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INTRODUCTION

1. At the kind invitation of its President, H.E. Mr. Javier Saenz Cosculluela, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Spain, the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean against pollution and its related protocols met in Madrid on 20 March 1986.
2. All members of the Bureau were present at the Meeting:
 - H. E. Mr. Javier Saenz Cosculluela (Spain), President;
 - H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Boufettas (Morocco), Vice-President;
 - H.E. Mr. Abdul-Hamid Munajid (Syrian Arab Republic), Vice-President;
 - Ms. Nuran Talu (Turkey), Rapporteur.
3. The Meeting was opened by H. E. Mr. Javier Saenz Cosculluela, President of the Bureau, who welcomed the participants to the Meeting.
4. The Meeting adopted its Agenda which is contained as an Annex to this report.

Agenda item 1: Progress report by the Co-ordinator

5. Mr. Aldo Manos, the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), welcomed the participants on behalf of Dr. M.K. Tolba, Executive Director of UNEP, and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the President for hosting the Meeting in Madrid.
6. The Co-ordinator highlighted the main developments and problems encountered since the last meeting of the Contracting Parties (Genoa, 9-13 September 1985) until the present meeting.
7. After a general discussion, the Bureau took note of the progress report of the Co-ordinator on activities from September 1985 to March 1986.

Agenda item 2: Preliminary draft of the programme calendar
1986-1995

8. The Genoa Meeting (September 1985) emphasized the importance of the draft programme calendar with specific targets to be achieved by certain dates and decided that the programme calendar would be circulated to the Member States for comments and discussed with the Bureau before further action was taken.

9. The Bureau took note of the first draft Programme Calendar 1986-1995 and suggested that countries members of the Bureau review the Calendar and submit their observations to the secretariat within a period of two months.

Agenda item 3: Alternative methods of calculating contributions
to the Mediterranean Trust Fund

10. As requested by the Genoa Meeting (document UNEP/IG.56/5, paras. 146, 147), the Co-ordinator presented to the Bureau some suggestions for revising the apportionment of contributions to the MTF over the period 1988-1991.

11. The Bureau was informed of France's intention to reduce its contribution to the Mediterranean Trust Fund to 35% in 1988 and 25% in 1989.

12. The Bureau took note of the approach shown in the secretariat's paper on contributions and requested the Co-ordinator to seek comments of all Contracting Parties on it in order to continue the study of this matter at the next Bureau meeting.

Agenda item 4: Proposed adjustments in the 1986 Budget

13. The Co-ordinator proposed some adjustments to the 1986 budget. The Meeting discussed the proposals and approved them as follows:

(a) to be financed from unspent funds from 1985:

- the cost of implementation of the LBS protocol recommended by the meeting of government experts on LBS (Athens, 9-13 December 1985)

1986 = \$ 68,000

1987 = \$ 61,000

(b) to be financed from savings that may accrue in other budget lines during 1986 and 1987:

Section I, Chapter 1: Co-ordination

	1986	1987
	(in US Dollars)	
1(a) (Personnel) upgrade data processor ^{2/} from P-2 to P-4	+ 20,000	+ 20,000
1(b) (Consultants) Additional local clerk G2 (5 m/m; 12 m/m)	+ 4,500	+ 9,000
4. (Equipment) Replacement of Wang's Central processing unit	-	+ 39,000

Section I, Chapter 6 - Training and exchange of information

	1986	1987
	(in US Dollars)	
a. Additional cost of Travelling Exhibition	+ 25,000	+ 10,000

- b. Support to a meeting to draft a model Statute for youth participation in the protection of the Mediterranean Sea. (Jointly with Legacy, Washington D.C. U.S.A.) + 28,000 -
- c. Video-Cassette of the Cartagena Youth meeting on protection of the Mediterranean + 25,000 -
- c. to transfer \$ 30,000 from Equipment to Personnel within the Blue Plan budget.

Agenda item 5: Opening of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas

14. The Co-ordinator informed the Meeting of arrangements for the official opening of the RAC/SPA in Salamambo, Tunis. The Meeting took note of the progress in the preparation of the official opening of RAC/SPA and designated H.E. Mr. Abdul-Hamid Munajid of Syria (Vice-President), to represent the Bureau at the official opening of the Centre.

Agenda item 6: United Nations General Assembly Resolutions pertinent to the activities of the Mediterranean Action Plan

15. The Bureau took note of several resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its 40th session to which the Co-ordinator drew the Bureau's attention (nos. 40/14; 40/63; 40/157; 40/167; 40/200; 40/248; 40/316).

16. The Bureau considered that in response to the invitation contained in operative paragraph 6 of General Assembly Resolution 40/157, the Countries Members of the Bureau, in their submission to the Secretary-General, could stress the contribution made by co-operation in the framework of the Barcelona Convention to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region.

17. The Bureau further invited the other Contracting Parties to do likewise in their submission to the Secretary-General in response to this resolution.

Agenda item 7: Date and place of next meeting

18. At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Abderrahmane Boufettas, the Bureau decided to hold its next meeting during the second week of September 1986 in Rabat, Morocco.

Agenda item 8: Report of the Meeting

19. The Bureau unanimously adopted its report and asked that it be circulated to the Contracting Parties.

Annex

1. Progress report by the Co-ordinator
2. Preliminary draft of the Programme Calendar 1986-1995
3. Alternative methods of calculating contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund
4. Proposed adjustments in the 1986 budget
5. Opening of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas, Salammbô, Tunis
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