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Second Meeting on the Preparation of Guidelines on the
Management of Dredged Material

Malta, 30 November - 2 December 1998

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

During the 1993 Joint Meeting of the Scientific Committee and the Socio-Economic Committee a number of countries' representatives stressed the general lack of experience in managing dredged material in the Mediterranean and asked the secretariat to see to it that guidelines related to Annex I, section B of the 1976 Dumping Protocol were prepared and presented for approval.

In June 1995, an amended text of the Dumping Protocol was adopted. The new text specifically calls for the preparation and adoption of guidelines related to the dumping of dredged material (art.6). As a result, the Secretariat worked on the preparation of specific Guidelines and a first Meeting was held in Valencia on 20-22 May 1996 to examine a first set of draft Guidelines. The Meeting considered the first draft as a good basis for a text which would be eventually adopted by the Contracting Parties and recommended some amendments which would also bring the text in line with the latest development in other regions.

The present Meeting, organised with the financial support of the European Commission, is expected to review the amended Guidelines and reach a consensus on a text which would be transmitted to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Victoria Hotel, George Borg Olivier Street, Sliema, SLM 12, Malta, Tel.:(356) 334711, Fax.:(356) 334771 and will be opened at 10,00 hours of 30 November 1998 by representatives of the Government of Malta and of the MAP Secretariat.

Agenda item 2. Rules of Procedure

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) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.

Agenda item 3. Election of officers

The Meeting will elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Meeting will adopt its Provisional Agenda (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.149/1). The Meeting will have simultaneous translation in English and French. A tentative workplan and timetable is attached as annex to this document.

Agenda item 5. Review of revised draft guidelines for the management of dredged material

The Meeting will have document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.149/2. The document will be introduced and its content will be discussed. The Meeting will agree on a text which will be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties for review and adoption.

Agenda item 6. Other business

Any subject relevant to the Meeting may be raised by the participants and the Secretariat.

Agenda item 7. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The Meeting will review for adoption a draft report of the discussions and a new text of Guidelines.

Agenda item 8. Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the MAP representative. The Meeting is expected to be closed at 17,30 of 2 December 1998.

Annex

Date	09,30 - 12,30 hours ^{1/}	14,30 - 17,30 hours
Monday, 30 November	Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Agenda item 5
Tuesday, 1 December	Agenda item 5 (cont'd)	Agenda items 5 (cont'd), 6
Wednesday, 2 December	Free for preparation of report	Agenda item 7, 8

Coffee break: 11,00 hours
 16,00 hours

^{1/} On Monday 30 November the Meeting will start at 10,00 hours.