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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

Meeting of the MAP focal points

Athens, Greece, 7-10 July 2009

**SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS**



## Draft decision on Sound management of chemicals

### ***The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Contracting Parties,***

*Recalling* Article 8 of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean as amended in Barcelona in 1995, herein after referred to as the Barcelona Convention,

*Recalling* Article 15 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities, as amended in 1996, herein after referred to as the LBS Protocol,

*Recalling* also decision IG 17/8 of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Almeria, Spain in January 2008 on the implementation of the NAPs and elaboration of the legally binding measures and programmes pursuant to Article 15 of the LBS protocol,

*Noting* the action list of chemicals agreed upon by the MED POL Meeting on the Implementation of NAPs and the Preparation of Legally Binding Measures and Timetables Required by Article 15 of the LBS Protocol which was held in Aix-en-Provence, 27-28 November 2008,

*Recalling* the progress made at international level on the need to ensure coordination and cooperation between the chemicals conventions and programmes,

*Recognizing* that there is a need to ensure effective use of resources and coherence between the sectorial policies related to chemicals at the national level,

*Noting* decision SC-4/23 adopted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention with regard to the recognition of CP/RAC as a regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention,

*Appreciating* the work carried out at CP/RAC on the transfer of technology and the capacity building in Mediterranean Countries on BAT, BEP and the Sound Chemical Management,

*Recognizing* the importance of ensuring cooperative action between centres working in the field of Cleaner Production and Chemicals in the Mediterranean.

### ***Decides to:***

a) **endorse** the decision taken by the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the parties to the Stockholm Convention that acknowledges the MAP regional Activity Centre on Cleaner Production (CP/RAC) as a Regional Centre under the Stockholm Convention for capacity building and technology transfer in the Mediterranean Region.

b) **agree** to promote the role of CP/RAC as the facilitator to the necessary coordination of Mediterranean Regional Centres under the Stockholm and Basel Conventions and the centres working in the field of Cleaner Production in the Mediterranean Region with the aim of preparing joint programmes as appropriate.

c) **agree** to endeavour to ensure consistency between the different national chemicals strategies (National Implementation Plans of Stockholm Convention and National Profiles for SAICM) with the National Action Plans under the LBS protocol of Barcelona Convention.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties**, urges the Contracting Parties to agree to start working with the support of MED POL and CP/RAC with a view to preparing Regional Plans/Programmes pursuant to Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, on the following:

a) new POPs recently included in the Stockholm Convention, *inter alia* in relation to the production, use, trade articles and products and wastes containing those substances, and the stockpiles of the following substances:

- I. Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane
- II. Beta hexachlorocyclohexane
- III. Hexabromobiphenyl
- IV. Chlordecone
- V. Pentachlorobenzene
- VI. Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and Pentabromodiphenyl ether
- VII. Hexabromodiphenyl ether and Heptabromodiphenyl ether
- VIII. Lindane
- IX. Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its salts and Perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and its salts

b) Mercury, *inter alia* in relation to the production, use, trade articles and products and wastes containing those substances, and the stockpiles

c) BOD in the food sector,

**Invites** the Contracting Parties, to take necessary measures and support the joint work by MEDPOL and CP/RAC on the above list of pollutants,

**Requests** the Secretariat, CP/RAC and MEDPOL to take necessary measures for the implementation of this decision,

**Requests** also the Secretariat, CP/RAC and MEDPOL to enhance cooperation and coordination with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, in particular, Stockholm, Basel and Rotterdam Conventions with a view to ensuring synergy and efficient use of resources with regard to the sound management of chemicals.