

ANNEX VIII

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1. Protocol on Pollution from Land-Based Sources

The Meeting,

Recalling the commitments by the Contracting Parties under article 8 of the Convention to "take all appropriate measures to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area caused by discharges from rivers, coastal establishments or outfalls, or emanating from any other land-based sources within their territories",

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and the Protocol signed at Athens on 17 May 1980;
2. Urges all parties that are entitled to sign the Protocol to do so as soon as practicable and to complete at the earliest opportunity the constitutional procedures needed for the ratification, acceptance or approval of the Protocol under their respective statutory or legislative provisions and to transmit the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to the Depositary;
3. Calls upon all parties entitled to accede to the Protocol to do so as soon as possible after the period specified in article 16, paragraph 5, of the Protocol.

Recommendation

2. UNEP Contribution and Renewal of the Trust Fund

The Meeting,

Deeply concerned at the proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP to limit UNEP's contribution to the Mediterranean Action Plan to \$US 500,000 in 1981,

Recalling decision 7/2 adopted by the Governing Council of UNEP at its seventh session requesting the Executive Director to maintain UNEP's commitment to the Mediterranean Action Plan for the two-year period 1980-1981 and to envisage maintaining, within the forthcoming medium-term plan, its participation in the programme costs in terms of available resources;

1. Draws the attention of the Governing Council to the effects of such an unforeseeable reduction in UNEP's contribution on the equilibrium of the budget of the Mediterranean Action Plan;
2. Asks the Governing Council to request the Executive Director to ensure that the contribution from the Fund to the Mediterranean Action Plan be apportioned as follows: \$US 500,000 in 1981, \$US 400,000 in 1982 and \$US 200,000 in 1983;
3. Asks the Governing Council to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to renew the Mediterranean Trust Fund until 31 December 1982, in the amount of \$US 4,505,000, to be paid in the apportionment adopted at the First Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

3. Proposals for alternative arrangements for the management of MAP

The Meeting,

1. Invites the Co-ordinator, assisted by the Bureau, to engage, as soon as possible, in consultations with UNEP, the country where the headquarters will be located and the bank in which the funds will be deposited (after considering various banks). These consultations should lead to the preparation by the Co-ordinator of the following documents:

An agreement with UNEP, more particularly to enable it to assign the requisite staff to the Mediterranean Action Plan, and thus ensure adequate staffing for the secretariat of the Barcelona Convention;

New financial regulations entrusting the Co-ordinator with tasks relating to the supervision of accounts, determining measures for a priori and a posteriori financial audits and defining the functions of the host country and of the bank in which the funds will be deposited;

An exchange of letters with the Government of the country in which the bank where the funds will be deposited is situated;

A study on the costs of administration and control;

2. Requests the Co-ordinator to submit these documents to the extraordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties, to be held in March 1982, with a view to adopting final decisions which should, in the normal course of events, take effect on 1 January 1983.

4. Budget

1. The Meeting:

Adopts the forecast receipts and expenditure as they appear in annex IX to this report;

Adopts the bases set forth in paragraphs 76 to 81 of the report; and

Takes note of an increase in the contributions of the States, as compared with their 1980 contributions, adjusted in accordance with the United Nations scale (annex X) and of the special contributions by the European Economic Community and Greece;

2. In connection with any possible deficits in the estimates for 1982, the Meeting recommended that the Co-ordinator should, during 1981 and until the mid-term review meeting provided for in 1982, engage in any commitments concerning expenditure with due regard for the following guidelines:

The budget expenditure estimates should be regarded as ceilings;

Programme expenditure items should be spaced out in such a way as to prevent any deficit from occurring before the mid-term review meeting in 1982 has approved a balanced budget for 1982; and

Programme expenditure should be committed, giving priority to projects already embarked upon, with a view to their completion, and endeavouring to economize on co-ordination costs and on new activities not supported by detailed programme documents.

The Meeting,

Requested the Executive Director of UNEP to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties in March 1982 and to prepare for that meeting a study indicating how future budgets of the Mediterranean Action Plan could be balanced.

The Contracting Parties will then consider the financial and budgetary situation and adopt any measures that appear necessary.

5. Co-operation in programmes of interest to the Mediterranean

The Meeting

Recommends that the Contracting Parties should contribute to co-operation in the Mediterranean, without thereby increasing the general administration costs, by:

Jointly developing programmes of interest to the Mediterranean;

Increasing the part played by the mobilization of national efforts in the common endeavour, by providing studies, the results of pilot experiments, training, etc.; and

Identifying their own efforts and annually notifying thereof the other Mediterranean coastal States and the international organizations concerned, such identification relating in particular to the institutes, laboratories and research workers taking part in national, regional and subregional programmes, and indicating, as far as possible, the nature and purpose of their work together with any relevant bibliographic data available, with a view to their dissemination and the facilitation of fruitful co-operation.