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First Meeting of the Mediterranean
Commission on Sustainable Development

Rabat, Morocco, 16-18 December 1996

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Introduction:

1. At their Ninth Ordinary Meeting (Barcelona, 5-8 June 1995), the Contracting Parties decided to establish a Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development within the framework of MAP and to convene the first meeting of the Commission during 1996. The Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Cairo, 1-2 April 1996) accepted the offer of Morocco to host the meeting in the city of Fez (Morocco) during December 1996. Moreover, at the Extraordinary Meeting (Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996), the Contracting Parties approved the Terms of Reference as well as the Composition of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/7).
2. Upon a request from the host country, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (Athens 4-5 November 1996) decided to convene the first meeting of the Commission in Rabat (Morocco), on 16-18 December 1996.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on Monday 16 December 1996, by the MAP Coordinator. It is expected that H.E. Mr. Nouridine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco and President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, will make an opening statement on behalf of the host country.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

4. The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutadis mutandis* to this meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex IX).

Agenda item 3: Election of the Bureau of the Commission

5. In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting will elect its own Chairman, four Vice-chairmen and a Rapporteur, they will constitute the Bureau of the meeting (Rule 23).

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

6. The provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.120/1, and annotated in the present document. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 5: Presentation by the Secretariat, members of the Commission and observers

7. It is expected that the MAP Coordinator will present the Secretariat document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.120/3 - Introductory Report by the Secretariat. Members of the Commission are expected to give presentations on their national experience and their expectations from the work of the Commission.

Observers from Intergovernmental organisations are encouraged to give their experience in the field of sustainable development.

Agenda item 6: Methods of work of the Commission

8. The meeting will concentrate its work on chapter IV of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.120/3, relevant to this topic.

The meeting is expected to review the Secretariat proposals and take the necessary action.

Agenda item 7: Priority fields of activities for environment and development in the Mediterranean on the basis of Agenda MED 21 and MAP II, as a background for a biennial programme of work

9. The meeting will concentrate its work on chapters II and III of document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.120/3, relevant to this topic.

The meeting is expected to review these chapters and take the necessary action.

Agenda item 8: Date, place and Provisional Agenda of the second meeting of the Commission

10. The Secretariat proposes that the second meeting of the Commission should take place during the first half of 1997.

The meeting is requested to take action on the exact dates, place and the Provisional Agenda for its second meeting.

Agenda item 9: Other matters

11. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report of the meeting

12. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting

13. The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 18.00 hours on Wednesday, 18 December 1996.

ANNEX

Suggested time schedule

Date	Session		Agenda item
Monday 16 December	Morning	(09.30 - 12.30)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon	(14.30 - 18.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Tuesday 17 December	Morning	(09.30 - 12.30)	6 (concluded)
	Afternoon	(14.30 - 18.30)	7, 8, 9
Wednesday 18 December	Morning	(09.30 - 12.30)	Free (Secretariat to prepare report)
	Afternoon	(14.30 - 18.00)	10, 11

Coffee break

11.00 hours
16.00 hours