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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)  
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE  
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

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for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Tenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) was convened in Malta, between the 3 and 5 May 2011, pursuant to the decision of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention which agreed that a meeting of REMPEC Focal Points be organised during the 2010–2011 biennium (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8, Marrakesh, Morocco, 3-5 November 2009).

2. The principal objectives of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points were:

- a) to examine the implementation of the programme of work of REMPEC since the 9<sup>th</sup> Focal Points Meeting; and
- b) to discuss and approve the proposed programme of work of REMPEC for the biennium 2012-2013 which will be submitted for adoption by the 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

3. All REMPEC official Governmental Focal Points have been invited to nominate jointly and in consultation with all national authorities concerned their representatives in the Meeting. The participation in national delegations of observers representing the oil, chemical, port and shipping industries has been strongly encouraged. The invitation to attend the Meeting was also extended to the specialized agencies of the United Nations, other Regional Agreements, Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Partners/non-governmental organizations, other regional organizations, as well as to the international professional organizations and associations whose activities are relevant for the work of REMPEC.

4. The Meeting was attended by delegations from the following Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention:

ALBANIA	LEBANON
ALGERIA	MALTA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	MONACO
CROATIA	MONTENEGRO
CYPRUS	MOROCCO
EGYPT	SLOVENIA
EUROPEAN UNION	SPAIN
FRANCE	SYRIA
GREECE	TUNISIA
ISRAEL	TURKEY
ITALY	

by representatives from the following United Nations Organizations:

- INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)
- UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME / MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (UNEP/MAP)

by a representative from the following Regional Agreement:

- LISBON AGREEMENT

by representatives from the following MAP Partners/non-governmental organizations:

- HELLENIC MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (HELMPEA)
- INSTITUT DU DROIT ECONOMIQUE DE LA MER (INDEMER)
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS (OGP)
- INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE (IOI)
- INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (IPIECA)

by representatives from other Regional Organizations:

- MEDITERRANEAN OIL INDUSTRY GROUP (MOIG)
- MEDITERRANEAN OPERATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY NETWORK (MOON)
- PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

and by representatives from the following other organizations:

- DET NORSKE VERITAS (DNV)
- INTERNATIONAL TANKER OWNERS POLLUTION FEDERATION (ITOPF)
- SEA ALARM FOUNDATION

5. A complete list of participants appears in **Annex I** to the present report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING**

6. The Meeting was opened by the Director of REMPEC, on Tuesday, 3 May 2011 at 09.00 hours. The Director welcomed the participants to the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points. He insisted on the importance of the Meeting of Focal Points, a cornerstone in the MAP decision making process. He highlighted that this year the Meeting will have to debate about the implications of the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention. He finally emphasized the fact that REMPEC Focal Points were the voice of the Centre in their respective countries and in this regard, he invited REMPEC Focal Points to keep the MAP Focal Point in their country updated on the discussion that will take place during these two days and a half.

7. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator, Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias acknowledged the opportunity of the Focal Points Meeting to assess achievements and build the future. She presented the thematic priorities, principles and emerging issues that together form the common vision of features of the MAP, outlined in the five year strategic and integrated programme of work, covering the years 2010 to 2015. She noted that the programme of work of REMPEC contributed to almost all the thematic priorities of the MAP. The Coordinator brought to the attention of the Meeting six emerging issues of particular relevance, among them the opportunities provided by the Aichi Plan of Action (2010-2020) adopted last year by the Conference of the Parties of the CBD in Nagoya (Japan) regarding marine and coastal biodiversity and the reflections made in the context of the preparations for the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Brazil in June 2012. She pointed out the need to cope with increasing regional uncertainties, which calls for greater attention to situations of potential risk. Noting that, for the first time in MAP history, all seven Protocols have entered into force - the most important implication for REMPEC being the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol - she emphasized that this new situation also shifts the attention to implementation and compliance, with the main priority being to effect real change and get results, focusing on the specific targets to be achieved during the next biennium.

8. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator detailed MAP's financial constraints affecting the results that can be achieved with funds from the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF). She mentioned that the figures that have been attached to the Centre's two year proposed programme of work for indicative purposes were proportionally equal to what REMPEC received in the past from the MTF.

9. The Coordinator further explained that MAP has to ensure that a deficit is not created as it happened in the past. The Coordinator detailed planning measures taken by the MAP to step up resource mobilization efforts so as to keep up with the desired level of delivery.

10. The Coordinator recalled the importance of the Centre at the service of the Contracting Parties and further recalled the positive feedback received.

11. The Coordinator concluded by thanking the Director and the staff and wished a successful meeting to the participants.

12. Mr. Stefan Micallef, Senior Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO, welcomed all the participants on behalf of the Secretary-General of IMO. He conveyed IMO's profound gratitude to UNEP for the long and outstanding cooperation in the implementation of REMPEC's project. He reminded the Meeting that the Mediterranean Sea remains one of the most important maritime highways, placing it under immense stress. However, through the MAP and the creation of the Centre

the people of the Mediterranean illustrate their commitment towards protecting this valuable asset. He pointed out that shipping has seen enormous changes in recent years. The measures it has taken through self-regulation and treaties and other instruments adopted by IMO and their implementation bear witness to a strong and self-confident shipping industry that is continuously improving its performance and fully embracing its responsibilities. He acknowledged the tremendous efforts made by the countries of the Mediterranean, in ratifying and implementing some of the organizations conventions, which have contributed to a steady decrease in marine pollution from ships. However, he also reminded the Meeting that there is still a lot more to be done, in particular, with regard to the ratification and implementation of conventions such as the BWM Convention, the AFS Convention, certain Annexes of MARPOL and others. He also referred to the year old Gulf of Mexico platform incident within the context of the recent entry into force of the regional Offshore Protocol. He also paid tribute to the European Commission for their financial support through the SAFEMED II Project. Whilst reiterating IMO's commitment to support the Centre, the representative of IMO concluded by reminding the Meeting that the success of REMPEC depends on the collective effort of the Contracting Parties, international organizations as well as industry and also acknowledged the continuing support of the Centre's host country – the Government of Malta.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING**

### **2.1 Rules of Procedure**

13. The Meeting decided to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, 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).

### **2.2 Election of Officers**

14. The Director, following the practice of the Ordinary Meetings of the Contracting Parties, proposed France, host country of the forthcoming Ordinary Meeting as Chair, Morocco, previous host country as Vice Chair and, in order to ensure geographical representation, Turkey as Rapporteur. The Meeting unanimously decided to elect the following officers of the Meeting:

Ms. Marie-Sophie DUFAU-RICHET (France)	Chairperson
Mr. Mohammed Salim CHEIKH (Morocco)	Vice – Chairperson
Ms. Meryem ARSLAN (Turkey)	Rapporteur

### **2.3 Working Languages**

15. The working languages of the Meeting were English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation was provided during the Meeting. All working documents were available in both official languages of the Centre. However, the information documents were available in their original language only.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

16. The Chairperson thanked the Meeting for supporting her election and proposed that the Provisional Agenda, contained in document REMPEC/WG.32/3/1, be adopted.

17. The Meeting adopted the Agenda reproduced in **Annex II** of the present report. The list of documents is presented in **Annex III**.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: REMPEC'S ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT SINCE THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF REMPEC FOCAL POINTS**

18. At the invitation of the Chairperson, the Director of REMPEC introduced document REMPEC/WG.32/4/1 giving an overview of the activities carried out by the Centre since the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Focal Points as well as highlighting some developments related to MAP or pertaining to the field of activities which falls under the mandate of the Centre.

19. The Meeting took note that no new accession to the 2002 "Prevention and Emergency Protocol" have been registered during the period under review and of the call by the MAP Coordinator to consider this matter urgently. The MAP Coordinator also invited countries which still faced some difficulties regarding the ratification of the Protocol to consult with the Coordination Unit. The Meeting was also informed of the entry into force of the "Offshore Protocol" on 24 March 2011 and took note of the call from some Contracting Parties to consider a wider ratification of this Protocol.

20. The Meeting also took note of the information provided by the representative of the EC concerning a possible extension of the mandate of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) to include cooperation and technical assistance to EU's neighbouring countries. In addition, the EC representative referred to the new communication from the EC on transport policy for the EU's neighbouring countries to be adopted soon, as well as a new Communication on a European Transport Policy with the objective of achieving a comprehensive transport strategy.

21. The Director evoked the financial difficulties the MAP is facing and their implications on the Centre's staff complement as well as its ability to undertake activities. The Director particularly thanked those Contracting Parties which made specific contributions to support the activities of the Centre. He also emphasised the need to be more efficient in the preparation of activities and in this regard requested the assistance of the Focal Points in order to adhere to the agreed communication channels as well as meeting the deadlines for nominations for activities in order to avoid increased costs particularly for travel.

22. The Meeting took note of the information provided by the Secretariat as well as the clarifications provided by the MAP Coordinator regarding the shortfall in the MTF budget and expressed its concern on the financial situation of the Centre and its potential impact on the Centre's activities. Reiterating the relevance of REMPEC for the Mediterranean region, the Meeting asked the MAP Coordinator to consider as a priority issue to ensure that resources meet the level of activities. The Meeting also recognized the primary duty of the Contracting Parties to timely pay their contributions to the MTF.

23. The Meeting also conveyed to the MAP Coordinator its wish that the result of the MAP audit requested by the Bureau of the Contracting Parties be disseminated as soon as possible in order for the Contracting Parties to take appropriate decisions. In this regard, several delegations pointed out that it was important, taking into account the Contracting Parties Decision IG 19/8 which calls on the Parties to consider an increase in contributions for the biennium 2012-2013, to receive such information as soon as possible in view of their national rules for budgetary decisions.

24. The Meeting also acknowledged the need, in view of the present circumstances, to ensure that organisational procedures and deadlines for events organised by the Centre are strictly followed by the Contracting Parties in order to avoid unnecessary expenses, and also the need to consider other forms of support from the Contracting Parties to the Centre.

25. The Meeting recognized the services rendered by Ms. Lilia Khodjet El Khil, Ms. Cristina Farchi and Ms. Magali Tralan who have left the Centre during the period and expressed its appreciation to countries and entities which are supporting the Centre's activities either by supplementing its staff or providing some voluntary funding.

26. The Meeting took note with appreciation of the information provided regarding activities implemented in the field of maritime surveillance and prosecution of offenders to MARPOL Annex I.

27. Participants to the OSCAR Med exercise expressed their satisfaction on the outcome of the operation, an example of successful regional cooperation on aerial maritime surveillance. Although acknowledging that these type of operations involved costly means, the Meeting called for the organisation of more similar operations, and stressed the importance of the presence of observers from other countries, law enforcement officials, magistrates and representatives from NGOs, such as the Mediterranean Operational Oceanography Network (MOON), as this operation was an opportunity to test in real time the running of their models.

28. The Meeting was also informed about activities carried out by the Centre in order to promote a regional network of law enforcement officials and specialised magistrates dedicated to this specific topic, in cooperation with the World Bank and the French Ministry of Justice. Several delegations reiterated their interest in participating in such a networking activity with special consideration for the designation of a dedicated Focal Point within the law enforcement personnel.

29. The Meeting welcomed the progress made at the regional level in completing the network of national contingency plans. Several delegations updated the Meeting about the situation in their countries in this field and also expressed their request for assistance from the Centre. It was also pointed out that national contingency plans should be tested through regular exercises and that an external expert advice capacity was needed in order to assist the countries in improving their procedures. The Secretariat recalled that, on one hand, the human resources of the Centre restricted its ability to participate in such exercises whereas, on the other hand, in a real emergency situation, the Centre will have to be able to assist from its offices. Taking into account the proposal of Israel contained in document REMPEC/WG.32/8/2, the Secretariat proposed to establish a pool of expert observers to attend exercises and contribute to the debriefings. Such a capacity could be complemented by the oil industry.

30. The Meeting acknowledged that full scale exercises may sometimes require a great amount of resources and recommended that tabletop exercises including *inter alia* the testing of communication channels be carried out more often. It was pointed out that the date, place and type of such exercises should be notified well in advance. The proposal of the Secretariat was welcomed both by representatives of governments as well as by the representative of the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG).

31. Regarding sub-regional cooperation, the Secretariat drew the attention of the Meeting that Parties to bi/multi lateral sub-regional agreements should ensure that the Centre is kept informed of new such agreements in order to keep the regional information system updated and operational. The Secretariat also called on the participating countries to engage with the Centre in order to consider concrete steps for the implementation of the signed treaties.

32. The Director stressed the importance of the agreements signed with the organizations which are providing emergency technical support and forming part of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU) and thanked these institutions for their continued cooperation as well as other institutions which, although not bound by a signed agreement with REMPEC, have been always supportive of the actions of the Centre.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:      UPDATING THE REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (RIS) AND REPORTING UNDER THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP) INFORMATION SYSTEM**

33. Document REMPEC/WG/32/5 on the Regional Information System (RIS) and reporting under the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Information System was introduced by the Secretariat.

34. As a new way of disseminating and exchanging information amongst Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, the Secretariat provided an overview to the REMPEC's website and its section on Country Profiles. The four parts composing RIS and their contents were briefly introduced by the Secretariat who highlighted the proposed amendments to RIS reference system and content.

35. The Meeting took note of the work carried out by the Secretariat to facilitate dissemination of information and, while expressing its appreciation for the work carried out by the Centre, requested the Secretariat to add more visibility to the Regional Information System (RIS) in the home page of the Centre's website, as well as to integrate the programme of work of the Centre for the biennium in the website.

36. The Secretariat referred to the Barcelona Convention Reporting System and informed the Meeting that in view of the implementation of the ecosystem approach to MAP policies, the Contracting Parties have agreed to defer the reporting under the effectiveness indicators. The Meeting was also informed that the Barcelona Convention Reporting System, which is still in its initial phase, will be reviewed at a later stage in order to align, as far as possible, the reporting requirements under the Barcelona Convention and its various Protocols. The Secretariat noted that only a few Parties had completed the reporting exercise for the period under review and invited Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to fulfil their reporting obligations prior to 30 May in order for the Coordinating Unit and the various MAP components to compile the relative reports for transmission to the next MAP Focal Points Meeting. The importance of ensuring consistency in the information reported under the Barcelona Convention Reporting System and REMPEC's Country Profile was highlighted. In this respect, the Contracting Parties were invited by the MAP Coordinator to liaise with

the INFO RAC Focal Points of their respective countries to raise any difficulties encountered in order to improve the current system.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE EU-FUNDED MEDA REGIONAL PROJECT “EUROMED COOPERATION ON MARITIME SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS – SAFEMED”**

37. The Meeting considered document REMPEC/WG.32/6 entitled “Developments related to the European Union (EU) funded MEDA regional transport project “Euromed Co-operation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED”. Introducing this document, the Secretariat recalled that the SAFEMED Project aimed at addressing the existing imbalance in the application of maritime legislation in the Mediterranean region and reminded participants that it had already provided information on the Project during the last three meetings of REMPEC Focal Points. The Project, which the Centre had been implementing on behalf of IMO since 2006, was now in its second phase, commonly referred to as SAFEMED II, and was scheduled to end on the 31 December 2011.

38. The Secretariat informed the Meeting that, as was the case with SAFEMED I, ten Euromed Mediterranean partners namely, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey, were benefiting from the SAFEMED II Project. However, in April 2010 the EC decided to integrate Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro, into the Project, and consequently a number of project tasks were also extended to these countries.

39. It was highlighted that although the SAFEMED II Project, being a follow up to the SAFEMED I Project, had the same objectives of the original Project, it included new activities related to awareness and visibility of the Project and to port State control. Moreover, the Project also included a specific task and a related financial provision for the procurement of equipment related to vessel traffic monitoring. The Secretariat recalled that since most of the activities of the Project were within the scope of some of the specific objectives of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships, REMPEC had included a number of project tasks in its work programme and thus extended these tasks to other Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention which were not benefiting from the Project.

40. The Meeting was provided with a detailed status report on the Project activities and the Secretariat explained that regular information on the activities of the Project was published in the Project’s quarterly newsletter (The SafeMed Beacon) and uploaded on the Project’s website ([www.safemedproject.org](http://www.safemedproject.org)). The Meeting was informed that whilst the project implementation was on schedule, it was anticipated that, at the end of the Project, there will be a balance of unspent project funds. REMPEC has thus proposed to the EC to extend the Project by one year till the end of 2012 to implement a number of new proposed tasks. The Secretariat informed the Meeting that just before the commencement of the present REMPEC Focal Points Meeting the EC had informed the Centre that it was extending the Project till the end of 2012.

41. Several delegations, both SAFEMED II Project beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries, intervened in order to express their appreciation to the EC for financing the Project, and in particular, for extending the SAFEMED II Project by one year. Delegations also expressed their appreciation to REMPEC for the manner it was implementing the Project. Several SAFEMED Project beneficiaries also took the floor to inform the Meeting on how they were benefiting from the Project and how this is assisting their administrations in enhancing the level of implementation of international maritime conventions.

42. The EU delegation noted with satisfaction the number of delegations that took the floor to express their approval with the project implementation and reconfirmed the EC’s agreement for the extension of the SAFEMED II Project by one year till the end of 2012. With respect to the SAFEMED III Project which was referred to by the Secretariat and a number of delegations, the EC informed the Meeting that it was in the process of allocating funds for the SAFEMED III Project with a view to initiating the implementation of this project in 2013 following the termination of SAFEMED II. With regard to the implementation of SAFEMED III, the EU delegation informed the Meeting that due to the fact that proposed amendments to the founding EC Regulation on EMSA are currently being discussed by the relevant EU institutions, it was not yet in a position to provide information on the implementation role of REMPEC with regard to the SAFEMED III Project.



43. The Meeting noted the information provided.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SHIPS' BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT**

44. The Meeting considered the information provided by the Secretariat in document REMPEC/WG.32/7 with respect to the status of implementation of the GEF UNDP IMO GloBallast Partnerships Project which REMPEC started implementing in 2008, in collaboration with RAC/SPA. Details were provided on capacity building activities carried out by the Centre at the regional and the national level.

45. The Meeting was also informed of the work carried out by the Regional Task Force (RTF) since the last REMPEC Focal Points Meeting, towards the development of a regional strategy aimed at minimising the transfer of invasive alien species. The Meeting then took note of the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> RTF Meeting which was held in Istanbul in June 2010, where an agreement was reached on the text of the Draft Strategy and where the RTF delegates invited the REMPEC Focal Points to endorse the Draft Strategy and recommend its adoption by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention.

46. Referring to Annex I (Work Plan and Implementation Timetable) of the proposed Draft Strategy, the Secretariat pointed out that the Implementation Timetable scheduled actions between 2010 and 2015. Considering that the Draft Strategy will be submitted for adoption by the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention scheduled for the end of 2011, the Secretariat proposed to amend the Implementation Timetable in order for the deadlines to be more realistic. In this regard, the Secretariat circulated document REMPEC/WG.32/WP.1 containing a new Annex I to the Draft Strategy.

47. Besides, the Meeting was informed of the progress of the Secretariat in seeking the approval of the Contracting Parties on the proposed measures for harmonized voluntary arrangements, as requested by the 2<sup>nd</sup> RTF Meeting.

48. Concerning interregional cooperation regarding ballast water exchange, the Meeting took note of the work of the Secretariat towards the adoption by other Regional Seas agreements of the "Proposed General Guidance on the Voluntary Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea".

49. The Meeting was informed of its ensuing adoption after slight amendments by the Contracting Parties to the OSPAR Convention during their last Ministerial Meeting (September 2010), and by the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Commission (March 2011).

50. Following the presentation by the Secretariat, the representative of IMO congratulated REMPEC and the Mediterranean coastal States for the work carried out in the framework of the GloBallast Partnerships Project. He emphasised the active role of REMPEC as a Regional Coordination Organization (RCO) of the Project and that this was evidenced by the tremendous progress registered in the implementation of the Project in the Mediterranean region and by the achievements of the two Lead Partner Countries (LPCs) namely, Croatia and Turkey. He particularly referred to the delivery in the region of pilot training courses developed by the GloBallast Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and to the high level of dialogue in the region, leading to visible progress in the development of a regional strategy. Referring to the Proposed General Guidance document, he pointed out that the cooperation with other regional seas is very unique and encouraging, and could be used as a model to be replicated in other regions. He finally announced that the GloBallast Partnerships Project was extended until September 2014.

51. Several delegations expressed their appreciation for the work carried out and supported the draft Strategy as outlined in Annex I of Document REMPEC/WG.32/7, as well as the "Proposed General Guidance on the Voluntary Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea".

52. The delegation of Cyprus expressed reservations on Annex IV of the proposed Draft Strategy on a "Web-based Mediterranean information exchange system" and subsequently submitted a document for the consideration of the Meeting containing some proposed amendments to Annex IV.

After dissemination of the above-mentioned document, the Meeting agreed on the amendments proposed by Cyprus and requested the Secretariat to amend the Draft Strategy in order to reflect these amendments.

53. The Meeting approved some further amendments to the proposed Draft Strategy in order for its text to reflect the terminology employed in the text of the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

54. The Meeting was informed that the Centre will soon receive the last letter of support to the proposed harmonized voluntary arrangements thus enabling it to formally notify them to the Secretary General of IMO.

55. The Meeting decided to endorse the Draft Mediterranean Strategy on Ships' Ballast Water Management, including its Action Plan and Timetable as amended in document REMPEC/WG.32/WP.1 and mandated the Secretariat to incorporate all the abovementioned agreed amendments in the final document to be submitted for the consideration of the next MAP Focal Points Meeting and subsequently to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

56. The Meeting also endorsed and recommended for adoption by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention the amended "General Guidance on the Voluntary Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea", as outlined in the Annex II to document REMPEC/WG.32/7. Furthermore, the Meeting agreed to the joint submission, with the other concerned Regional Seas Agreements, of the General Guidance Document to the Secretary-General of IMO.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION**

57. Whilst presenting document REMPEC/WG.32/8/1, the Secretariat provided an overview on the latest developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution including the recent Deepwater Horizon incident, the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, and the situation regarding cooperation with the industry.

58. The Secretariat presented the involvement of REMPEC following the Deepwater Horizon incident and the subsequent request of the United States of America (USA) through the response company Oil Spill Response (OSR), IMO and the US Embassies in London and Malta. Inventories of equipments available in the region which could ultimately be made available by the Mediterranean coastal States to respond to the needs of identified means were produced and dispatched to the requesting parties.

59. Amongst the lessons learnt, the Secretariat highlighted the importance to establish, at the early stage of an incident, a coordination procedure in order to avoid duplication of efforts and increase the efficiency of international assistance. The Secretariat also emphasised the value of an inventory of means available at national and regional level, in order to fasten the identification of equipment and human resources to be rendered available to a third party in case of an emergency.

60. Following the presentation by the Secretariat, the representative of IMO informed the meeting of the activities carried out by the Organization during the response phase. In addition to facilitating assistance to the USA, IMO assisted the Governments of the Bahamas and Cuba to assess the risk of oil pollution reaching their coastlines and the associated potential impact. In this regard, the IMO representative also referred to the usefulness of the network of the IMO OPRC-HNS Technical Group and urged the Contracting Parties to attend this meeting.

61. Several delegations informed the Meeting in more detail of their involvement in the response to the incident, with particular reference to the provision of fire booms by Algeria and offshore "high capacity" skimmers by Greece and via EMSA. Some representatives also expressed their interest in the follow-up and dissemination, by the Secretariat, of any lessons learnt on *in situ* burning and use of chemical dispersants, whilst it was agreed that the incident revealed the need for further testing and improvement of communication and assistance coordination at the international level.

62. With respect to the cooperation with the oil industry, the Secretariat provided an overview of the Mediterranean Government-Industry Cooperation Action Plan - "MGICAP", a short, medium and long term programme, which was developed in collaboration with the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) with a view to increase in a reckonable manner the preparedness and response capacity level and the cooperation between Government and the oil industry in the Mediterranean region.

63. The representative of MOIG recalled the commitment of his organization to continue the cooperation with REMPEC on the basis of the MGICAP and its recommendations. In this respect, he confirmed MOIG's collaboration and financial support for the organisation of the Regional Workshop on Risk Assessment in the Mediterranean Region (MEDEXPOL 2011) scheduled for November 2011 within the limits of its aims and objectives. He further informed the Meeting of the commitment of the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) to technically support and contribute in the organisation of this Workshop. Finally, he informed the Meeting of MOIG's interest to contribute to a future workshop on dispersant use and response policy, as identified in the MGICAP.

64. Concerning cooperation with the industry on Oil Terminal Safety, the Secretariat informed the Meeting about the existence of a new terminal safety assessment and training tool developed by the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) and encouraged the Contracting Parties to promote the use of this tool within the concerned community. The Meeting took note of the presentation by EMSA on pollution preparedness and response services made available by the Agency.

65. The Secretariat provided information on the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, and described the provisions of this regional instrument linking them to the functions of the existing MAP Components. It recalled the main provisions of the Offshore Protocol, its inclusive scope about all aspects of marine offshore exploitation of mineral resources, the Contracting Parties' obligations and the operators' responsibilities. Finally, it was pointed out that the Protocol calls for Parties to work together to formulate rules and best practices.

66. The Secretariat informed the Meeting that in order to facilitate further discussion by the Meeting on these issues, it had invited representatives of the oil and gas industry as well as one representative of a Classification Society to present their views on the safety of offshore activities and management of offshore oil spill response.

67. The representative of OGP introduced the three areas covered by the Global Industry Response Group (GIRG) namely, prevention, intervention and response. He offered the Meeting to share, once published, the recommendations of the Group in charge of the prevention which aims at improving well engineering design and equipment as well as developing better operating procedures. He further mentioned that regulators are now asking operators to demonstrate their capacity to respond to such eventual incidents.

68. The representative of IPIECA informed the Meeting that the GIRG in charge of response was established in view of gathering and sharing information about the Macondo incident itself and similar incidents. He provided an overview of its work programme which covers the use of dispersants (advocacy, environmental effects, approval, supply chain, effective monitoring and airborne delivery systems), Tier 2/3 response resources, assessment of response preparedness, effective exercises, communications, mobilization, managing and integration of responders, *in situ* burning, Incident Command System, Offshore decanting, surveillance, and subsurface plume modelling. He further stressed the importance of regular contacts with regulators before incidents occur and recommended to consider all available response tools (booms, dispersants, *in situ* burning) without excluding any *a priori*. He finally referred to offshore decantation which is considered useful and efficient by the industry, even though it is prohibited in most countries.

69. The Meeting thanked the representative of IPIECA for his exhaustive presentation and noted that such presentation proved the importance of cooperation with the industry and raised a number of questions and remarks mainly related to the impact of *in situ* burning and dispersant use on the environment. Whilst recognizing that conditions are not equal in all seas, with particular constraints for enclosed or semi-enclosed basins, some delegations expressed some reservations on the massive application of dispersants in the Mediterranean environment and showed interest in investigating its impact. It was emphasized by several delegations that in such a shared maritime environment as the Mediterranean Sea, response strategies should be shared and common practices encouraged.

Algeria made a request for assistance to REMPEC for guidance on dispersant use policy. A proposal was also made for REMPEC to consider the possible development of guidelines on the dumping of decanted oil/water mixtures from recovery vessels in emergency situations. Finally, MOON offered its support to future work on offshore incidents forecasting models.

70. In summary, the Chairperson considered that the presentation by IPIECA and the rich debate that ensued demonstrated that, at this stage, many questions remain open.

71. The representative of Det Norske Veritas (DNV) presented the point of view of his classification society on accidents such as the Deepwater platform, which was a game changer by its scale, location and size of the Company involved. Answering questions, DNV stressed that the root causes of incidents often are found in the non observance of procedures, not in the absence of such procedures.

72. IMO provided information on the work carried out by the Organization on this issue. Reference was made to the establishment of an IMO informal Consultative Group within the Legal Committee aimed at preparing a proposal on liability and compensation for offshore incidents for the consideration of the IMO Assembly and its eventual inclusion in the Strategic Action Plan of the Organisation. IMO also informed the Meeting about its participation together with a number of international organizations in the G20 Marine Environment Protection (GMEP) Group meeting held in Moscow, Russia, on 17-18 February 2011. The Work Group was a new initiative on offshore oil and gas exploration and marine environment protection as a result of a proposal made by Russia in response to the Macondo incident. The GMEP has been established in order to exchange information on best practices for the prevention of and response to incidents related to offshore oil and/or gas exploration as well as maritime transport. For this purpose, the Work Group agreed to develop a questionnaire on methods of sharing best practices. The Work Group will consider responses to the questionnaire, along with a review of the existing environmental regulations, with a view to make final recommendations for a mechanism for sharing best practices. A report is to be submitted to the G20 for its next meeting at the end of the year.

73. The document REMPEC/WG.32/8/2 submitted by Israel on the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol to the Barcelona Convention was introduced by its representative. Although comprehensive, taking into consideration that the Protocol was written almost twenty years ago and, since then, developments have occurred, the Representative of Israel stated that there was a need to review the Protocol. He also highlighted that the Protocol required a highly technically qualified Secretariat able to provide guidance to the Contracting Parties in its implementation and recognized that none of the existing MAP Components had this expertise. Under these circumstances, he emphasized that REMPEC had the most appropriate mandate to cover this role provided that it was provided with the required financial and technical resources to undertake these new responsibilities.

74. Several delegations supported the proposal of Israel concerning the role of REMPEC in assisting the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Offshore Protocol with complementary financial and technical support also calling for personnel secondments particularly from the industry.

75. The Meeting was informed by the delegation of Spain about the last meeting of the Offshore Industry Committee of the OSPAR Commission, which was held in March 2011 in Spain, and this way of organizing was considered as a useful starting point for discussions on activities and actions that could be carried out in the field of offshore industry.

76. The representative of UNEP/MAP Secretariat recalled that although only six Contracting Parties have ratified the Offshore Protocol, indeed, eleven Parties had signed the Protocol and thus have a commitment not to go against the spirit of the Protocol. Referring to the interesting discussion that took place on the entry into force of the Protocol and to the proposal of Israel, she pointed out that a review of the Protocol may take considerable time and resources and that the emphasis should be on its implementation. She informed the Meeting that, in view of the forthcoming MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties Meetings, the Coordinating Unit was currently preparing a document which would serve as a basis for the decisions that need to be taken on the activities related to the implementation of this Protocol and on the way MAP will organise itself to assist the Parties to the Protocol, including a proposal to the Contracting Parties Meeting to establish a Working Group composed of all Contracting Parties to lead the work during the next biennium.

77. The Secretariat recalled that the objective of discussing this issue at the present Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points was not to take decisions but to initiate the debate on this specific topic in view of the forthcoming MAP Focal Points and Contracting Parties Meetings. It noted however that, in view of the very sophisticated and highly specialized activities covered by the protocol, a strong partnership with the concerned industries should be built in order to successfully reach the objectives of the Protocol. Finally, the Secretariat reminded the Meeting that, in July 2010, REMPEC had requested the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to complete a questionnaire on the existing offshore activities in the Mediterranean but, to date, the Centre had received only a few replies. Contracting Parties were thus urged to submit the requested information to the Centre to enable it to have updated information on offshore activities in the Mediterranean Sea.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: MEDITERRANEAN TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (MTWG)**

78. The Secretariat introduced document REMPEC/WG.32/9/1 which reported on the progress made with respect to some remaining tasks assigned to the MTWG by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC, which were to continue supporting the drafting of Technical Guidelines on Sunken Oil Assessment and Removal Techniques and to finalise the development of the Mediterranean Oiled Shoreline Assessment Guidelines and the Decision Support Tool on Waste Management.

79. The Secretariat also provided an update on the status of the MTWG's programme of work for the period 2010-2011 adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points, which included:

- the revision of the Guidelines for the Use of Dispersants for Combating Oil Pollution at Sea in the Mediterranean Region; and
- the initialisation of the revision of the Mediterranean Integrated Decision Support Information System (MIDSIS-TROCS) Version 2.0.

80. The Secretariat thanked the Contracting Parties for having designated appropriate national entities and/or officials as contact points for the MTWG activities and for their contributions which enabled the MTWG to reach its objectives. The Secretariat also extended its gratitude to the IMO OPRC-HNS Technical Group and other entities for their support in implementing these activities.

81. The Secretariat first introduced the Mediterranean Oiled Shoreline Assessment Guidelines which were published, integrated in the RIS, uploaded on the publication section of REMPEC's website and disseminated to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention as a publication. The Meeting was also informed of the related train the trainer course implemented for Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (Tunisia, 12-14 October 2010).

82. The Spanish delegation, while expressing its appreciation for the work carried out by the MTWG, informed the Meeting that its Government had provided a voluntary contribution for the organisation, in 2011, of a similar training course in view of expanding the regional assessment methodology to the Eastern Mediterranean region (Egypt, Lebanon and Syria). It was further stated that if this activity can not be carried out in 2011, a similar activity should be planned for the next biennium. The Spanish delegation also stated that the Mediterranean Oiled Shoreline Assessment Guidelines were currently being translated into Spanish for dissemination and use at national level.

83. The Meeting took note of the work carried out by the MTWG for the development of the "Mediterranean Oiled Shoreline Assessment Guidelines"; and requested Contracting Parties to integrate the systematic shoreline assessment in the national response procedure.

84. The Secretariat then provided an overview of the Mediterranean Waste Management Decision Support Tool application available on REMPEC's website (<http://www.rempec.org/rempecwaste/>) and of the hard copy version reproduced in Annex I of the document REMPEC/WG.32/9/1 which was used by the IMO OPRC-HNS Technical Group to produce its international version.

85. In this respect, the Meeting took note of the work carried out by the MTWG on the Mediterranean Oil Spill Waste Management Decision Support Tool. The Meeting endorsed the Mediterranean Waste Management Decision Support Tool and renamed it as "Mediterranean Oil Spill Waste Management Guidelines". It also endorsed the online Mediterranean Waste Management

Decision Support Tool and encouraged OPRC Focal Points to use the tool and supervise the input of national data in view of the development or improvement of their respective national waste management strategy.

86. Addressing the issue of sunken oil, the Secretariat informed the Meeting about the development made by the IMO OPRC-HNS TG with the support of the MTWG with respect to the drafting of the technical Guidelines on Sunken Oil Assessment and Removal Techniques and invited the Meeting to continue supporting this international initiative through the MTWG.

87. Whilst taking note of the work being undertaken, the Meeting requested the MTWG to continue supporting this initiative by providing comments through the Secretariat on the work carried out at the international level.

88. Considering the matter of dispersants, the Secretariat presented the new edition of the Guidelines for the Use of Dispersants for Combating Oil Pollution at Sea in the Mediterranean Region, reproduced in Annex II of the document REMPEC/WG.32/9/1, emphasising that the document was divided into four independent parts which were developed with a specific objective addressing different end-users needs.

89. The Meeting endorsed the May 2011 Edition of the Guidelines for the Use of Dispersants for Combating Oil Pollution at Sea in the Mediterranean Region.

90. Finally, the Secretariat provided an update on the development of the new online version of the Mediterranean Integrated Decision Support Information System (MIDSIS-TROCS) which has been developed in three phases. The Meeting was also informed that upon submission of the first version of MIDSIS-TROCS Version 3.0 in September 2011, members of the MTWG nominated by their respective Governments would be invited to provide their comments on the tool.

91. Taking note of the work carried out by the MTWG on the revision of MIDSIS-TROCS Version 2.0, the Meeting encouraged the MTWG nominees to provide comments on the first version of MIDSIS-TROCS Version 3.0 for its finalization and the OPRC Focal Point to assist the Secretariat in maintaining updated information on Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) incidents by providing reports on HNS response following incidents. The Meeting also tasked the Secretariat to liaise with the relevant national and international bodies to continue maintaining the database on HNS incidents.

92. The Meeting also agreed to request the Secretariat to replace the existing "Mediterranean Guidelines for the Use of Dispersants for Combating Oil Pollution at Sea in the Mediterranean Region" adopted in 1998 with the final revised version, and to integrate in the Centre's Regional Information System (RIS) the "Mediterranean Oil Spill Waste Management Guidelines" and MIDSIS-TROCS Version 3.0 once reviewed by the MTWG. The Secretariat was tasked to disseminate these Guidelines to the Contracting Parties as well as the tool once finalised.

93. The Secretariat presented document REMPEC/WG.32/9/2 on the proposal related to future possible work of the MTWG for the period 2012-2013.

94. The first proposal submitted by the Government of Israel (REMPEC/WG.32/8/2) concerning the investigation on the use of biological based agents as possible response technique was introduced by its Representative who recalled that the use of chemical dispersants during the Deepwater Horizon incident response raised some issues in terms of effectiveness and environmental impacts.

95. Following the proposal of Israel, the Meeting recommended constituting a correspondence group in charge of producing an overview of the current knowledge and use of biological agents. This work will allow the Contracting Parties to be better informed on the state of the art on biological agents and subsequently decide, at the next Focal Points Meeting of REMPEC, whether further developments via the MTWG will be required. Israel and France volunteered to lead this correspondence group, whilst the representative of IPIECA proposed to associate the oil industry in this initiative. The Secretariat will provide a web-based platform for information exchange to facilitate the implementation of this task.

96. The Secretariat then referred to a regional gap analysis resulting from a Regional Workshop held in 2009 which emphasised the need for a regional approach on risk assessment. Further to introducing the Regional Workshop MEDEXPOL 2011 scheduled for November 2011, the Secretariat

highlighted the importance of the industry involvement in this process and also referred to other related initiatives, projects and work carried out in other regions.

97. The Secretariat highlighted the benefit of inventories on existing stockpiles and human resources available in the region, which could contribute in improving the efficiency of the regional assistance mechanism and the planning of eventual mobilization.

98. Taking into account the Meeting's approval for the integration of the above mentioned Guidelines in the RIS, the Secretariat recalled Specific Objectives 18 and 20 of the Regional Strategy which request Contracting Parties to identify recommendations, principles and guidelines available through the RIS that need to be developed, revised, updated and/or amended. In this respect, the Secretariat proposed the insertion, deletion and formatting of RIS's documents reproduced in Annex of document REMPEC/WG.32/5.

99. Taking into consideration the proposals of the Secretariat and of Israel and following discussion, the Meeting agreed and endorsed the programme of work of the MTWG for the biennium 2012-2013 and tasked the MTWG to:

- develop a Regional Risk Assessment Methodology on the basis of the outcome of the Regional Workshop "MEDEXPOL 2011";
- review the existing inventory of response means with a view to upgrade and update it for more efficiency in an emergency situation;
- identify recommendations, principles and guidelines available through the RIS that need to be developed, revised, updated and/or amended; and
- instruct the Secretariat to take the necessary measure to update the RIS reference system and content.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF REMPEC FOR BIENNIUM 2012/2013**

100. The Secretariat introduced document REMPEC/WG.32/10 "Proposed programme of work of REMPEC for biennium 2012-2013". In presenting the rationale of the proposed programme of work, the Secretariat explained that the format was based on the six thematic priorities identified in the five year programme of work of MAP. However, the proposed activities were, as in the past, related to the specific objectives of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships. In proposing the activities, the Secretariat has taken due account of the resources that could be expected from the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF), due to the circumstances which were outlined to the Meeting by the MAP Coordinator under agenda item 4. This explained why most of the proposed activities were to be financed through external funding. In this regard, the Secretariat referred to the extension of the SAFEMED II Project until 2012 as well as to the proposed activities that the Centre has submitted to IMO for inclusion in the ITCP for the biennium 2012-2013. Moreover, the Secretariat informed the Meeting that the proposed work programme does not include other project proposals which REMPEC either submitted or is associated with, and which are still awaiting approval and funding. The representative of the UNEP/MAP Secretariat invited the Meeting, when discussing the proposed programme of work, to express its views on which activities were to be prioritized, as the programme of work of REMPEC will be presented, together with the programme of work of the other MAP Components, for the consideration of the next MAP Focal Points Meeting, which will also decide on the budgetary allocations for the consideration and approval by the Contracting Parties Meeting.

101. Several delegations emphasized the importance of ensuring appropriate financing of the proposed activities as it was pointed out that all the activities were related to high priority topics. Some delegations insisted that in view of the entry into force of the Offshore Protocol, more resources will be required if the Centre was to undertake more responsibilities and activities in this field.

102. The Meeting endorsed the proposed programme of work of the Centre for biennium 2012-2013 and encouraged cooperation with organizations which have expressed an interest in being associated with some of the activities. The Meeting also took note of the request of Lebanon for assistance in the development of its national marine pollution contingency plan.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: OTHER BUSINESS**

103. The delegation of France briefly evoked the lessons learnt from the CMA-CGM Strauss incident which resulted in a spillage outside the port of Genoa in February 2010. This incident highlighted the difficulty to assess the exact quantity of pollutant released in this type of collision and the necessity to duplicate a written notification by oral information. The existence between Italy, Monaco and France of the RAMOGE Agreement and RAMOGEPOL plan facilitated the work of the assisting vessels in the French territorial waters without any prior authorization.

104. The representative of the Sea Alarm Foundation informed the Meeting on the objectives of the Foundation: to assist countries in first response operations to fauna damaged by oil spills. She also highlighted the two components of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Sea Alarm and REMPEC earlier during the day.

105. The Meeting took note of the information provided by the delegation of Slovenia regarding the forthcoming Meeting of the tri-lateral Commission for the protection of the waters of the Adriatic Sea and coastal areas (Croatia, Slovenia and Italy) scheduled for the 21 June 2011.

106. The delegation of Malta informed the Meeting of the recently approved EU-funded bilateral Calypso Project led by the University of Malta which aims to monitor sea currents between Malta and Sicily.

107. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Dr Samih Wehbe, the REMPEC OPRC Focal Point of Lebanon, for his long and important contribution in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution, and wished him success on his forthcoming retirement next year. The Secretariat took this opportunity to also express its appreciation to Admiral Michel Al Hashem, formerly of the Lebanese Navy and who has also recently retired from active service, for his efforts in developing the spill preparedness and response capacities of Lebanon, and requested the delegation of Lebanon to convey the Secretariat's appreciation to Admiral Al Hashem.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

108. The Meeting adopted the present report together with its annexes with the exception of Tunisia which raised a scrutiny reservation. After reviewing the final report Tunisia has since waived its reservation.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

109. The representative of IMO congratulated all delegations and the Secretariat for the achievements of the Meeting and reiterated the commitment of IMO to REMPEC which after 35 years since its establishment is even more relevant for the region.

110. Before closing the Meeting, the Chairperson thanked the delegations for their constructive deliberations, the Secretariat for the work carried out and the interpreters for their support.

111. The Director of REMPEC thanked all delegations, IMO and UNEP/MAP Secretariat for their participation and expressed his appreciation to the Chairperson for the smooth running of the proceedings. Whilst thanking those delegations that have submitted documents for the consideration of the Meeting, he encouraged more submissions by the participating delegations in future REMPEC Focal Point Meetings.

112. The Chairperson closed the Meeting at 17.30 hours on Thursday, 5 May 2011.



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**ANNEX II**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Organization of the Meeting
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. REMPEC's activities carried out since the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points
5. Updating the Regional Information System (RIS) and reporting under the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Information System
6. Developments related to the EU-funded MEDA Regional Project "Euromed cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships – SAFEMED
7. Activities related to ships' ballast water management and invasive species
8. Developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution
9. Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG)
10. Proposed programme of work of REMPEC for biennium 2012/2013
11. Other business
12. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Meeting
13. Closure of the Meeting



**ANNEX III**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

**WORKING DOCUMENTS**

REMPEC/WG.32/3/1	Provisional agenda.
REMPEC/WG.32/3/2	Annotated provisional agenda.
REMPEC/WG.32/3/3	Draft timetable.
REMPEC/WG.32/3/3/Corr.1	Draft timetable.
REMPEC/WG.32/4/1	Progress report on REMPEC's activities since the 9th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points.
REMPEC/WG.32/4/2	National progress report in the field of prevention, of preparedness for and response to marine pollution from ships for the period 2009-2011. (Submitted by Montenegro)
REMPEC/WG.32/5	Updating the Regional Information System (RIS) and reporting under the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Information System.
REMPEC/WG.32/6	Developments related to the European Union (EU) funded MEDA Regional Transport Project: "Euromed cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships – SAFEMED.
REMPEC/WG.32/7	Activities related to ship's ballast water management and invasive species.
REMPEC/WG.32/WP.1	Proposal regarding the work plan and implementation timetable of the Draft Mediterranean Strategy and Action Plan on ships' ballast water management and invasive species.
REMPEC/WG.32/8/1	Developments in the field of preparedness for and response to marine pollution. Lessons learnt from 'Deepwater Horizon' incident and entry into force of the Offshore Protocol.
REMPEC/WG.32/8/2	Matters for the consideration of and discussion at the 10th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points. (Submitted by Israel)
REMPEC/WG.32/9/1	Progress report of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG).
REMPEC/WG.32/9/2	Proposal related to future possible work of the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG).
REMPEC/WG.32/10	Proposed programme of work for REMPEC for biennium 2012-2013.
REMPEC/WG.32/WP.2	Draft report of the Meeting.
REMPEC/WG.32/11	Report of the Meeting.

**INFORMATION DOCUMENTS**

REMPEC/WG.32/INF.1	List of documents.
REMPEC/WG.32/J/1	Provisional list of participants.
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.2	List of participants.
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.3	Progress report of the joint REMPEC-MOIG Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan (MGICAP), 2010. (English Only)
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.4	Raising spill response standards in the Mediterranean Region. (Submitted by the International Spill Accreditation Association – ISAA). (English Only)
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.5	Achievements of the International Maritime Organization since the ninth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC. (Submitted by the International Maritime Organization – IMO. (English Only)
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.6	Safety of operations in oil terminals. (Submitted by the Oil Companies International Marine Forum – OCIMF). (English Only)
REMPEC/WG.32/INF.7	Pollution, preparedness and response activities. (Submitted by the European Maritime Safety Agency – EMSA) (English Only)