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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGIONAL OIL-COMBATING CENTRE
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

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Addendum

1. In response to the decision of the Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts on a Regional Oil-Combating Centre that governments were to submit any offer to host the regional or sub-regional centres to the Geneva Office of UNEP, the Republic of Turkey informed UNEP of its wish to act as host to a sub-regional centre. A detailed proposal was received by UNEP after the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/CONF.1/9) had been distributed. The detailed proposal of the Government of Turkey is described in this addendum to the above-mentioned report.

2. The Government of Turkey is willing to host a sub-regional centre in Izmir. It is proposed that the sub-regional centre should have parallel objectives to those of the regional centre as outlined in document UNEP/CONF.1/9. More specifically, it is proposed that the sub-regional centre should perform the following functions:

A. Collecting and disseminating information

- (i) on inventories of experts and equipment available for combating massive accidental spillages of oil;
- (ii) on methods, techniques, and plans used for combating oil pollution;
- (iii) on areas in the Eastern Mediterranean which, because of their ecological characteristics, are particularly vulnerable to oil pollution damage;
- (iv) to and from the regional centre and the Eastern Mediterranean countries, when necessary;

- B. Establishing a communications network among ships, national centres, sub-regional centres and the regional centre.

3. It is also proposed that the centre employ a training officer who may administer an additional programme for the practical training of the personnel of fire-fighting and oil-combating tug boats within the sub-region.

4. There is already a centre in Izmir which deals with marine affairs. The centre is located in a two-storey building and, at present, has a staff of sixteen. If the existing centre were to become a sub-regional centre, the Government of Turkey would add the following personnel:

- A. A director
- B. Two technical experts
- C. A technical assistant
- D. An information expert
- E. An assistant information officer
- F. An assistant administrative clerk
- G. A training officer
- H. A technical draftsman
- I. A statistician
- J. A secretary
- K. Two translators (one English, one French)
- L. Four typists/telexoperators
- M. Eight telecommunications operators
- N. A driver
- O. A caretaker

5. The total annual salaries for the staff of the centre is estimated at US \$322,360.

6. The centre would also co-operate with the universities within Turkey.

7. The facilities available for telecommunications, the investment budget, and the annual budget of the centre are provided in the detailed proposal which the Government of Turkey has distributed to the delegates to the Conference.