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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Corrigendum

1. The second sentence of Item 3 should read:

"A draft of such rules is submitted for consideration by the Conference in documents UNEP/CONF.1/6 and UNEP/CONF.1/6/Corr.1."

2. The third paragraph of Item 4 should read:

"The two Vice-Presidents, the two Chairmen of the two main Committees, and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee are also to be members of the General Committee."

3. Item 6 should read:

"In accordance with rule 4 of the draft rules of procedure, the Conference shall appoint at the beginning a Credentials Committee of not more than six members to examine credentials of representatives and report to the Conference.

"The Conference may wish to decide that the General Committee should act as the Credentials Committee."

4. The first sentence of Item 8 should read:

"The timetable for the work of the Conference is proposed in document UNEP/CONF.1/7/Rev.1."

5. The last sentence of Item 12 should read:

"The report on the consultation is before the Conference as an information document, and the Executive Director's report on the establishment of a regional oil-combating centre is before the Conference as documents UNEP/CONF.1/9, UNEP/CONF.1/9/Add.1, and UNEP/CONF.1/9/Corr.1."

6. Item 15 should read as follows:

"Signature of the Final Act of the Conference and Closing of the Conference"

Arrangements for the signature of the Final Act will be made final by the General Committee in consultation with representatives of the host Government."

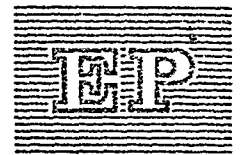
7. Item 16 should read:

"Signature of the Convention and the Protocols"

Arrangements for the signature of the Convention and the Protocols will be made by the Government of Spain."



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### 1. Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 2 February 1976 in the Palacio de Congressos at Barcelona. Details of the opening ceremony, which will include an address by a representative of the Spanish Government and another by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, will be decided in agreement with the representative of the host Government.

### 2. Election of the President

In accordance with rule 6 of the draft rules of procedure (Document UNEP/CONF.1/6) the Conference shall elect a president to preside at the plenary meetings and also serve as Chairman of the General Committee which will assist him in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and to ensure the co-ordination of its work.

### 3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Conference should adopt its own Rules of Procedure. A draft of such rules is submitted for consideration by the Conference in document UNEP/CONF.1/6. These draft rules are essentially the same as those followed by conferences of plenipotentiaries convened under the auspices of the United Nations. Minor changes, relating mostly to the size of the subsidiary organs of the conference, have been introduced to suit the nature of this Conference.

### 4. Election of two Vice-Presidents and two Chairmen for the two main Committees

Rule 6 of the draft rules of procedure provides also for the election of two Vice-Presidents and a Chairman of each of the two main committees provided for in Rule 47, namely Committee I and Committee II.

To assist it in the election of these officers, the Conference may wish to designate, upon the proposal of the President, a Nomination Committee which would submit to the afternoon plenary meeting nominations for the offices of the two Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Chairmen of the two main committees, and the composition of the Credentials Committee (Item 6) and the Drafting Committee (Item 7).

The two Vice-Presidents and the two Chairmen of the two main committees are also to be members of the General Committee.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The Conference will be invited to adopt its agenda and for that purpose a provisional agenda is submitted in document UNEP/CONF.1/7.

6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the draft rules of procedure, the Conference shall appoint at the beginning a Credentials Committee of not more than five members to examine credentials of representatives and report to the Conference.

The Conference may wish to decide that this Committee will be composed of the President, and the two Vice-Presidents of the Conference and the Chairmen of the two main committees.

7. Appointment of the Drafting Committee

In accordance with rule 48 of the draft rules of procedure, the Conference shall appoint on the proposal of the General Committee a Drafting Committee consisting of not more than five members.

8. Organization of the work of the Conference

The timetable for the work of the Conference is proposed in document UNEP/CONF.1/9. The main committees will be committees of the whole in which all participating States may be represented. In contrast to plenary meetings, where decision on all matters of substance are taken by two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, the main committees may take their decision by a simple majority vote.

It is suggested that Committee I should deal with items 9 and 10 of the provisional agenda, while Committee II should deal with items 11 and 12. If Committee II finishes its work before Committee I, it will then examine item 10. The remaining items of the provisional agenda will be dealt with in plenary.

It is further proposed that as the two main committees complete discussions on any part of the subject matter which they are considering, they should request the Drafting Committee to prepare final texts of the articles and/or decisions for submission, with the approval of the Committee concerned, to the plenary for final adoption.

9. Examination of Draft Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment against Pollution in the Mediterranean
10. Examination of Draft Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft
11. Examination of Draft Protocol on Co-operation in Combatting Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency

At the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean, (Barcelona, 28 January-4 February 1975), first drafts of the three legal instruments before the Conference were considered. These texts were then revised in the light of the discussions at that meeting, and were subsequently submitted to a working group of legal experts which met at Geneva,

under UNEP auspices, from 7-11 April 1975. The report of the Working Group is before the Conference as document UNEP/CONF.1/2. The three legal texts have been revised to incorporate the changes recommended by the Working Group. The final clauses of the three drafts (articles and paragraphs identified by an asterisk) were, in accordance with the recommendations of the Working Group, reviewed and harmonized by the secretariat of the group. Additional clauses which the working group requested the secretariat to draft, as well as the alternative draft provisions proposed by the working group, have been included in square brackets. It is the objective of the Conference to hold discussions on and adopt a final text on the basis of these draft legal instruments and to open them for signature.

12. Examination of the Executive Director's report on the establishment of a Regional Oil-Combating Centre in the Mediterranean

At the Intergovernmental Consultation of Experts on a regional oil-combating centre which was convened by UNEP in Malta from 15-19 September 1975 it was agreed that the decision for establishing such a centre should be made by the Governments at this Plenipotentiary Conference in Barcelona. The report on the consultation is before the Conference as an information document, and the Executive Director's report on the establishment of a regional oil-combating centre is before the Conference as document UNEP/CONF.1/10.

13. Consideration of the report of the Credentials Committee

Under this item, the Conference will consider the report of the Credentials Committee and adopt a decision thereon.

14. Adoption of the Convention and Protocols and of the Final Act of the Conference

As proposed under item 8 on the organization of the work of the Conference, the decisions of the two main committees, as put in final form by the Drafting Committee with the approval of the main committees, will be submitted to the Conference for adoption. There will be a separate vote on each of the articles of the Convention and the two Protocols.

15. Signature of the Convention, Protocols and the Final Act of the Conference

Arrangements for the signature of the Convention and the Protocols and the Final Act will be finalized by the General Committee in consultation with representatives of the host Government.

16. Closing of the Conference.

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