designation of "competent authorities" from Contracting Parties.
3. Since the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group the secretariat did not receive any information from the Contracting Parties on experts and institutions capable of providing technical assistance on matters of dumping of wastes at sea and on alternative methods for waste disposal.
4. Since the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group the secretariat received annual reports for 1986 on dumping activities from France and Italy.
5. The secretariat received "nil report" from Malta informing that no dumping took place in 1987.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Contracting Parties should without delay implement the recommendations of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, in particular:
 - (a) to designate "competent authority", in accordance with article 10 of the Protocol;
 - (b) to inform the secretariat on experts and institutions capable of providing technical assistance on matters of dumping of wastes at sea and on alternative methods for waste disposal;
 - (c) to transmit to the secretariat "nil reports" when no dumping permits were issued and no dumping has taken place during the period for which reports on permits issued and on actual dumping have to be submitted.