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Second Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts
to examine Amendments to the Protocol for
the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea
against Pollution from Land-Based Sources

Siracusa, Italy, 3-4 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 present Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts will be able to clear the pending issues in order to facilitate the adoption of the amendments to the Protocol by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10,00 hours on Sunday, 3 March 1996, in Siracusa at the Hotel "Villa Politi" tel (39)(931) 41 21 21; fax (39)(931) 36061.

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 *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

Agenda item 3. Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect from the government-designated experts a Chairman, two vice-chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat has been distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.107/1 and its annotation is contained in the present document. A proposed timetable is annexed to the present document. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French.

Agenda item 5. Information on the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Mediterranean Environment from Land-based Activities and other related Activities

Under this Agenda item, the secretariat will briefly review the latest events related to the present meeting and described in document "Global Programme of Action and other activities relevant to the Process of Amendment of the LBS Protocol and its implementation" (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.107.Inf.3).

Agenda item 6. Review of the draft amendments to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources

The Meeting will have before it document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.107/3. In preparing the document, the Secretariat considered the report of the meeting held in Siracusa from 4 to 6 May 1995 (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.92/4) as the base document to which additional amendments were introduced to accommodate comments received from the Contracting Parties and also to put the text in line with the Global Programme of Action to Protect the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities adopted in Washington, D.C. in November 1995, as requested by the

Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Rabat, 9-10 November 1995). A number of editorial changes were also introduced to improve the language or to correct mistakes.

The meeting is expected to review the draft amendments and agree on the texts to be submitted to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries scheduled to be convened on 6-7 March 1996 in Siracusa. Where no agreement can be reached alternative texts will be left in brackets for further negotiation by the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries.

Agenda item 7. Other business

The meeting may consider any other subject relevant to the protocol.

Agenda item 8. Adoption of the report of the meeting

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

Agenda item 9. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18,30 hours on Monday 4 March 1996.

ANNEX

Suggested timetable

Date	Session	Agenda item
Sunday, 3 March	Morning (10,00 - 13,00)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Afternoon (14,30-17,30)	6 (concluded), 7
Monday, 4 March	Morning	Free (to prepare the report of the meeting)
	Afternoon (14,30-18,30)	8, 9

Coffee break: 11,00
16,00