

Annex IX

NGO APPEAL FOR RATIFICATION OF THE LBS PROTOCOL

Acknowledging and appreciating the efforts that Mediterranean Countries are carrying out on a voluntary basis to implement the LBS Protocol;

Considering the important threat posed to the marine environment by land based sources of pollution;

But at the same time being aware of the dangers of not yet having a fully consolidated and operative legal instrument to counter these impacts;

Reaffirming the innovativeness, appropriateness and effectiveness of the measures and actions contained in the LBS protocol to phase out this kind of pollution;

The following NGOs who are UNEP/MAP partners and present in Catania:

**Amici per la Vita Onlus – Italy,
CEDIP – Italy
Clean Up Greece
Friends of teh Earth
Greenpeace
IEF
Marevivo – Italy
MIO-ECSDE
Mouvement Ecologique Algérien
OCOME – Tunisia
SAD AFAG – Turkey
SPNI – Israel
UNASD – Lebanon
WWF**

Call on the Mediterranean Governments who still have not ratified the Land Based Sources of Pollution Protocol and namely,

Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Serbia Montenegro and Syria

to make special effort to carry out all the necessary steps to ratify the Protocol as soon as possible and not later than the next 6 months, in order to allow this legislative framework to enter into force.