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**MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION
CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF MCSD TASK MANAGERS
AND THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS**

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Introduction

1. During its first meeting (Rabat, 16-18 December 1996), the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) agreed on a programme built around short-term and medium-term activities corresponding to some of the priority needs of the Mediterranean region.
2. Two themes were identified as being areas for action in the short-term because sufficient work had already been undertaken to permit the development of policy and strategy proposals (sustainable management of coastal zones and management of water demand), for which end-products were submitted to the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997). Other six subjects were identified as medium-term priority themes (sustainable development indicators; sustainable tourism; information, awareness, environmental education and participation; free trade and environment; industry and sustainable development; and the management of urban and rural development) for which end-products planned for submission to the meeting of the Contracting Parties to be held in Malta, October 1999.
3. In order to implement efficiently and usefully these activities and to ensure larger participation, the Commission designated Task Managers and Thematic Working Groups to deal with each selected theme (see revised table in Annex I to this report). The MAP funds allocated to the MCSD will be considered as seed money since the Task Managers are expected to look for the necessary additional human and financial resources and expertise for the activities of the Thematic Working Groups. However, the countries involved are willing to support as far as possible these activities through the provision of human and financial resources, being confident that if the Commission selected priority activities that are sound in their substance and organization, they would raise greater interest from donors.¹
4. In order to coordinating and streamlining the works of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups, based on the experience gained during the first year of their work, a Consultation Meeting was held in Athens, on 5 February 1998, in conjunction with the annual meeting of MEDU and RAC Directors (Athens, 3-4 February 1998).

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Technical Consultation

5. The meeting was opened by Mr. L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator, who welcomed all participants pointing out that the purpose of the Consultation was to discuss, coordinate and streamline the technical aspect of the activities of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups, and not to dwell on any policy making issues which are outside the mandate of this Group. Moreover,

1. Report of the First Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (document: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.120/4)

he added that the objective of the Consultation was also to comment on a draft agenda of the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD scheduled to be held in Monaco during October 1998. He expected that by the end of the day, an agreement is to be reached on a clear programme with time framework for each of the six themes and on the outputs of each theme to be presented to the Fourth Meeting of the Commission.

6. All MEDU professionals, RAC Directors and MCSD/Task Managers were present. The complete list of participants is attached as Annex II to this report.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

7. The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat as well as the organization of work of the Consultation meeting was approved. The approved agenda is contained in Annex III to this report.

Agenda item 3: Review of the relevant decisions of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

8. Mr. I. Dharat, Senior Programme Officer, reviewed the main relevant decisions of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997), in their relation to the work of the MCSD. He referred in particular to the decision by which the meeting approved the recommendations concerning the management of water demand and the sustainable management of coastal zones, pointing out that it is expected that the role of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups of these two themes as well as that of the Secretariat would be to induce countries to implement these recommendations and translate the strategical lines of action of the MCSD into proposals for concrete action, set within a time frame. Major partners of civil society (local authorities, socio-economic actors and NGOs) should be involved in the implementation and follow-up of priority projects and activities. Another decision of the Tunis meeting was related to the reconfirmation of the present membership of the Commission for another term until the next meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, October 1999).
9. With regard to the financial aspect, he pointed out that the Secretariat (MEDU and RACs) will assist Task Managers to fulfil their work entrusted to them by the Commission, through technical assistance as well as through limited financial assistance. MAP funds allocated to the Commission in the 1998 and 1999 budget should be considered as seed money since the Task Managers would be responsible for obtaining the necessary additional human and financial resources and expertise for the activities of the Thematic Working Groups. It was also expected that the countries involved would be willing to support these activities through the provision of human and financial resources.

10. Mr. L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator stressed the importance of organizing and coordinating the work between the Task Managers and the relevant Regional Activity Centers (RACs). The experience of the first year of work has shown the coordination gap that still exists between the two partners. Therefore, more work was needed to overcome these obstacles and bridge the existing gap. The purpose of the present Consultation was to address the issue.

Agenda item 4: Task Managers' proposals concerning the programmes and timetables of the Thematic Working Groups

Agenda item 5: Financial and technical needs for the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups

11. A tour de table presentation was undertaken, during which each Task Manager briefly presented the work of his group:

Sustainable Development Indicators

12. On behalf of the Task Managers of this theme (France and Tunisia), Mr. M. Ennabli (Tunisia) briefed the meeting on the group's activity, pointing out that two orientation documents were prepared and presented to the Commission: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.134/3 and UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.124/Inf.3.
13. In the absence of an official meeting of the Working Group, a "brainstorming meeting" was organized by BP/RAC, on 10-11 July 1997, involving the major stakeholders working on the issue of sustainable development indicators around the world. As a consequence, an agreement between France and Tunisia has been reached in order to test a number of sustainable development indicators in Tunisia. He added that a meeting of the Thematic Working Group for this theme will be organized on 28-29 May 1998 in France or in Tunisia. He was of the opinion that MAP should guarantee the convening of at least one meeting of the Working Group of each theme. Experts with good knowledge of the subject should be invited to such meetings.
14. With regard to the main objective of the forthcoming meeting of the Working Group on indicators, Mr. Ennabli was of the opinion that selection of certain number of indicators to be limited to 40 to 70 indicators would be the first product of the Working Group which will be presented to the October 1998 meeting of the commission.,
15. In 1999, a regional workshop will be organized in France or Tunisia with the objective of agreeing on the final products of the Working Group in the form of a synthesis of the work of the Group, which will be submitted to the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, October 1999).

Sustainable Tourism

16. On behalf of the task Managers for this theme (Egypt, EOAEN, and Spain), Ms. Rambla Gil briefed the meeting on the main developments regarding the sustainable tourism theme. She pointed out that in December 1997, she had a joint meeting with BP/RAC, during which the document prepared on this theme was thoroughly reviewed. It was also agreed that the Task Managers and the BP/RAC would prepare a list of the main studies undertaken as well as a chart of international organizations which have prepared documents and studies on the topic of sustainable tourism.
17. As for future events, she informed the meeting that a small group of experts (3 to 4 experts) will meet during March 1998 with an objective of selecting two or three issues related to the subject. Furthermore, BP/RAC will prepare by May 1998, a questionnaire to be sent to all Contracting Parties for their inputs, with a deadline for answering, the 30th of June 1998. The products will be submitted to the Thematic Working Group meeting proposed to be held during the second week of September 1998 in Turkey for its review and finalization before submission to the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD (Monaco, October 1998).
18. She pointed out that after the Monaco meeting and almost for one year, the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Group will have the time to prepare a new document including final recommendations for review and approval by the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, October 1999).
19. In concluding her remarks, the Task Manager expressed her opinion that we have to focus our work more clearly and adopt concrete recommendations including practical proposals in order for them to be implemented.
20. During the ensuing discussion, Mr. G. Giourgas (EOAEN), stressed the importance of selecting specialists in the field of tourism in order to participate in the work of the Working Group. He added that we should be careful in not repeating work which have been done by others, therefore, we need to complement the work already undertaken, so that an "added value" will be achieved. He reminded that we should expect that gaps in statistics will confront us. He proposed that the conclusions will lead to the practical applications as, to establish Networks of local authorities and other socio-economic actors on sustainable tourism, which will assist in preparing projects for EU financing.
21. Mr. A. Aldieb (Egypt) welcomed the proposal to establish Networks in this field and suggested that one of the workshops to be organized within the framework of the theme, in Egypt during 1998. He added that we should not leave such a cross sectoral important issue "Sustainable Tourism" only for few experts on tourism, to deal with it. Other experts in different fields should be involved.

22. Mr. G. Benoit (BP/RAC), suggested that a meeting of the Working Group could be held in Egypt during 1999 and not in 1998. Concerning the title of the theme, he is in favour of changing the title to "Tourism and Sustainable Development". On this issue, the MAP Coordinator preferred not to tackle this issue, until a meeting of the Working Group is held which will identify and select the issues to be dealt with. The Working Group should bear in mind the need to have an added value and move a step forward in dealing with this theme, which is an important issue for the Mediterranean region.
23. Mr. M. Scoullos (MIO/ECSDE) was of the opinion that tourism and indicators are very closely linked. Therefore, we have to find a model for coordination and working together as a team. This notion should also apply to all themes. He believes that we should not entrust a very small group to carry out basic work. Other experts and groups should be involved in the exercise.
24. In his comments on this point, the Coordinator pointed out that the Consultation meeting has no mandate to change the method of work agreed upon by the MCSD. However, these views will be communicated to the Steering Committee of the Commission. Furthermore, he stressed the need to involve all members of the Thematic Working Groups and he suggested and the meeting accepted, that all Task Managers should immediately inform the members of their respective Working Groups of the results of the present meeting, particularly on the future programme and the time frame for their themes.

Information, awareness, environmental education and participation

25. On behalf of the Task Managers for this theme (MIO-ECSDE and CREE), Mr. M. Scoullos, Chairman of MIO-ECSDE referred to the International Conference "Environment and Society: Education and Public Awareness for Sustainability" organized by UNESCO and the Greek Government with MIO-ECSDE shouldering the responsibility of the Secretariat of the conference, which was held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 8-12 December 1997. He pointed out that the Conference (in which representatives from governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations and the civil society at large from 83 countries participated) adopted what is now called the "Declaration of Thessaloniki". Copies of the declaration were distributed to the participants of the Technical Consultation meeting.
26. With regard to the work of his group, he pointed out that a meeting of the Thematic Working Group on Information, Awareness, Environmental Education and Participation, was held in Thessaloniki, in conjunction with the International Conference, on 10 December 1997. In this connection, he thanked MAP Secretariat for participating in the meeting and for financially assisting in covering the costs of some members of the Working Group.

27. Mr. Scoullos distributed and presented the report of the meeting of the Working Group, held in Thessaloniki. He hoped that a progress report of the Group would be ready before the end of 1998 and the final work could be presented to the Contracting Parties Meeting to be held in Malta (October 1999). He informed participants that MIO-ECSDE will prepare, with the support of MAP, a booklet on *Guidelines for promoting participation processes in the Mediterranean*.
28. Concerning the method of work of the Working Group, Mr. Scoullos inquired if we are planning to prepare a model of information, awareness, environmental education and participation, relevant to the participation of the different countries, or only a number of recommendations to be suggested to the countries for their implementation. In this regard, he informed the meeting that his Group agreed on the step-by-step approach and the preparation of a very realistic document, a down to earth approach. He also pointed out that an inventory will also be prepared on the legal status in each country, indicating action taken or to be taken. He emphasized the importance of the horizontal nature of the information issue which cuts a cross through the other Thematic Working Groups.
29. Finally, he informed the meeting that his working group will meet again, immediately before the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD (Monaco, October 1998).
30. Concerning the financial aspects, he requested financial support from MAP in order to cover costs of technical nature. The Coordinator pointed out that seed funds were allocated to the information issue within the 1998-1999 MAP budget and promised to allocate some money for this theme.

Free Trade

31. The Task Manager for this theme, Ms. Sawsan Mehdi (Lebanon), distributed and introduced her progress report on the activities and programme of work relevant to the Free Trade theme. At the outset, she expressed her thanks to the Coordinator of MAP for financially assisting her group. She is in the process of consultation with the other members of the group and the preparation of a questionnaire, in order to get a feed back from countries to finalize the case study on environmental trade barriers.
32. As regards future programme, she informed the meeting that a meeting of the Working Group on Free Trade and Environment will be held in Beirut during 1998, with an objective of defining the short, medium and long-term recommendations to be presented to the Contracting Parties.
33. A brief debate took place on this subject, during which the MAP Coordinator pointed out that the Blue Plan Centre (BP/RAC) will be the supporting Centre for this theme, while the Coordinating Unit will have the overall coordinating role. He pointed out that the proposed case study should address the issue of the impact of free trade on the environment, the inter linkage, obstacles and other

relevant issues related to the development of free trade and the environment. He proposed that the Working Group should leave all options open for the whole exercise related to free trade and the environment, keeping in mind that our main objective is to promote sustainable development in the region.

34. Other participants felt that this is a sensitive, delicate and difficult issue, and therefore, we should benefit from the numerous and good work of other relevant organizations (UNCTAD, WTO, GATT, etc.) and to take due note of the already signed bilateral agreements within the framework of Euro-Mediterranean partnership.
35. One participant (Mr. Ennabli) referred to the relevant chapter on free trade and the environment, incorporated in Agenda MED 21, which would constitute a good background paper for the work of the Thematic Working Group.
36. Another participant (Mr. Benoit) felt that the Group should have a long time approach in dealing with this topic. He preferred working in a smaller technical groups rather than larger groups. He suggested that the Terms of Reference of the Consultant entrusted to prepare the Case Study, should be redefined taking into consideration the comments made during this meeting.
37. At the end of the discussion on this theme, it was agreed that an expert group meeting (3 to 4 experts) is to be held, late April 1998, in Geneva. (Mr. L. Chabason will arrange with UNEP/Geneva office all issues concerning hosting the meeting in their office), and a working group meeting at the end of September 1998 in Beirut (Lebanon), with the financial support of MAP.

Industry and Sustainable Development

38. On behalf of the Task Managers of this theme (Italy and Algeria), Mr. G. Guerrieri (Italy) introduced the activities of the Thematic Group on this theme. He pointed out that consultations with some representatives of the countries, and with those of ASCAME, CEFIC, EC, WWF, MED POL and CP/RAC are consolidated. He referred to the fact that many members of the Group are from Ministries of the Environment, with different philosophy and orientation than those of other ministries in the countries which will, in his view, undermine the work of the Group. Therefore, he suggested the involvement of experts, designated by the concerned Countries, especially for the Workshop to be organized end of September 1998.
39. With regard to future work, he informed the meeting that a two-day Workshop will be organized around the end of September 1998 in Massa Carrara (Tuscany-Italy), with the support of local authorities. The periodical meeting of Thematic Working Group will be held in the same occasion as well. He stated that the work is going on, not only during the periodical meetings of the Group, but also by bilateral telephonic consultation with the members of the Group on the exchange of information and on the future scenarios concerning this theme. As a result, the objective of the Group is to propose to the Contracting Parties in 1999 a set of recommendations supported by a practical document:

"Handbook". Some issues of this Handbook are identified and the items of the Workshop are under definition through bilateral consultation.

40. With regard to the financial aspect, he informed the meeting that the local authorities of the Massa Carrara and MED POL (US \$ 30,000) will cover the costs of this theme, including the convening of the Thematic Working Group meeting.
41. During the ensuing discussion, Mr. F.S. Civili, MED POL Coordinator, recalled that with the signature of the amended LBS Protocol and the adoption of a Strategic Action Programme (SAP) to address pollution from land-based activities, the region was well covered from a legal point of view concerning industrial pollution and that therefore the Working Group had to find its added value to the existing activities. He stressed that the Group should therefore examine the implementation of the existing rules and regulations from the angle of the industry, perspective which had not been yet examined within MAP.
42. Mr. G. Giourgas, the representative of EOAEN, stated that there exist many Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the Mediterranean countries and we should utilize their experience and expertise. He mentioned as an example the Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Mediterranean (ASCAME), which he recommended to be a partner in this exercise. He further stressed the importance of the participation of all members of the Group in the exercise.
43. Mr. I. Dharat stressed the need for the involvement of all members of the Thematic Working Group and the convening of at least one official meeting of the Group before the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD. He also advised to consult all countries on the approach to be taken in tackling the Industry and Sustainable Development theme.

Management of Urban and Rural Development

44. Mr. Al Aldieb, the Task Manager for this theme pointed out that the work has been so far essentially focused on exchanges between him and the Blue Plan's experts. He briefed the meeting on the main problems and issues to be tackled by the Thematic Working Group for this theme: Metropolitan areas, rural areas, touristic areas, and establishment of new human settlements (the experience of Egypt was cited). He suggested that a meeting of the Working Group be organized before the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD and offered to host a Workshop in Egypt, early 1999. He also proposed the recruitment of one expert from the South and another from the North to deal with urban and rural development issues.
45. The BP Deputy Director, Mr. A. Hoballah, emphasized the need to work more on this theme and informed the meeting that a questionnaire will be sent to countries requesting their inputs. In the meantime, Mr. G. Benoit, Director of BP/RAC referred to the difficulty of the issue under consideration and its linkage to the agriculture sector.

46. As a member of the Thematic Working Group of this theme, Mr. M. Boussraoui (MEDCITIES), stated that his organization has not been contacted by the Task Manager of this theme. He expressed the view that this situation should not continue in the future.
47. Mr. Trumbic, Director of PAP/RAC, inquired on the method of work of the Group. For example, if the urban issue and the rural issue will be tackled together or in a separate way, or we have to tackle the two issues under the theme of regional planning. As a response, the Task Manager pointed out that we should have an interlinkage between the two issues and should not tackle them separately.
48. The MAP Coordinator was of the opinion that this Technical Consultation meeting has no mandate to change the title of any theme. He stated that it would be difficult to convene the Working Group before preparing the stage, including expert studies and the methodology of work relevant to this theme. The role of the meeting of the Working Group is to give guidance to the Task Manager, based on real substance. Therefore, he suggested that a technical meeting of selected experts be convened early in order to prepare, together with the Task Manager and the supporting RAC Centres, the necessary background material for the Working Group meeting, including a synthesis of the existing studies in this field.
49. With regard to the financial aspect, the BP representative stated that there exist financial resources under the BP/RAC budget which would cover partially, the convening of the Technical Meeting, the Working Group meeting and the cost of the Consultant to be recruited. As for the Workshop in 1999, no funds have been allocated in the budget. Outside funds should be searched.
50. The representative of E.O.A.E.N. referred to the need of the creation of four Sub-Working Groups: urban, rural, island and mountain regions. These four Sub-Working Groups will be under the direction of the Thematic Working Group for regional development. He also suggested that relevant representatives of other regions should be invited to participate in the four Sub-Working Groups.
51. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed to convene a small technical meeting around middle of April 1998 in Split (Croatia), and to convene the Thematic Working Group meeting during the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD (Monaco, October 1998). A Workshop is also to be hosted by Egypt early 1999.

General recommendations

52. It was agreed that all Task Managers should urgently send to all members of the Thematic Working Groups, their 1998-1999 specific programme of work as agreed upon during the present consultation meeting.

53. Based on the discussion of the various programmes of the Task Managers, the meeting agreed on a calendar of meetings of all Thematic Working Groups during 1998-1999 biennium. The calendar is attached in Annex IV to this report.
54. It was also agreed that competent experts should be participating in the meetings of the Thematic Working Groups along with the officially designated members of the various groups.
55. The practise of convening regular Consultation Meetings of MEDU/RACs and all Task Managers was recommended to be continued.

Agenda item 6: Draft Agenda of the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD

56. The Secretariat distributed and presented the draft agenda of the fourth meeting of the MCSD, scheduled to be held in Monaco during October 1998 (Doc: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.140/1). It was pointed out that the main objectives of the Monaco meeting are to elect the Steering Committee of the Commission (Bureau) and listen to presentations by the Task Managers for the medium-term activities and review their work. The meeting is also expected to discuss the issue of follow-up of the recommendations adopted by the Contracting Parties relevant to the management of water demand and sustainable management of coastal zones.
57. During the brief discussion of this agenda item, the Coordinator explained that we expect that some of the Task Managers will be able to present concrete recommendations to the fourth meeting concerning their themes, while others will only be able to present a progress report on the activities of their groups undertaken since the last meeting of the Commission (Sophia Antipolis, 28-30 October 1997).
58. At the end of the brief exchange of views, the participants took note of the draft agenda (see Annex V to this report).

Agenda item 7: Any other business

59. No other issues were raised under this agenda item.

Agenda item 8: Minutes of the Consultation

60. Mr. I. Dharat informed the participants that a draft minutes of the Consultation Meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and sent to all participants for their comments before its finalization and distribution.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Consultation

61. The Coordinator thanked all participants for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at 17.30 pm on Thursday, 5 February 1998.

TABLE
THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS
(Second revision)
as of 30 October 1997

Themes	Task managers	Members of the group	Support from MAP ¹
Short-term (over about a one-year period)			
- Sustainable management of coastal zones	Morocco and MEDCITIES	GREE, European Community, Greece, City of Rome, Spain, EcoMediterrania, Monaco, WWF, Italy, EOAEN, Cyprus, France, Tunisia, MIO-ECSD, Egypt, Malta, Albania, Lebanon Algeria, FIS	RAC/Priority Actions Programme, RAC/Blue Plan, RAC/Environment Remote Sensing and RAC/Specially Protected Areas
- Management of water demand	Tunisia and Morocco	Libya, WWF, APNEK, European Community, Egypt, Italy, France, CEFIC, MIO-ECSD, Malta, Spain, EcoMediterrania, CEDARE, Cyprus, Israel, Algeria, Turkey, Bosnia & Herzegovina	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme
Medium-term (until 1999 Contracting Parties meeting and beyond)			
- Sustainable development indicators	France and Tunisia	European Community, Morocco, EcoMediterrania, Greece, Israel, Spain, Slovenia, Turkey, Lebanon, Algeria	RAC/Blue Plan
- Sustainable Tourism	Spain, EOAEN and Egypt	Malta, Monaco, Cyprus, Croatia, European Community, Greece, EcoMediterrania, WWF MIO-ECSD, ASCAME, Slovenia, Libya, Turkey, Lebanon	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme
- Information, awareness and participation	MIO-ECSD and CREE	European Community, WWF, France, APNEK, Croatia, Egypt, Morocco, MEDCITIES, EcoMediterrania, Albania, Algeria, Libya, Lebanon	MED Coordinating Unit
- Free trade and environment in the Euromediterranean context (strategic impact assessment)	Lebanon	Tunisia, France, European Community, APNEK, Morocco, MIO-ECSD, Algeria, ASCAME, FIS, Bosnia & Herzegovina	MED Coordinating Unit
- Industry and sustainable development (cultural, economic, technical and financial aspects of progressive elimination of land-based pollution)	Italy, Algeria	WWF, Israel, EOAEN, ASCAME, CEFIC, Spain, European Community, Turkey	MED POL, RAC/Clean Production
- Management of urban/rural development	Egypt	MEDCITIES, FIS, MIO-ECSD, Spain, Morocco, France, Malta, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Algeria, CEDARE, EC, Slovenia	RAC/Blue Plan and RAC/Priority Actions Programme

¹ The Coordinating Unit and the Regional Activity Centres will each provide the necessary support to the different working groups according to their expertise.

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. Management of water demand	Mr. M. Ennabli (Tunisia) Ms. B. Layachi (Morocco)	BP PAP
Medium-term		
. Sustainable development indicators	Mr. S. Antoine (France) Mr. M. Ennabli (Tunisia)	BP
. Sustainable tourism	Ms. Amparo Rambla (Spain) Mr. G. Giourgas (EOEAN) Mr. A. Aldieb (Egypt)	BP PAP
. Information, awareness, environmental education and public participation	Mr. M. Scoullos (MIO-ECSDE) Mr. L. Pradallié (CREE)	MEDU
. Free trade and environment	Ms. S. Mehdi (Lebanon)	MEDU BP
. Industry and sustainable development	Mr. G. Guerrieri (Italy) Mr. Si Youcef (Algeria)	MED POL CP
. Management of urban/rural development	Mr. A. Aldieb (Egypt)	BP PAP ERS

ANNEX II

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ANNEX III

AGENDA

(Technical Consultation concerning Activities of
MCSD Task Managers and Thematic Working Groups)

Athens, 5 February 1998

1. Opening of the Consultation
2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work
3. Review of the relevant decisions of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997) in relation to the future work of the MCSD
4. Task Managers' proposals concerning the programmes and timetables for the Thematic Working Groups.
5. Financial and technical needs for the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups
6. Draft Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of the MCSD
7. Any other business
8. Minutes of the Consultation
9. Closure of the Consultation

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Calendar of meetings of Thematic Working Groups*

Task Managers	1998	1999
Indicator	Working Group Meeting 28-29 May France/Tunisia	Workshop
Tourism	1- Expert Group 3 or 4 + BP + PAP March... 2. Working Group Meeting Sep. (second week) Turkey	Working Group Egypt
Information	Working Group Meeting October Monaco "immediately before the 4th MCSD"	
Free-Trade	. Expert Group 3 or 4 + BP + PAP Late April Geneva Working Group Meeting end September (Lebanon)	
Industry	Working Group Meeting end September Massa Carrara (Italy) \$ 30.000 from MEDPOL . Municipality of Massa Carrara cover accommodation	
Urban/Rural	1. Expert Group 3 or 4 + BP + PAP Middle April Split (Croatia) 2. Working Group Meeting "during 4th meeting of MCSD" Monaco October	Workshop January Egypt

* (Based on agreement reached during the Consultation meeting of MAP and Task Managers - Athens, 5 February 1998)

ANNEX V

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Fourth Meeting of the MCSD)
Monaco, October 1998

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Rules of procedure
3. Election of the Steering Committee of the Commission
4. Adoption of the provisional Agenda and organisation of work
5. Progress report by the Secretariat
6. Activity report and draft recommendations by the Task Managers for the medium-term activities
7. Follow-up of the recommendations adopted by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties concerning short-term activities (management of water demand, sustainable management of coastal zones)
8. Work programme, Provisional Agenda, dates and venue of the Fifth Meeting of the MCSD in 1999
9. Any other matters
10. Adoption of the report of the meeting
11. Closure of the meeting