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Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU
OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST
POLIUTION AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS

### Opening of the Meeting

- 1. The Meeting was called to order by H.E. Mr. I. Butini, Vice-President (Italy), who was chairing in the absence of H.E. Mr. A. Ebeid, President of the Bureau, and at his request. Mr. V. Mandl, Vice-President (EEC), Mr. A. Demetropulos, Rapporteur (Cyprus) and Mr. E. Eid (Egypt) were present. Two members of the Bureau were accompanied by advisers. The Co-ordinator, Mr. A. Manos, represented the Secretariat. Mr. I. Dharat, Programme Officer, acted as Secretary of the meeting. The list of participants is contained in Annex I to this report.
- 2. In his opening statement, the President welcomed the members of the Bureau to Rome on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He noted that the Mediterranean Sea has become a focus of attention and emphasized the importance of regional co-operation.
- 3. The representative of Egypt conveyed the good wishes of Dr. Ebeid, who was not able to attend due to the present situation in the area.

### Agenda Item 1 - Adoption of the Agenda

4. The Agenda suggested by the Secretariat (UNEP/BUR/37/1) and annotated in document UNEP/BUR/37/2 was adopted.

# Agenda Item 2 - Progress report by the Co-ordinator on the implementation of the 1990-1991 approved programme and budget

- 5. The Co-ordinator, Mr. A. Manos, extended to the participants the greetings of Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, Executive Director of UNEP. He introduced the progress report contained in document UNEP/BUR/37/3 and UNEP/BUR/37/3/Add.1 on the activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, 19-20 February 1990) and document UNEP/BUR/37/5 distributed during the meeting. He provided additional information on recent developments.
- 6. The Bureau was informed of recent comments concerning the draft offshore protocol submitted by France and Turkey and decided that another meeting of the Working Group should be convened before the end of the year.

- 7. The Bureau welcomed the accession of Albania to the Barcelona Convention and its related Protocols. It agreed that its contribution to the Mediterranean Trust Fund should start from 1 January 1991 at the level of 0.07 percent (U.S. \$2,459 in 1991) based on its contribution to the UN Regular Budget.
- 8. The Co-ordinator informed the meeting that Morocco ratified the SPA protocol in August 1990. A revised status of signatures and ratifications was distributed to the Bureau as contained in Annex II to this report.
- 9. The Bureau took note of the oral reports made by the Vice-Presidents and welcomed the progress made by the Adriatic coastal States and the EEC Commission in promoting the establishment of a subregional environmental co-operative scheme for the protection of the Adriatic Sea and its coasts. The Secretariat was invited to continue to provide technical support to Adriatic member-countries with a view to co-ordinating environmental activities at subregional level. The Vice-Presidents were invited to pursue their contacts with the other interested parties in order to finalize as appropriate the formal understanding for environmental co-operation known as the "Adriatic Initiative".
- 10. The Co-ordinator informed the meeting that the Ministries of Environment of the USSR and Bulgaria had accepted UNEP's proposal to develop a regional Convention for the Black Sea. UNEP intended to proceed with a technical consultation as soon as one more Black Sea country accepted the proposal.
- 11. The Bureau recognized the importance of continuing the contacts undertaken with the Black Sea countries with a view to establishing cooperative relations with the MAP. To this purpose the Secretariat was asked to explore the possibility of inviting the northern Black Sea countries to participate -where appropriate as observers in the next meeting of the Contracting Parties in 1991. The Secretariat was also authorized to respond when requested to technical questions on the activities of MAP by the same countries in the framework of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme. The two Vice Presidents of the Bureau were invited to pursue contacts at appropriate level with the authorities of the above-mentioned countries with a view to enhancing environmental co-operation between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries.
- 12. The representative of the EEC invited for consultations the Coordinator to visit Brussels in order to discuss the implementation of the Nicosia Charter and the utilisation of the EEC voluntary contribution. The dates will be decided soon.

- 13. The Co-ordinator called the attention of the Bureau to the delays in obtaining replies to the Questionnaire on the survey of pollutants from land-based sources and referred to an offer made by the Italian Association of Chemical Industries, in co-operation with the corresponding associations in France and Spain, to co-operate in relevant aspects of the IBS Protocol implementation.
- 14. The Bureau took note of the recommendation made by the consultant on communication facilities at the Regional Marine Polution Emergency Response Centre (REMPEC) and supported the upgrading of the facilities.
- 15. The representative of Egypt proposed that the Secretariat convene a Working Group on port reception facilities taking into account the commitment contained in the Nicosia Charter concerning the financing of 20 reception facilities in Mediterranean ports, chosen on the basis of an objective study.
- 16. As concerns the recommendation of the last joint meeting of the Technical Committees concerning the convening of a working group in 1991 before the next meeting of the Contracting Parties to consider and outline the future development of the Blue Plan, the Bureau approved the recommendation.
- 17. The representative of Egypt invited the Secretariat to explore with a major publisher in Egypt the possibility of publication of the Arabic version of the Blue Plan report.
- 18. The representative of Italy confirmed the intention of undertaking an Italian version of the Blue Plan report.
- 19. The Co-ordinator informed the Bureau that the text of the Agreement between Tunisia and UNEP concerning the legal status of the SPA/RAC had been further discussed and its signature was expected soon. In this connection the representative of Egypt offered the facilities in his country for any meeting the Centre might organize.
- 20. The Bureau was informed that the World Bank had approved a grant of U.S. \$330,000 for the Kastela Bay project.
- 21. The Co-ordinator informed the Bureau that the first exploratory phase of the Fuka (Egypt) project was now completed and requested the approval to spend U.S. \$30,000 from operational savings to develop the second phase in 1991. The Bureau gave its approval. The representative of Egypt re-iterated the importance attached by his government to the Fuka project and referred to the official contacts underway with Italy for bilateral support to the project.

- 22. The Bureau took note of the action taken by UNEP in respect of the salaries in PAP/RAC (document UNEP/BUR/37/5), approved the extension to September 1991, and approved the intention of the Secretariat to present to the next meeting of the Bureau a comprehensive paper on the salaries in the three Regional Activity Centres.
- 23. With regard to information, the Co-ordinator informed the Bureau of a recent offer made by the Italian State Television (RAI) to UNEP to develop a series of programmes on the Mediterranean. The Bureau recognized the importance of the offer and invited the Co-ordinator to follow it up.
- 24. The status of contributions as of 7 August 1990 was distributed, as it appears in Annex III to this report. The representative of Italy confirmed the commitment to disburse the contribution due for 1990 and 1991 at the earliest possible date.
- 25. The Bureau endorsed the Co-ordinator's proposal concerning the upgrading of two professional posts in the Co-ordinating Unit, contained in document UNEP/BUR/37/3/Add.1 on the understanding that, when the posts would become vacant, the replacements would be recruited at the present levels of P.4 and P.5.
- 26. The Bureau was informed that the lease of the office of the Coordinating Unit in Athens might not be renewed at the end of 1991 and invited the host country to provide the necessary accommodation.
- 27. At the end of the discussion of this agenda item, the Bureau took note of the progress report contained in document UNEP/BUR/37/3 including its annexes I, II, III and IV, and of the supplementary oral comments provided by the Co-ordinator.
- Agenda Item 3 Contribution of the Mediterranean coastal States to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- 28. The Co-ordinator introduced document UNEP/BUR/37/4 entitled: "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" and briefed the Bureau on the conclusions of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (Nairobi, 6-31 August 1990) with regard to the regional seas and coastal areas. The representative of Italy supplemented this information and summarized all the main decisions of that meeting.
- 29. The Bureau discussed in detail the preparation and content of the consolidated report to be prepared by the Secretariat, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Contracting Parties.

- 30. The representative of Egypt suggested that the Secretariat requests the Contracting Parties for their suggestions and inputs as soon as possible.
- 31. The representative of the EEC endorsed the suggestions of the Secretariat and referred in this respect to paragraph 8 of the Nicosia Charter which agreed to "present a common subregional proposal to the 1992 Conference".
- 32. The Co-ordinator took note of the points made and revised the proposed calendar contained in document UNEP/BUR/37/4 as follows:

-	Request Governments to submit urgent comments	September 1990
-	Preparation of Mediterranean report	Oct./Nov. 1990
	Circulation to the Contracting Parties	1 December 1990
•••	Deadline for submitting written comments on the text to the Co-ordinating Unit	31 December 1990
-	Review meeting for adoption of the final version of the Mediterranean report	16-18 Jan. 1991
-	Submission to Bureau	6-7 Feb. 1991
-	Transmission of the Mediterranean Report by the Executive Director of UNEP to the Secretary-General of the Conference	15 March 1991
-	Second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee	18 March — 2 April 1991

33. The Bureau approved the revised calendar.

### Agenda Item 4 - Date and place of the next meeting of the Bureau

34. The Vice-President from EEC reconfirmed his invitation to hold the next meeting of the Bureau in Brussels. The Bureau accepted the proposal and decided to convene its next meeting in Brussels on 6 and 7 February 1991.

### Agenda Item 5 - Other business

- 35. The representative of Italy informed the Bureau of the offer made by the Committee for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas to convene in Genoa, in June 1991, a meeting of Mediterranean and Caribbean Coastal States. The purpose of the meeting was to compare their respective approaches to the protection of the sea and coastal areas and to develop technical exchanges in the future. The representative of Egypt supported the proposal. The Coordinator thanked Italy on behalf of UNEP which will support the initiative through its Units for the Caribbean and for the Mediterranean.
- 36. The Bureau noted with satisfaction that in line with the wish expressed by the Bureau at its meeting in Cairo, the MAP had been invited as an observer to the meeting on the Mediterranean convened in Palma de Mallorca, Spain (24 September 19 October 1990) in the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). The representative of Italy informed that other Mediterranean coastal States non-signatories of the Helsinki Final Act had been invited to the Palma meeting as observers. He emphasized that the CSCE forum would be an appropriate one for promoting co-operation between Mediterranean and Black Sea countries.

### Agenda Item 6 - Adoption of the report of the meeting

- 37. The Bureau adopted its report on 7 September 1990.
- 38. In adopting the report the Bureau expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for hosting its meeting in Rome and for the facilities and hospitality it had provided.

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Regional Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution Status of Contributions as at 17 August 1990 (in United States Dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31 Dec. 1989	Adjustments for prior years	Pledges for 1990	Pledges for 1991	Collections during 1990 for prior	Collections in 1990 for 1990 & future	Unpaid pledges for 1990 and	Unpaid Pledges for 1991
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Algeria	32,342.66	***	35,116	36,872	16,495.64	I	50,963.02	36,872.00
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Monaco	10.00	ı	2,342	2,459	i	4,684.00	ı	127.00
Morocco	16,416.17	1	9,365	6,833	16,416.17	9,365.00	1	9,833.00
Spain	1	i	500,054	525,057	1	i	500,054.00	525,057.00
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Yugoslavia	121,762.40	ı	107,690	113,075	i	i	229,452.40	113,075.00
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Total	2,540,049.02	36,125.93	3,920,269	3,500,238	2,377,697.66	1,977,789.00	2,143,289.29	3,497,906.00

In addition, the EEC intends to contribute a voluntary contribution of US \$582,541 for 1991. Total collections during 1990 as at 17 August 1990 US \$4,355,486.66. 7