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**MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATION MEETING
CONCERNING ACTIVITY NO. 8
(HISTORIC SETTLEMENTS)
OF RHODES CAMP PROJECT**

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**Minutes of the Consultation Meeting
Concerning Activity No. 8 (Historic Settlements)
of Rhodes CAMP Project**

1. The one day Consultation was held at the MAP premises in Athens, on 28 February 1996. The following representatives attended the meeting:

Mr. L. Chabason, Coordinator, MAP, Athens
Mr. I. Dharat, Senior Programme Officer, MAP, Athens
Mr. D. Drocourt, Director of MAP Marseille Secretariat for the 100 Historic Sites
Mr. D. Tsotsos, National Coordinator of the Project, Athens
Mr. A. Pavasovic, Consultant, PAP/RAC, Split
Ms. K. Tsakiri, Local Coordinator of the Project, Rhodes
Mr. G. Dellas, Bureau of the Mediaeval City, Rhodes

2. Mr. L. Chabason opened the Consultation and thanked all participants for attending the meeting. He pointed out that MAP is of the opinion that the Rhodes CAMP project is very important and quite a successful one. Cooperation with the Greek authorities and the European Investment Bank (EIB) were excellent. Therefore, we cannot afford to jeopardise our commitment and the good cooperation with the EIB and Greece because of the delay in one activity in producing its final output within the timetable agreed upon. We look forward to an increasing cooperation with the Bank in various MAP projects within the framework of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.
3. He continued to say that while accepting the fact that tackling the issue of Historic Settlements requires more time, nevertheless, we ought to respect our timetable and commitments. He expressed his pleasure to participate in the forthcoming final presentation conference to be convened in Rhodes during May 1996.
4. Mr. I. Dharat, Senior Programme Officer, MAP, briefed the meeting on the background and objectives of the present Consultation. He pointed out that during the Consultation meeting convened in Athens, 8-9 February 1996, on Activity 5 "Water Resources Master Plan" of the Rhodes CAMP Project with the participation of the Greek authorities, the European Investment Bank (EIB), PAP/RAC and MEDU, all activities embodied in the contract signed between MAP, Greece and the European Investment Bank (EIB) were thoroughly reviewed. It was noted that good progress has been achieved on all the activities, and consequently it was agreed to finalise and close the project in May 1996.
5. He pointed out that the meeting unfortunately noted that Activity 8 "Historic Settlements" has not progressed enough. No concrete outputs were produced up to now despite the fact that the necessary equipment was purchased and installed in Rhodes, and despite the repeated requests to urgently prepare the requested final outputs of this activity (report on the information system and report on urban and architectural studies), in accordance with the programme and the modified timetable agreed upon by all parties on 20 January 1995. Furthermore, the consultation meeting was of the opinion that the delay in producing the outputs of this activity will block the payment of the last installment of the EIB funds.

6. Therefore, it was decided to convene a one-day Consultation in Athens on Wednesday 28 February 1996, with a view to agreeing on a timetable and commitments in relation to the finalisation of Activity 8 "Historic Settlements" at the appropriate time for the inclusion of its outputs in the final report on Integrated Planning of the Island of Rhodes. In order to assist in reaching a decision during this Consultation, the annexed list of data was prepared by PAP/RAC, which contains the urgently needed information to be provided through this activity (activity 8), for their integration in the final version of the Integrated Planning Study being prepared by PAP/RAC, for presentation during the final conference to be held in Rhodes in May 1996.
7. Finally, he stated that the Consultation meeting (Athens, 8-9 February 1996), was also of the opinion that in case no positive and concrete response was reached, Activity 8 "Historic Settlements" will be terminated, a matter which will entail negative subsequent consequences.
8. Mr. D. Drocourt briefed the meeting on the historical background for his Centre's involvement in the CAMP project for Rhodes as well as on the progress achieved so far and problems encountered. He pointed out that the experts team in Rhodes has been working hard with a view to presenting the results of their work by the end of 1995 which was not materialised due to the fact that more time is still needed for the architects to finish the inventory with the necessary assistance from the relevant authorities in Rhodes. Nevertheless, progress has been achieved in various topics and he, with the assistance of Mr. Dellas, is ready to finalise certain reports during the period of March-May 1996 to be utilised by PAP/RAC in the preparation of the final Study on Integrated Planning (report on Historic Settlements, report on the Conservation of the Mediaeval City of Rhodes which will include methodology applied, infrastructure and pavements, circulation and parking of cars).
9. With regard to the inventory, he pointed out that experts are working on this topic and he expects that it could be completed by September 1996. This issue (inventory) could be proposed for a follow-up activity.
10. Mr. Dellas briefed the meeting on the progress achieved so far confirming what has been said by Mr. Drocourt. He pointed out that it was not easy to start this activity due to different reasons, but with the assistance of the international organisation (UNEP/MAP and the EIB), things have improved. Three architects will start working on the inventory. Up to now field work on the inventories has been completed on the islands 85 to 127 of the Mediaeval city. Their work can finish in four months. Regulatory framework on the use of public space by the tradesmen of the Mediaeval city of Rhodes has been completed. The application of this framework is scheduled to begin this year. He stated that the database is progressing well and GIS is being used to analyse this data.
11. Mr. A. Pavasovic (PAP/RAC) stated that we are obliged to finish our work in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the EIB contract. Therefore, we need the outputs of the Historic Settlement activity in time, in order to incorporate it within the final document on Integrated Planning (IPS). The historic heritage in Rhodes is a very important component of the final study of Rhodes, without it, the study would not be as complete as it should be.

12. He pointed out that a meeting to review the second draft of the IPS document is planned to be held in Athens on 13-14 March 1996. By that time the results of Activity 8 "Historic Settlements" should be ready. He specified the following elements as the ones needed to be incorporated in the IPS document:
- list of the most important elements (cultural, historic sites, natural sites of Mediterranean interest etc..)
 - general presentation of problems related to historic heritage
 - types of protection
13. The National Coordinator of the project, Mr. D. Tsotsos, explained that all activities have been completed except activity 8 "Historic Settlements", a matter which raises concern as we are preparing for the final presentation meeting during May 1996. Therefore, it would be a danger for one important activity not to be completed by that date. He stressed that historic heritage is considered as one of the core activities within the Rhodes CAMP project along with the Liquid Waste and Water Resources activities.
14. After this exchange of views, and in order to reach a concrete outcome of the consultation meeting, the meeting agreed to the Secretariat's proposal to establish a small working group of Mr. D. Drocourt, Mr. A. Pavasovic and Mr. G. Dellas, with a view to presenting to the meeting a concrete proposal on this issue. The group was able to reach an agreement on the basis of the views expressed during the general discussion. The following procedure (in English and French) proposed by the working group was accepted by all participants:

Activity 8: Historic Settlements

- I. **Report for 13th and 14th March 1996 on the historic settlements, sites and monuments on the island of Rhodes for integrated planning purposes:**
- A.
1. **Short description of the historic sites and monuments on the island**
 2. **List of sites and monuments, establishing a hierarchy**
 3. **Short description of the most important individual sites and monuments**
 4. **Description of the mediaeval town of Rhodes**
- B.
1. **The present state of and problems related to the historic sites and monuments of Rhodes (visual observations, pollution, tourist flows, flight corridors, etc.)**
 2. **The likely risks in general terms are to be described more specifically for each important monument**
 3. **The relationship between the historic heritage and tourism, the repercussions of tourist activities**
 4. **The level of protection needed for each monument and site**

5. Degree of protection according to the legislation in force (map on GIS)
- C. Proposal for the degree of protection of each historic site and monument and the protected area, along with a map of the island (map on GIS)
- D.
 1. Proposal on the degree of protection to be applied to the mediaeval town of Rhodes, its monuments and reserve (historic trails, areas around the most important historic monuments) (map on GIS).
 2. Brief proposal on follow-up.
- II. Report for 13th and 14th May on the integrated conservation of the Mediaeval town of Rhodes (10 pages):
 1. History of the Mediaeval town of Rhodes and introduction to the Bureau for the Mediaeval town of Rhodes
 2. The methodology used by the Bureau and UNEP experts for urban projects and the integrated conservation of the Mediaeval town of Rhodes
 3. On-going projects and implementation
 - infrastructures and cobbled streets
 - traffic and parking
 - fortifications and moats
 - shelled areas (EUROPANE competition)
 - pilot project on the integrated restoration of part of the Mediaeval town
 - monument restoration-special cases
- III. Final report on the two previous reports for the end of May 1996
- IV. Programme for the collection of archive documents in Rome-Venice-Valletta and Istanbul (as established in the agreement of 31st March 1994 action 1.1 collection of archive documents) between March and May 1996.
15. During the discussion, Mr. Tsotsos proposed that the dates for the final presentation meeting, scheduled for 16-17 May 1996 in Rhodes, be changed to 14-15 May 1996, due to unexpected circumstances. All participants accepted this change and requested the Secretariat to get in touch with the EIB on this issue.
16. In closing the consultation at 12.30 hrs, Mr. Dharat expressed his thanks and appreciation to all participants for their positive participation which enabled a practical solution to be reached.

Activité 8: Etablissements historiques

- I. **Rapport pour les 13 et 14 mars 1996 sur les établissements, les sites et monuments historiques de l'île de Rhodes pour la planification intégrée**
 - A.
 1. Brève description des sites et monuments historiques de l'île
 2. Hiérarchisation des sites et monuments
 3. Brève description des sites et des monuments individuels les plus importants
 4. Description de la ville médiévale de Rhodes
 - B.
 1. Etat actuel et problèmes relatifs aux sites et monuments historiques de l'île de Rhodes (observations visuelles, pollution, flux touristique, aérodromes, couloirs aériens, etc)
 2. Risques probables en général et plus spécialement pour chaque monument
 3. Rapport entre le patrimoine historique et le tourisme, répercussions provenant des activités touristiques
 4. Niveau de protection nécessaire pour chaque monument et site
 5. Niveau de protection selon la législation en vigueur (carte sur SIG)
 - C.
 1. Proposition de niveau de protection de chaque site et monument historique et zone de protection accompagnée d'un plan de l'île (carte sur SIG)
 - D.
 1. Proposition de niveau de protection pour la ville médiévale de Rhodes et pour ses monuments et zones de protection (parcours historiques, zones autour des monuments historiques les plus importants) (carte sur SIG)
 2. Brève proposition de suivi
- II. **Rapport pour 13-14 mai 1996 sur la conservation intégrée de la ville médiévale de Rhodes (10 pages)**
 1. Histoire de la ville médiévale de Rhodes et présentation du Bureau de la ville médiévale de Rhodes
 2. Méthodologie appliquée pour les projets urbains et la conservation intégrée de la ville médiévale de Rhodes par le Bureau et les experts du PNUE

3. Projet et mise en oeuvre en cours

- **Infrastructures et pavements des rues**
- **Circulation des véhicules et stationnement**
- **Fortifications et fossés**
- **Espaces bombardés (concours EUROPANE)**
- **Projet pilote pour la restauration intégrée sur une partie de la ville médiévale**
- **Restauration des monuments - cas spéciaux**

III. Rapport final - fin du mois de mai 1996 sur les deux rapports précédents

IV. Programme de collecte des documents, par les archives de Rome-Venise-Valletta et Istanbul (comme prévue dans l'accord du 31 mars 1994 - actions 1.1. collecte des documents d'archives) mars - mai 1996.