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Meeting of the Bureau of the
Contracting Parties to the Convention
for the Protection of the Mediterranean
Sea against Pollution

Athens, 3-4 November 1983

REPORT

1. The Bureau met in Athens on 3 and 4 November 1983 as decided at their previous meeting (document UNEP/BUR/18/Corr.1, paragraph 28). The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Zivorad Kovacevic (Yugoslavia) and H.E. Mr. Mamdouh Abdel Razek (Egypt), Mr. Joaquin Ros (Spain) Vice-Presidents, and Mrs. Hedia Baccar (Tunisia) Rapporteur were also present.

The secretariat was represented at this meeting by Mr. A. Manos, the Co-ordinator. As requested by the Bureau, the Directors of the Regional Oil Combating Centre, of the Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre and the Executive Secretary of the Blue Plan GCS were also present.

The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock on 3 November 1983 and ended on 4 November 1983. It was divided into two sessions a day.

1. The Co-ordinator's report of activities from April 1983 to October 1983.
2. Mr. Manos provided the Bureau with a written and oral report of the activities from the previous Bureau meeting to date.
3. The Bureau took note of the Co-ordinator's progress report which is contained in Annex I.
4. The Bureau heard a presentation by the Director of the Regional Oil Combating Centre, Mr. Ph. Le Lourd on the Centre's programme and in particular on the development of its training activities. The Director requested that the resources of the Centre be not reduced.

On the question of level of the post of Director, the Bureau reconfirmed its previous decision that it should remain at the P-5 level and authorised a temporary three-months contract extension until a new Director is recruited. On the post of information officer the Bureau decided to retain the post on the basis of the arguments presented by the Government of Malta.

5. The Bureau heard a presentation by the Executive Secretary of the GCS Mr. M. Grenon on preparations for the Blue Plan National Focal Points meeting and requested that the documentation on Phase I and the proposals for Phase II be circulated to Governments as soon as possible.

6. The Bureau heard a presentation by the Director of the PAP Centre Mr. B. Kalogjera on the status of PAP activities under way and being approved in a new comprehensive project.

The Bureau invited all coastal States to designate National Focal Points for PAP from technical and professional institutions in order to encourage their involvement and direct participation in the programme. The Co-ordinator should invite UN Specialized Agencies to support the PAP activities with their expertise and co-financing with maximum flexibility as to the form of co-operation.

In connection with the PAP Water programme Madame Baccar drew attention to the existence in Marseille of a Mediterranean Water Institute which could participate in PAP and Blue Plan activities.

7. The Bureau authorized the secretariat to co-sponsor with IMO the Seminar on Mediterranean port reception facilities in view of the importance of finding practical solutions to oil pollution in the framework of the MARPOL 73/78 Convention.

It noted that at present several Mediterranean countries have ratified the MARPOL 73/78 Convention (France, Greece, Italy, Israel, Lebanon, Tunisia and Yugoslavia) and invited all other Mediterranean countries to do so.

8. The Bureau recommended that the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas should start operations as soon as possible and for this reason the equipment component should be ordered with 1983 funds.

9. The Bureau invited the Contracting Parties to respond to the Questionnaire on Co-operation circulated by the secretariat, in order to facilitate preparations for the meeting in Brussels.

10. The Bureau took note of the progress report on MED POL Phase II and invited countries that had not yet submitted their National Monitoring Programme to do so at an early date.

11. The Bureau expressed satisfaction at the entry into force of the Land-Based Sources Protocol and invited all Contracting Parties to complete the ratification process soonest. It further invited all Contracting Parties to ratify the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas.

12. The Bureau was informed that the ratification of the host country agreement and the payment of the special contribution in drachmas could be expected soon and thanked the Government of Greece for its support and co-operation.

13. The Bureau expressed concern over the fact that no final response was received on the up-grading of the post of Co-ordinator to D-2, approved by the Contracting Parties at the Dubrovnik meeting, with effect from 1 January 1983.

14. The Bureau took note of the state of contributions (see Annex II) and invited all Contracting Parties to apply their recommendation that contributions should be paid by 30 April of each year.

15. On 4 November 1983 the President addressed the closing session of the Workshop on Jelly-fish blooms in the Mediterranean organized by the Unit from 31 October to 4 November 1983. The Minister of Housing, Physical Planning and the Environment of the Government of Greece also addressed the Workshop.

16. The Bureau took note of the status of commitments as at 30 September 1983 and reviewed the secretariat's proposals for advance commitments in 1984 and 1985. It decided to recommend to the Executive Director that the activities described in Annex III be carried out as a matter of priority, pending receipt of recommendations from the meetings of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Co-operation (WGSTC) and Blue Plan National Focal Points.

II. Date of next meeting of the Bureau

17. The Bureau decided to meet in Athens on 12-13 January 1984 in order to review preparations for the Extraordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties (Athens, 10-13 April 1984).

ANNEX I

Mediterranean Action Plan Progress report covering the period April to October 1983

Introduction

The present report is being submitted to the Bureau as a Working Paper (English only) to facilitate its review of activities carried out by the secretariat since the previous meeting of the Bureau (7 - 8 April 1983).

1. Integrated planning and environmental management of the Mediterranean Basin

1.1 Blue Plan (ME/O503-80-01)

- The Co-ordinator and the Director of RS/PAC visited Sophia Antipolis on 23-25 August 1983. Agreement was reached with the GCS Executive Secretary on new dates for the Meeting of National Focal Points (Sophia Antipolis 24-27 January 1984), on the agenda and documentation.
- It was also agreed to reconvene the Group of Co-ordination and Synthesis (Sophia Antipolis, 8 October 1983) for it to endorse the proposals for Blue Plan Phase II. The meeting of the Group of Co-ordination and Synthesis was convened as planned on 8 October 1983. The Co-ordinator opened the meeting which was chaired by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Grenon.

The G.C.S agreed on the final text of the Synthesis Report of Phase I and reviewed the proposals for the Blue Plan Second Phase which will be submitted to the Blue Plan Focal Points in January 1984.

1.2 PAP (ME/O503-82-01; 83-05; 83-06)

- The WHO/PAP-RAC workshop on Housing Hygiene in Mediterranean countries was held at the PAP/RAC in Split from 9 to 13 May 1983. The Workshop was attended by 34 participants from 16 countries, including 11 on Southern Europe and the Mediterranean coastal area. The summary report (ICP/BSM 002(5)(S)) has been issued.
- The Co-ordinator was in contact with the Yugoslav authorities concerning the nomination of a new Director of PAP/RAC in Split. A decision is expected shortly.
- The Co-ordinator and the Director, RS/PAC visited Split on 18 - 20 October 1983 and agreed with the Director and staff of PAP/RAC, and with representatives of Yugoslav authorities on regrouping of PAP projects and new activities.

- FAO, the Executing Agency for the UNDP-financed regional project on aquaculture (MEDRAP) invited the Unit to become a member of the Advisory Committee for MEDRAP, and to attend its first meeting in Tunis on 4 - 7 October. Mr. Gabrielides represented the Unit, accompanied by Mr. Z. Filic (Yugoslavia) PAP Consultant on aquaculture, whose travel was financed by the Unit.

1.3 ROCC (ME/0503-76-06)

- IMO has rewritten the job description of the ROCC Director, as requested by the Bureau in order to keep the post at P-5 level. An enquiry was received from France on this matter in September suggesting that the new terms of reference be discussed at the next Contracting Parties Meeting.
- A training course (MEDIPOL 83) is being organized by ROCC in Marseilles from 7-18 November 1983

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- The Seminar on port reception facilities has been postponed indefinitely due to insufficient response from Mediterranean coastal States. The Unit was expected to support some participants with the \$ 5,000 allocation approved at Dubrovnik.

1.5 Specially Protected Areas

The project document to assist the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas in Tunis was submitted to the Environment Fund in September 1983. The practical arrangements for circulating the vacancy notice for the post of advisor in accordance with the decisions in Cannes will be taken up with the Centre Director.

1.6 Co-operation in the Mediterranean

- Preparations have started for the meeting of the contribution of bilateral and multilateral programmes to the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan (Brussels, March 1984). A questionnaire was distributed to Contracting Parties on 20 September 1983 giving a deadline of 15 November, for replies. A consultant has been identified to analyse the replies and draft a synthesis report. During a visit to headquarters, UNEP activities in Mediterranean coastal States relevant to MAP were identified.

1.7 Training course in Urbino, Italy (26 September-5 October 1983) (ME/0503-83-07)

- The training course organized by SOGESTA was held on schedule in Urbino. The ROCC Director gave a lecture. Twenty participants, 1 from Cyprus, 5 from Egypt, 1 from Malta, 3 from Morocco, 3 from Syria, 5 from Tunisia and 2 from Jordan attended the course.

1.8 The UNIPOL insurance company of Italy, in co-operation with the University of Rome, has announced five research grants of 1,000,000 lira each for studies related to carcinogenicity and mutagenicity of marine pollutants. These studies are conducted by a department of the University of Rome in the framework of MED POL - PHASE II, under the sponsorship of WHO and UNEP. The initiative arose from a visit by the Co-ordinator to a meeting on the protection of the environment organized by UNIPOL at Bologna in January 1983, as part of their public service programme.

2. Co-ordinated Programme for Pollution Monitoring and Research in the Mediterranean Sea (MED POL)

2.1 PHASE I (FP/ME-0503-75-04; 75-05; 75-07; 76-03; 76-04)

- Documentation relevant to PHASE I of MED POL has been prepared:
 - Programme Description has been issued in the Reports and Studies Series No.23
 - Individual Scientific Reports have been edited and printed and are ready for distribution as drafts.
 - Decision was taken at a meeting in Geneva (9-12 August) between the Director of RS/PAC, the Co-ordinator of MAP and the Senior Marine Scientist of MAP to close down all project documents relevant to MED POL - PHASE I.

2.2 PHASE II (ME/0503-81-01)

- Agreements covering the National Monitoring Programmes and the modalities for co-operation with the Government of Israel and Turkey have been cleared and agreements with the Governments of Morocco and Tunisia are being processed. Under these, and the previous agreements with Cyprus, Lebanon, Malta and Yugoslavia, the following assistance has been provided or committed for a total of about US \$300,000:
 - Supply of new analytical and sampling equipment.
 - On-job training for scientists involved in the programme.
 - Fellowships for scientists attending meetings.
 - Maintenance through IAEA of analytical equipment.
- Preparations for the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Co-operation have proceeded.

- A decision was taken at the above-mentioned meeting (Geneva 9-12 August) to postpone the meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation until 21-25 November 1983 in view of the difficulties to have documents in the two official working languages.
- Documents for the meeting were prepared by the MED Unit in co-operation with the relevant agencies, and in close consultation with RS/PAC:

Report on the implementation of the monitoring activities during 1981 - 1983 and proposals for 1983 - 1985. (Document UNEP/WG.91/3).

Report on the implementation of the research activities during 1981-1983 and proposals for 1983-1985. (Document UNEP/WG.91/4).

Assessment of the present state of pollution by mercury in the Mediterranean Sea and proposed control measures. (Document UNEP/WG.91/5).

Assessment of the present state of microbial pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and proposed control measures. (Document UNEP/WG.91/6).

Report on the implementation of the Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by oil and other harmful substances in case of emergency. (Document UNEP/WG.91/7).

Report on the implementation of the Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft. (Document UNEP/WG.91/8).

- Letters of invitation and cables announcing the new dates were sent to all members of the Working Group (17 National Co-ordinators for MED POL, Libya has not yet designated one), including agenda and annotated agenda.
- Letters of invitation have been sent to all Co-operating Agencies (FAO, WHO, UNESCO, IOC, WMO, IAEA) and to IMO.
- Preparations for the Meeting of Experts on the implementation of the Protocol on Land-based sources of pollution have proceeded in close co-operation with WHO.
- Forms for reporting the results of the monitoring activities have been developed and distributed to National Co-ordinators. Processing of data reported through the programme has been carried out at the MED Unit in support of the preparation of documents UNEP/WG.91/5 and UNEP/WG.91/6.

- Intercalibration exercises have been organized through IOC/UNESCO for petroleum hydrocarbons, through IAEA for heavy metals and organohalogens, and through WHO for microbiological methods.
- Development of reference methods has continued in close co-operation with RS/PAC and the Co-operating Agencies, and a testing exercise for methods on heavy metals and organohalogens has been launched in co-operation with FAO and IAEA. The following reference methods have been published:

Determination of faecal coliforms in sea-water by the membrane filtration culture method. Reference Methods for Marine Pollution Studies No. 3/Rev.1, UNEP 1983.

Determination of faecal streptococci in sea-water by the membrane filtration culture method. Reference Methods for Marine Pollution Studies No. 4/Rev.1, UNEP 1983.

Determination of faecal coliforms in bivalves by multiple test tube method. Reference Methods for Marine Pollution Studies No. 5/Rev.1, UNEP, 1983.

- Research activities are well under way and about sixty-five research agreements for a total of about US \$160,000 have been signed between the relevant Co-operating Agencies and the research centres participating in the programme (see document UNEP/WG.91/4).
- A Workshop on Jelly-fish blooms is being convened in Athens 31 October - 4 November 1983), and preparations for it are advancing.
 - Announcements were sent to about 500 Mediterranean and non-Mediterranean scientists.
 - Answers with twenty-two announced contributions have been received.
 - A "Bibliography on Jelly-fish Blooms and related Organisms", and reports on "Monitoring of swarming of Scyphomedusae" and "Occurrence of Jelly-fish Blooms in the Mediterranean", have been, or are being prepared for the meeting.
- Other documents on MED POL, issued or being prepared by the MED Unit, RS/PAC and the Co-operating Agencies are:
 - Long-term Programme for Pollution Monitoring and Research in the Mediterranean (MED POL) - PHASE II. UNEP Regional Seas Reports and Studies No.28.

- Co-ordinated Mediterranean Pollution Monitoring and Research Programme (MED POL) - PHASE I: Programme Description. UNEP Regional Seas Reports and Studies No.23.
- Proceedings of the VI ICSEM/IOC/UNEP Workshop on Marine Pollution of the Mediterranean, Cannes, 2-4 December 1982. ICSEM/IOC/UNEP. In preparation.
- Waste Discharge into the Marine Environment. Principles and Guidelines for the Mediterranean Action Plan. WHO/Pergamon Press.
- Report on the Consultation Meeting on the Evaluation of Methylmercury in Mediterranean Populations and related Health Hazards, Athens, 13-17 September 1982. WHO.
- Report of the Consultation Meeting of Methods for Monitoring selected Pollutants in Sewage Effluents and Coastal Recreational Waters, Rome, 24-26 November 1982. WHO.

- 2.3 On 21 April 1983, the Government of Monaco officially placed at the disposal of the International Atomic Energy Agency, free of charge, an additional 400 m² of space for the International Laboratory on Marine Radioactivity. The space will be mainly used for intercalibration of the MED POL Programme and will also permit to train technicians in laboratory practices. The Deputy Director-General of IAEA officially accepted the new offices. The Unit was represented at the ceremony by the Co-ordinator.
- 2.4 The Unit supported the initiative of the Government of Greece to convene a seminar on jelly-fish in Athens (6-8 June 1983). The participation of Mr. V. Axiak (Malta) and Mr. A. Benovic (Yugoslavia) was financed by the Unit. In addition, the Regional Seas/PAC financed the participation of Mr. R. Hartwick (Australia).
- 2.5 The Permanent representation of Libya to UNEP has expressed appreciation to the Executive Director for the report of the advisory mission which was headed by Dr. Cruzado in 1982.
- 2.6 On 22 June 1983 the Greek authorities presented a protest concerning the cruise of the Turkish research vessel Piri Reis, the incident can now be considered as closed.

3. Barcelona convention and related protocols

3.1 - On 17 June 1983, the Protocol on Land-based Sources of Pollution entered into force upon ratification by Algeria, Egypt, France, Monaco, Tunisia and Turkey. (Spain informed us only in August 1983).

- This is to be considered a most important development.

3.2 - Spain informed us that Tunisia had ratified the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas on 26 May 1983, and Egypt on 8 July 1983. Eleven Parties have signed the Protocol.

4. Institutional and financial implications

4.1 UNEP Governing Council

The Co-ordinator attended the 11th Session of the Governing Council in Nairobi (11 - 24 May 1983). Several delegations from Mediterranean and other countries praised the Mediterranean programme. For the first time the U.K. delegation spoke in favour and recorded the support its country gives to the programme through its participation in the E.E.C.

4.2 Relationship with host country Greece

Ratification of the host country Agreement, signed on 11 February 1982, has not taken place despite constant reminding at high level and repeated assurances received. Application of the Agreement by the Greek authorities has been affected by this. The Co-ordinator addressed a letter to the Minister of Housing, Physical Planning and the Environment, Mr. Tritsis, on 15 September 1983, visited the office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs on 19 September 1983, and discussed the matter on the same day with the senior officer designated by the Minister for Environment to act as liaison with the Unit. A note was sent to the Executive Director who conveyed his concern to the Permanent Representative of Greece to UNEP on 29 September 1983. The President of the Contracting Parties, H.E. Mr. Kovacevic, was informed by telephone of the situation.

4.3 The Co-ordinating Unit

- The FAO Senior Fishery Officer (marine pollution), Mr. G.P. Gabrielides of Cyprus (P.5) joined the Unit on 16 September 1983.
- A secretary (Ms. H. Geralis), locally recruited, joined the Unit on 19 September 1983. The MED POL team within the Unit is now complete.
- The classification section in New York has accepted the classification of the Economist at P.4. The job description was circulated by the Personnel Section, Nairobi.

- No final response was received from New York on the up-grading of the post of Co-ordinator to D-2, approved by the Contracting Parties at the Dubrovnik meeting, with effect from 1 January 1983.

4.4 Attendance at meetings and travel of staff

A. Manos:

- Attended 11th Session of UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi (11 - 24 May 1983).
- Represented UNEP at UNDP Regional Meeting for Europe in Ankara, Turkey, (6-9 July 1983). The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Administrator of UNDP, Mr. Arthur G. Brown. The Co-ordinator presented the Action Plan and requested UNDP support for relevant regional (Aquaculture, renewable sources of energy) and national projects. A modest contribution for MED RAP, Tunis was promised, but no funds were to be expected for the energy project for which, according to UNDP officials, Arab countries have not shown strong interest.
- Visited IMO Headquarters in London (27 June 1983) to discuss the ROCC project and the seminar on port reception facilities.
- Visited the European Office of WHO in Copenhagen (28-29 June, 1983) to discuss the participation of WHO in the MED POL and other components of MAP. A note prepared by WHO/EURO was circulated to the Bureau members on 30 June 1983.
- Consultation with RS/PAC, Geneva (in conjunction with home leave) (9-11 August 1983).
- Consultation with Blue Plan, Sophia Antipolis (23-25 August 1983).
- Represented UNEP at MESAEP meeting in Heraklion, Greece, (6-7 September 1983).
- Attended opening of Thessaloniki International Fair, Greece, (11 September 1983).
- Visited UNEP Headquarters for consultation with Programme and Fund (23-30 September 1983).
- Opened and attended the meeting of GCS at Sophia Antipolis (8 October 1983).
- Visited PAP/RAC Split for programme review (18-20 October 1983)

A. Cruzado:

- Visited Geneva (26-29 July) (in conjunction with annual leave), to discuss with the Director of RS/PAC the preparations for the Second Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation, and to have a consultation with WMO staff on the follow-up of MED POL and GESAMP activities.
- Visited Geneva (9-12 August) to discuss with the Director of RS/PAC and the Co-ordinator of MAP, the progress in the preparations for the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Co-operation and other related matters.
- Visited Monaco (5-6 September) to discuss with the IAEA staff on the follow-up of MED POL activities, and to Lerici, Italy (7-11 September) to attend the IOC meeting on the results of MEDALPEX, and an UNESCO sponsored workshop for the development of a programme for meteorological and oceanographic processes in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.
- Attended the First Meeting of the GESAMP Working Group No.23 on the Methodology and Guidelines for the Assessment of the Impact of Pollutants on the Marine Environment (ASSIP), Rome (26-30 September).

L.J. Saliba

- Visited Algiers, Oran and Mostaganem to assist in establishment of health-related monitoring programme. A special mission report submitted to the Algerian authorities has now been de-restricted. (1 - 5 May 1983).
- Visited Rome to have discussions with FAO and Italian institutions on Methylmercury project. (6 - 8 May 1983).
- Visited Split to attend WHO/PAP/RAC Workshop on Housing Hygiene in Mediterranean countries. (9 - 13 May 1983).
- Visited Zagreb to have discussions with Yugoslav institutions on Methylmercury project. (12 May 1983).
- Visited Cairo and Alexandria to have discussions with Egyptian institutions re MED POL programme and with WHO/EMRO re the same programme. (27 May - 2 June 1983).
- Visited Copenhagen to have discussions with WHO/EURO on MED programme and compile data on WHO/EURO programmes of relevance to MAP. (12 - 16 June 1983).

G. P. Gabrielides

- Represented the Unit at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee of the FAO Regional Aquaculture project (MEDRAP) in Tunis (4-7 October 1983)

F.S. Civili

- Represented the Unit at the Meeting of Experts in Regional Development in the Mediterranean at Delphi, Greece (28 September 1983) and presented a paper on regional co-operation in the Mediterranean.
- Visited University of Trieste, at request of its Rector, (11-12 October 1983) to assist in the review of a proposal for a programme on jelly-fish.
- Attended Seventh Meeting of the Scientific Group on dumping at IMO (24 - 28 October 1983).

4.5 Public information

- On 12 April 1983 a press conference was held by the Co-ordinator at the Foreign Press Association in Athens on the Mediterranean Action Plan and the decisions of the Intergovernmental meeting in Dubrovnik. Over fifty media representatives attended, showing great interest in the programme.
- Naftiliaki, a publication concerned with the shipping world, has devoted a 20-page feature article in the July 1983 issue to the Mediterranean Action Plan.
- The Unit distributed locally the press release issued in Geneva on the entry into force of the LBS Protocol (24 August 1983).
- The Unit was the main exhibitor in the UN Stand at the 48th International Fair in Thessaloniki which opened on 11 September 1983. Information material on the Action Plan and the Regional Seas Programme was displayed and distributed.
- Der Spiegel, the German weekly magazine, published a story on the Mediterranean in its 17 October 1983 issue.

4.6 Other matters

- The Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Maritime Organization, Mr. C.P. Srivastava, visited the Unit on 22 September 1983. He addressed the staff underlining the success of the Mediterranean programme and IMO's willingness to co-operate in it.
- Arrangements were made on behalf of INFOTERRA for the holding of the meeting of the Advisory Committee at the seat of the Unit (Athens, 17-20 October 1983). The Meeting was opened by UNEP's Deputy Assistant Executive Director for Programme, Mr. H. Mattos de Lemos.

- A short paper was transmitted to the UN Economic Commission for Europe to be distributed at the seminar on Ground-water Protection Strategies and Practices held in Athens 10-14 October 1983, to which UNEP was invited. The paper called attention to the implications of the Land-based Sources Protocol to ground-water protection in the Mediterranean coastal States.
- The Executive Council of the European Environment Bureau, which co-ordinates non-governmental organizations from European countries, met in Athens on 24 - 25 October 1983 with the current President of the European Ministers of the Environment, Mr. A. Tritsis. In co-operation with the newly established Mediterranean Committee of the European Environment Bureau (EEB), the Unit invited the following representatives of NGOs of other Mediterranean countries to attend an expanded meeting: Mr. Mohamed Ali ABROUGHI, Tunisian Association for Environmental Protection, Mr. Said BENJELLOUN, National Association for the protection of the environment and nature of Morocco, Mr. Josip CICEK, Environmental Protection Council of Croatia, Yugoslavia and Mr. Josef TAMIR, Life and Environment Organization of Israel, and Mr. Alexis THEODOSIADIS, Association for the Protection of Cyprus Environment.
- The request of the Contracting Parties to extend the Mediterranean Trust Fund through 1985 (UNEP/IG.43/6, Para. 98) was endorsed by the 11th Session of UNEP's Governing Council and approved by the Controller of the United Nations.
- Unpaid pledges amounted to US \$813,579 only out of US \$2,833,000 plus US \$54,393 due for 1982. However, the additional Greek special contribution in drachmae (US \$400,000) has not yet been paid, causing the Unit to transfer dollars from the New York account to pay for local expenses. Meanwhile the computer and interpretation equipment approved in the budget could not be ordered.

5. Conclusion

The Bureau is invited to take note of this progress report and to record in its report - which will be distributed to all Contracting Parties - its observations and recommendations.

ANNEX II

Regional Trust Fund
for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 1983
(in United States Dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12.82	Adjustments Prior Years' Pledges	Pledges for 1983 during 1983	Collections during 1982	Collections during 1983 for prior yr.	Collections in 1983 for 1983	Unpaid pledges for 1983 and for prior year
Algeria	4,143	-	22,500	-	-	-	26,643
Cyprus	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Egypt	-	-	13,400	-	-	13,400	-
France	10,786	-	1,000,000	-	10,786	1,000,000	-
Greece	27,145	-	65,750	-	-	-	92,895
Israel	19,762	-	47,000	-	19,762	-	47,000
Italy	-	-	647,250	376,355	-	-	270,895
Lebanon	-	-	5,750	-	-	-	5,750
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	9,305	-	43,000	-	-	43,000	9,305
Malta	-	-	2,000	466	-	1,534	-
Monaco	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Morocco	-	-	9,500	423	-	-	9,077
Spain	269,863	-	296,629	-	258,876	-	307,616
Syrian Arab Republic	1,481	-	5,750	-	-	-	7,231
Tunisia	1,332	-	5,750	-	-	-	7,082
Turkey	-	-	56,250	9,052	-	41,945	5,253
Yugoslavia	-	-	78,750	1,059	-	-	77,691
European Economic Community	-	-	530,086	-	-	530,086	-
Total	343,817	-	2,833,365	387,355	289,424	1,633,965	866,438

	m/m	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984	Approved For advance Commitments	Detailed Budget Estimates for 19854/ 19854/	Approved For advance Commitments
• Personnel					
• Experts/staff 1/12/					
- Co-ordinator - A. Manos (Italy) - D.2 Permanent	12	79,992	79,992	86,391	86,391
- Senior Programme Officer/Marine Scientist					
A. Cruzado (Spain) P.5 Fixed-term	12	66,998	66,998	72,358	-
- Associate Programme Office/Marine Scientist					
F.S. Civilli (Italy) P.2 Fixed-term	12	40,294	40,294	43,518	43,518
- Data Processor - Z.G. Yilmaz (Turkey) P.1 Fixed-term	12	34,951	34,951	37,747	-
- Programme Officer/Economist P.2 (under recruitment)	12	47,218	47,218	50,995	-
Sub-Total 1 - a. Experts		269,453	269,453	291,009	129,909
• Consultants*					
Development of a computer programme for projects management and accounting purposes	2	4,000	4,000	-	-
Organisation of Library	3	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Editorial Service	2	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Development of a coherent mutually compatible system of collection of data in MAP regional Centres	2	8,000	-	-	-
Up-dating of documentation prepared on Inter-State					
Guarantee Fund	2	8,000	-	-	-
Unspecified (Contingency)		2,900	-	24,000	-
Sub-Total		29,900	11,000	31,000	-

/ International Recruitment.
/ In addition, post of Administrative Officer - M. Marquet (France) P-2 Permanent 12m/m.1983 \$ 39,100, 1984 \$42,228, 1985 \$ 45,606 is paid from Programme Support Costs.
See attached terms of reference (Appendix 1).

	m/m	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984	Approved For Advance Commitments	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1985 ^{4/}	Approved For Advance Commitment
1b. Administrative Support					
- Senior Secretary J. Eilers (Netherlands) G.6	12	43,118	43,118	30,140	-
- Permanent International recruitment ^{5/} - Clerk/Computer Terminal Operator - C. O'Reilly (GB) G.2 Fixed-term international recruitment ^{6/}	12	23,000	23,000	24,840	-
- Administrative Assistant N. Zevelakis (Greece)	12	14,410	14,410	15,851	-
- G.5 Fixed-term local recruitment	12	12,094	12,094	13,303	-
- Information Assistant H. Maroudis-Pissala (Greece)	12	13,245	13,245	14,571	-
- G.5 Fixed-term local recruitment	12	12,814	12,814	14,095	-
- Bilingual Secretary D. Voga (Greece)	12	10,926	10,926	12,019	-
- G.4 Fixed-term local recruitment	12	10,509	10,509	11,560	-
- Bilingual Secretary E. Varla (Greece)	12	8,837	8,837	9,721	-
- G.4 Fixed-term local recruitment	8	6,400	3,200	7,040	-
- Bilingual Typist C. Papageorgopoulos (Greece)		5,500	3,000	6,050	-
- G.3 Fixed-term local recruitment					
- Telephone Operator/Receptionist E. Zaimis (Greece)					
- G.2 Fixed-term local recruitment					
- D. Magiras, Driver/Clerk (Greece) G.2					
- Fixed-term Local recruitment					
- Temporary assistance					
- Overtime					
Sub-total 1b		160,853	155,153	158,920	

^{4/} 9% Increase in 1985

^{5/} On Mission assignment from Geneva to Athens through 30 June 1984. On Field Service Status from 1 July 1984.

^{6/} On Field Service Status

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2. Travel on official business	44,800	15,000	49,000	-
Sub-total 2	44,800	15,000	49,000	-
3. Sub-contracts				
- Preparation of a brochure describing the Action Plan objectives and activities (Text, illustrative material printing) 15 pages	6,000	6,000	-	-
- Language and WANG Training	2,300	2,300	2,500	-
- Miscellaneous printing (headed paper, forms invitation cards, etc.)	2,000	2,000	2,200	-
- Audio visual (photographs, etc.)	1,000	1,000	-	-
- Contribution to National reports (see para 82 UNEP/IG.43/6)	5,000	5,000	-	-
- Preparation of a competition to develop audio-visual material on problems of protection of Mediterranean Sea	5,000	-	-	-
- Unspecified	5,000	-	31,500	-
Sub-total	27,100	16,300	36,200	-

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	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984	Approved For Advance Commitments	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1985 ⁴ / ₁	Approved For Advance Commitments
Equipment				
• Expendable equipment	11,500	3,800	12,000	-
• Non-expendable equipment				
Misc. : 1 Telex*				
1 Safe*				
1 Refrigerator	4,200	3,900*	-	-
Data processing equipment				
1 Matrix Printer 5577				
1 Band Printer 5574				
1 Terminal				
1 Tape Unit (2219V-1, 2205V-2	60,125	60,125	7/	-
1 Graphic terminal & Software 6300				
Installation of air-conditioning in one wing of the offices	5,800	-		-
Audio-visual material (slides, projector Exhibition Panels)	1,939	1,939	3,991	-
Unspecified				
Sub-total a & b	83,564	69,764	15,991	-

Computer requirements subject to recommendation by Working Group on Data and decision by Contracting Parties.

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	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984	Approved For Advance Commitments	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1985 ⁴ /	Approved For Advance Commitments
Rental and maintenance of premises				
- Rental	55,500	18,500	61,050	
- Cleaning (Contract with Cowa Hellas)	16,060	5,300	17,670	
Sub-total 6	<u>71,560</u>	<u>23,800</u>	<u>78,720</u>	
Operation and maintenance of equipment (Typewriters, Xerox, Computer, Official Car)	16,600	5,500	18,260	
Sub-total 7	<u>16,600</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>18,260</u>	
Reporting Costs	10,000	3,300	11,000	
Sub-total 8	<u>10,000</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>11,000</u>	
Sundry				
a. Telex, Telephone & Postage and Freight	34,000	11,300	37,400	
b. Hospitality	8,000	8,000	10,000	
c. Miscellaneous	2,000	700	2,200	
Sub-total 9	<u>44,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>49,600</u>	
Grand Total	<u>757,830⁸/</u>	<u>589,270⁹/</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>129,909¹⁰/</u>

/ Of which equivalent of US \$ 400,000 in local currency-
 / Representing 77.5 percent of budget estimates for 1984.
 Eighty percent of 757,830 is 606,264, or an additional 16,994.
 9/Representing 17.5 percent of budget estimates for 1984. Thirty percent
 is 222,000 or an additional 92,091.

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SECTION I

Chapter 2 - Meetings

- Meeting on IBS protocol (Athens 13-17 February 1984^{1/})
- Meeting on Co-operation (Brussels March 1984)
- One Meeting of Bureau
- Extraordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties (Athens 10-13 April 1984)

	120,000	60,000	104,000	
		134,000		

Chapter 3 - Med-Pol (Monitoring)

- Full programme to be proposed by WGSTC (21-25 November 1983)

	800,000	254,000	850,000	
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Chapter 4 Med-Pol (Research)

- Full programme to be proposed by WGSTC (21-25 November 1983)

	250,000	-	275,000	
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Chapter 5 - Regional Oil Combating Centre

- Awaiting complete proposals from IMO

	410,000	137,000		
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Chapter 6 - Training and Exchange of Information

- Training Courses
- Trainees
- National brochures

	70,000	-	90,000	
	12,000	12,000	13,000	
	25,000	10,000	25,000	
	107,000	22,000	128,000	

SECTION II

Chapter 1 - Blue Plan

- Full programme to be proposed by Meeting of National Blue Plan Focal Points (Sophia Antipolis 23-27 January 1984)

	500,000	100,000 ^{1/2/}	620,000	
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1/ Approved in 1983 budget and postponed to 1984.
2/ Minimum required to extend project from 1 January to end April 1984.

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Applied For Advance Commitments

Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984

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Chapter 2 - Priority Action Programme

	Detailed Budget Estimates for 1984	Applied For Advance Commitments	Detailed Budget Estimates for 19854/	Approved For Advance Commitments
A. Experts and Consultants	158,000	72,000	127,500	-
B. Administrative Support	25,000	10,000	24,500	-
Travel	37,500	15,000	30,000	-
Sub-Contracts	33,000	151,000	50,000	11,000
Meetings	102,500	60,000	97,000	12,000
Equipment - Exp. Non-Expendable	1,500	1,000	2,000	-
Premises	-	-	-	-
Maintenance of Equipment	2,500	1,000	3,000	-
Reporting	26,500	22,000	81,500	5,000
Sundry	13,500	2,000	15,500	-
Total	400,000	354,000	431,000	28,000

Chapter 3 - Specially Protected Areas

Support to SPA/RAC, Tunis	175,000	125,000	200,000	-
GRAND TOTAL	3,519,830 ^{13/}	1,715,270 (49%)	3,768,000	157,909 (4%)

3/ Approved \$3,462,000. Difference of \$57,830 carried from 1983 in Chapter I.

Terms of reference of Consultants to be
recruited in 1984

1. Under the supervision of the Director of the Co-ordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan to develop in Athens a computer programme for projects management and accounting purposes.

Period: 2 months between January and April 1984
Fees, travel and per diem: US \$4,000
Travel: Athens/Nairobi/Athens.

2. Under the supervision of the Senior Programme Officer to continue organising the library and more particularly:

- To index and archive documents produced in the Unit or received through various ways (preferably in computer compatible form);
- To shelve in the proper way all the documents for use and stock;
- To prepare correspondence with Institutions in order to increase the documentation available for our own use and with other local libraries where relevant information might be available.

Period envisaged: 3 months between January and March 1984
Fees: US \$3,000

3. Under the supervision of the Senior Programme Officer to edit documentation for the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Co-operation to be held in Athens in 1984 and other miscellaneous documents.

Period: 2 months May/June 1984.
Fees, travel and per diem: US \$5,000.
Travel: London/Geneva/Athens and return.

4. Under the supervision of the Director of the Co-ordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan to study the collection of data in MAP regional centres and make proposals for the development of a coherent, mutually compatible system. These proposals will be submitted to the meeting of the Working Group on data to be held in 1984 (see UNEP/IG.43/6, paragraph 97).

Period: two months May - June 1984.
Fees, travel and per diem: US \$8,000
Travel: Athens/Cannes/Geneva/Malta.

5. Preparation of Meeting of Government experts on the Inter-State Guarantee Fund to be held in 1985 if extraordinary meeting so decides. (see UNEP/IG.43/3, paragraph 83)

Under the supervision of the Director of the Co-ordinating Unit,
- To update the documentation prepared for the 2nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (UNEP/IG.23/INF.3).
- To prepare additional documentation for the Meeting.

Period envisaged: from June to December 1984.
Fees, travel and DSA: US \$8,000
Travel: Athens/Paris/Rome/Morocco.