

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION AND  
RELATED PROTOCOLS

The Contracting Parties:

1. Take note with satisfaction of the entry into force of MARPOL 73/78;
2. Invite all Mediterranean coastal States to become parties to the MARPOL 73/78 Convention;
3. Invite States which are Parties to MARPOL 73/78, to initiate practical steps for its implementation;
4. Request the secretariat in co-operation with IJO to update the study on off-shore exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed and to submit it to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties;
5. Request the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Co-operation at its 1984 meeting to propose common procedures and standards for pollution monitoring as developed in the framework of MED POL for adoption by the Fourth Meeting of Contracting Parties;
6. Invite all Contracting Parties that have not done so to designate the competent authorities responsible for pollution monitoring and as required by Article 10.3 of the Convention and to inform the secretariat of such designation;
7. Approve the preparation by the secretariat of a study that would evaluate the adequacy of the existing coverage for environmental pollution damage in the Mediterranean and advise the Contracting Parties at their fourth meeting on the need, if any, for an Inter-State Guarantee Fund, on its proposed coverage, method funding and operation;
8. Invite all Contracting Parties to prepare the first consolidated report on measures adopted in the implementation of the Convention covering the calendar year 1983 and to submit it to the secretariat not later than 30 June 1984;
9. Take note of the report on the implementation of the Protocol on the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft (UNEP.WG.91/8);
10. Request all the Contracting Parties having ratified the Protocol on dumping to take all the necessary measures to apply the Protocol informing promptly the secretariat of any measures taken;
11. Take note of 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 (UNEP/IG.49/INF.7);

12. Request the secretariat in co-operation with IMO to propose a revised format for reporting in cases of emergency which should be harmonized with the forms used in other similar Conventions;
13. Request all the Contracting Parties having ratified the protocol on co-operation to take all the necessary measures to apply the Protocol and inform the secretariat of any measures taken;
14. Take note of the report on the activities of the Regional Oil Combating Centre in 1983 (UNEP/IG.49/INF.8);
15. Endorse the workplan of the Regional Oil Combating Centre as presented in UNEP/IG.49/3/Add.2;
16. Approve the budgetary allocations for 1984 and 1985 contained in Chapter 5, Section I of the budget;
17. Take note with satisfaction of the entry into force of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources;
18. Invite all other signatories and other Mediterranean coastal States to become Parties to this Protocol, and
19. Invite all signatories and other Mediterranean coastal States to ratify the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas in the Mediterranean.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

The Contracting Parties:

1. Recommend that the secretariat studies the relevant provision of the Law of the Sea Convention, in particular those constituting customary international law, and their bearing on the co-operation of the States in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention, and reports to the Contracting Parties.