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Meeting on the implementation of NAPs and the preparation
of legally binding measures and timetables
required by Art. 15 of the LBS Protocol

Aix en Provence (France), 27-28 November 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Meeting is organized by the MED POL Programme with the kind support of the French Government as a follow up to the decision 17/8 of the Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in January 2008 in Almeria, Spain.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

All MED POL Focal Points were invited to attend the Meeting as well as a number of observers and regional experts.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened on 27 November 2008 at 9.30 a.m. by the MED POL Coordinator. A representative of the host country will deliver a welcome speech.

Agenda item 2: Scope and Purpose of the Meeting

The MED POL Coordinator will briefly recall to the participants the relevant events preceding the Meeting and the expected outputs of the Meeting.

The MED POL Focal Points are in fact expected to review the Secretariat proposals with a view to have an agreement on how to continue the process leading to the identification of priority substances and of a differentiation mechanism and the development of action plans and programmes related to Art. 15 of the LBS Protocol to be submitted to the Parties for adoption in 2009.

Agenda Item 3: Organizational matters

a) Rules of Procedure for meeting of the MAP Focal Points

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutandis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG. 43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of officers

The meeting will elect one Chairperson, two vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the agenda

The proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/1 and annotated in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/2 will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting.

d) Organization of work

The Meeting is expected to work in Plenary only. However, small working groups may be established by the Chairperson to discuss specific issues and make proposals to the Plenary.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting.

At the end of the Meeting, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt a set of recommendations and conclusions. A full report will be prepared by the Secretariat at a later stage and submitted to the participants for comments and amendments before its finalization.

Agenda item 4: Overview and assessment of priority substances globally and regionally addressed and related Emission Limit Value (ELVs) (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/Inf. 1)

In order to prepare the necessary background and facilitate the discussion and the possible deliberations to be taken under Agenda items 5 and 6, the Secretariat has prepared, with the assistance of a regional expert, a review of the current process of identification of priority substances in MEAs, Marine Conventions, EU directives and others (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/Inf. 1). After a presentation of the document, the Focal Points will be asked to comment on its content.

Agenda item 5: Proposed list of priority substances and relevant sectors

On the basis of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/Inf. 1, the Secretariat has prepared a comprehensive proposal for the identification of priority substances and related sectors (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/3, chapter 2). The Focal Points will discuss and comment the rationale behind the Secretariat proposal and will review and decide on the lists prepared.

Agenda item 6: Proposals for the development of a differentiation mechanism based on ELVs

On the basis of the document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/Inf. 1 and the discussions and decisions of the previous Meetings held in Durres in 2006 and in Barcelona in 2007 (see docs. UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 289/4 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 307/4), the Secretariat has prepared a set of proposed options for the identification of an appropriate differentiation mechanism for the implementation of regional Emission Limit Values (ELVs), based on BAT. The proposal also includes the principles of transfer of know how and of monitoring and evaluation (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/3, chapter 3).

In order to comply with the decision of the Parties to identify and agree on a differentiation mechanism by 2009, the Focal Points are expected to review the proposals and guide the Secretariat on the work to be done until next Meeting of the Parties.

Agenda item 7: Proposal for the development of action plans and programmes containing measures and timetables to be considered under the provisions of Art. 15 of the LBS Protocol

The entry into force of LBS Protocol in May 2008 requires the adoption by 2009 of action plans and programmes including measures and timetables (see Art. 15 of the Protocol). As a result, the Secretariat has prepared a comprehensive proposal for the development of a first set of action plans and programmes (see document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 328/3, chapter 4) to be ready for adoption at the 2009 Meeting of the Parties. The meeting is invited to comment on the proposal and provide guidance on how to proceed in order to reach the above target.

Agenda item 8: Other business

Other issues relevant to the MED POL Programme, which might be brought to the attention of the Meeting will be discussed under this Agenda item.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

The Meeting will be invited to review, amend and adopt a set of conclusions and recommendations that will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 18,00 p.m. of 28 November 2008.

TIMETABLE

Thursday 27 November 2008

08:30-09:30	registration
09:30-10:00	Agenda items 1, 2, 3
10:00-10:30	Agenda item 4
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:00	Agenda item 5
12:00-13:00	Agenda item 5 (cont'd)
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-16:30	Agenda item 6
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00-18:00	Agenda item 6 (cont'd)

Friday 28 November 2008

09:30-10:30	Agenda item 7
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:00	Agenda item 7 (cont'd)
12:00-13:00	Agenda item 7 (cont'd), 8
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00-16:30	Agenda item 9
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00-18:00	Agenda item 10