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Meeting of MED POL National Coordinators

Delphi, Greece, 20-23 May 1997

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10,00 hours of 20 May 1997 by the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan in the "Dionysos" hall of the European Cultural Centre of Delphi.

Agenda item 2. Rules of Procedures

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(OCA)/IG.43/6 Annex XI) will apply *mutadis mutandis* to this meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect 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 is distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.127/1 and its annotation and a proposed timetable are contained in this document for examination and adoption. The working languages of the Meeting are English and French.

Agenda item 5. Progress report on the implementation of MED POL in 1996 and review of 1997 ongoing and planned activities

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.127/Inf.3 "Progress report by the Coordinator on the implementation of the MED POL activities carried out in 1996 and ongoing in 1997". The document is submitted to this Meeting for information and comments. Under this Agenda item, the MED POL Coordinators will be also asked to provide information on the status of ratification in their respective countries of the Dumping and LBS Protocols which were amended and signed, respectively, in 1995 and 1996.

Agenda item 6. Implementation of MED POL-Phase III Programme

The Secretariat will present document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.127/3 which briefly summarizes the proposals by the Secretariat concerning the implementation of MED POL-Phase III related activities. While the operational details of the specific activities will be discussed under Agenda items 6.1 to 6.7, this Agenda item will cover a general discussion on the criteria and the principles to be used for the implementation of MED POL Phase III, including cooperation between Institutions of the region, capacity building as well as the role and the tasks of the Secretariat and of the National Coordinators in the management of the activities. The results of this Agenda item, together with those resulting from the discussion of Items 6.1 to 6.7, will form the basis for the recommendations to be presented to the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties in November 1997.

Item 6.1 Trend Monitoring and Biomonitoring

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.127/4 "Programme of Trend Monitoring in Coastal and Pollution Hot Spot areas" which is the draft operational document for the implementation of the regional trend monitoring programme in the framework of MED POL. The document will be discussed and amended as appropriate with a view at its approval and subsequent presentation to the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption.

The Secretariat, on the basis of the work carried out, will also propose for discussion and approval, the activities to be carried out as part of MED POL in the field of Biomonitoring.

Item 6.2 Compliance Monitoring

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.127/5 "Programme of Compliance Monitoring in Coastal and Pollution Hot Spot areas" which is the draft operational document for the implementation of the compliance monitoring activities in the framework of MED POL. The document will be discussed and amended as appropriate with a view at its approval and subsequent presentation to the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption. The document is also complemented by document UNEP(OCA)MED WG.127/Inf. 4, which contains full details on this type of activity and which is presented for information.

Item 6.3 Data Quality Assurance Programme

The Secretariat will present the activities proposed to be carried out as part of MED POL-Phase III in the field of data quality assurance for discussion and approval.

Item 6.4 Research

The Secretariat will present, for discussion and approval, the research activities proposed to be carried out in the framework of MED POL-Phase III including the modalities for their implementation.

Item 6.5 LBS Protocol

The Secretariat will present the activities proposed to be carried out as part of the implementation of the LBS Protocol. In particular, the follow up to the formulation of the Strategic Action Programme partly funded by GEF will be discussed as well as the process for the preparation of national action plans. The Meeting will also discuss the prospectives of cooperation with regional donors.

Item 6.6 Dumping Protocol

The Secretariat will inform the participants of the steps being made for the finalization of the guidelines for the management of dredged material as part of the implementation of the Dumping Protocol. The Meeting may discuss any other issue relevant to the implementation of the Protocol.

Item 6.7 Hazardous Wastes Protocol

The Secretariat will present to the Meeting some proposed mechanisms for the coordination of the future activities related to the implementation of the Protocol. The views of the Meeting will be used to formulate proposals to the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 7. Funding of 1998-1999 MED POL activities

The Secretariat will present an overview of the possible 1998-1999 MAP budget and its implications on MED POL. The MED POL Coordinators will be invited to discuss the budgetary requirements for the implementation of the programme during the forthcoming biennium which will be taken into account in the preparation of the budget to be presented to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points in July 1997 for approval and subsequently to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in September 1997 for adoption. Possible additional external sources of funding for the MED POL activities will be also presented and discussed.

Agenda item 8. Other Business

The Meeting will discuss any other business raised by the participants or the Secretariat.

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The participants will examine, amend as appropriate and adopt the draft report of the Meeting in English and French.

Agenda item 10. Closure of the Meeting

The MAP Coordinator and the Chairman elected will close the Meeting on 23 May 1997 at 12,30 hours.

Proposed Workplan and Timetable

Tuesday, 20 May (10,00-12,30 hours)	Agenda items 1., 2., 3., 4., 5.
Tuesday, 20 May (14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda items 5.(cont'd), 6., 6.1.
Wednesday, 21 May (09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda items 6.1(cont'd), 6.2.
Wednesday, 21 May (14,30-17,30 hours)	Agenda items 6.3, 6.4, 6.5
Thursday, 22 May (09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda items 6.5(cont'd), 6.6, 6.7, 7., 8.
Thursday, 22 May (afternoon)	Free (preparation of the draft report)
Friday, 23 May (09,30-12,30 hours)	Agenda items 9., 10.

Coffee break

11,00 hours
16,00 hours