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Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties  
to the Convention for the Protection of the  
Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its  
related protocols and Intergovernmental  
Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States  
on the Action Plan

Cannes, 2 - 7 March 1981

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Monday, 2 March 1981, at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes, France, by the President of the previous ordinary meeting. His Excellency M. Michel d'Ornano, Minister of Environment and Quality of Life will pronounce a welcoming address. Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, will deliver an opening statement. Details of this ceremony will be announced later.

Agenda item 2. Rules of procedure

2. Since the meeting is jointly the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and an Intergovernmental Meeting of the Mediterranean Coastal States, the Rules of Procedure adopted at the first meeting of Contracting Parties will apply (document UNEP/IG.14/9, Annex VII).

Agenda item 3. Election of officers

3. In accordance with Rule 20.(1) of the Rules of Procedure, the meeting is to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers shall constitute the Bureau of the Meeting (Rule 23) from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau (Rule 10) has been distributed under symbol UNEP/IG.23/1.

Agenda item 5. Organization of work

5. It is proposed to establish under rule 24 two committees to consider the agenda items indicated in the suggested time-table, appearing as an annex to this document. In line with past practice, the two Vice-Chairmen of the meeting are expected to chair the two committees. Each committee should elect its own vice-chairman and rapporteur. The remaining agenda items should be considered in plenary.

6. In view of the heavy work-load of the meeting, it is proposed that a large proportion of time be devoted to the work of the committees and that initial discussion in plenary be concluded before the end of the first day so that committees may meet already during the afternoon of Monday.

Agenda item 6. Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan and recommendations for activities to be undertaken during the 1981 - 1982 - 1983 period

7. The Report of the Executive Director, which has been distributed as document UNEP/IG.23/4, describes the progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan since the Intergovernmental Review Meeting held in Barcelona, 11-13 February 1980.

8. The Co-ordinator of the Action Plan will introduce the Report, reviewing 1980 activities and describe the objectives of the Action Plan for the 1981-1983 triennium.

Agenda item 6.1. Environmental legislation

9. a) Matters arising from the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean

Sea against pollution:

The Turkish authorities have informed the secretariat in November 1980 that the Convention and the two related protocols had been ratified by the appropriate Turkish body. So far the legal instruments have not been deposited with the Government of Spain.

b) Matters arising from the Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the

Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft:

The Meeting has before it a proposal for a meeting of experts/working group on the above protocol and a meeting of experts on the format for reporting as provided for in Article 20 of the Convention, in Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft and in Article 9 of the protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by oil, and other harmful substances in cases of emergency, 1983.

The above two meetings could, perhaps, be combined.

As requested by the Barcelona Review Meeting (document UNEP/IG.18/7, para. 27) the report of the Group of Experts on the Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft, Geneva, 2-6 July 1979, is submitted in document UNEP/IG.23/INF.4.

The tests recommended by the Commission of the Oslo Convention in relation to the Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean sea by dumping from ships and aircraft are submitted in document UNEP/IG.14/INF.5.

- c) Matters arising from the Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean sea by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency, including the regional oil combating centre.

A report on the activities and organization of the Regional Oil Combating Centre is submitted in document UNEP/IG.23/INF.14.

The report of the Review Meeting on the activities of the Regional Oil Combating Centre, held in Malta, 17-20 November 1980, is submitted in document UNEP/IG.23/INF.15.

A proposed budget for the Regional Centre for 1981-83 is contained in UNEP/IG.23/6 for consideration and approval.

- d) Matters arising from the protocol concerning the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources.

The Meeting has before it the following documents:

- Final Act and Protocol, Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources, Athens, 12-17 May 1980.

The Meeting may wish to take note with satisfaction of the successful conclusion of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries and endorse Conference Resolution No. 1 "urging all parties that are entitled to sign the Protocol to do so as soon as practicable and to complete at the earliest opportunity the constitutional procedures needed for the ratification, acceptance or approval of the Protocol under their respective statutory or legislative provisions and to transmit the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to the Depositary";

"Calling upon all parties entitled to accede to the Protocol to do so as soon as possible after the period specified in article 16, paragraph 5, of the Protocol".

The Meeting has before it for consideration and approval a proposal to hold two meetings of experts on the protocol on land-based sources, in 1982 and 1983.

e) Draft protocol concerning Mediterranean specially protected areas and recommendation of the Intergovernmental Meeting on Mediterranean specially protected areas (Athens, 13-17 October 1980)

The Meeting has before it the following documents :

- Report of the Intergovernmental Meeting of Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas, Athens, 13-17 October 1980 (UNEP/IG.23/INF.6)
- UNEP/IG.23/10 : Geographical coverage of the draft protocol concerning Mediterranean specially protected areas : Study by a group of legal experts nominated by UNEP
- Principles, criteria and guidelines for the selection, establishment and management of Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas (UNEP/IG.23/INF.7).

The Meeting needs to consider the Recommendations of the Intergovernmental Meeting, contained in Annex VI of UNEP/IG.23/INF.6.

The cost estimates for holding a meeting of governmental experts to prepare the final draft protocol concerning specially protected areas and a Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the adoption of the Protocol are also contained in UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

f) Other legal matters

The Meeting has before it two documents :

- Report of the Meeting of Experts of the International Juridical Organization on the legal aspects of pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its subsoil in the Mediterranean, Rome, 11-15 December 1978 (UNEP/IG.23/INF.8)
- Report of the Seventh session of the Working Group of Experts on Environmental Law, Geneva, 21-31 October 1980 (UNEP/IG.23/INF.9).

In this connexion, the Meeting has before it for consideration and approval the proposal to hold a meeting of experts on pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and its subsoil.

The Meeting has before it a Study concerning a Mediterranean Inter-state Guarantee Fund and Liability and Compensation for damage resulting from the pollution of the marine environment (UNEP/IG.23/INF.3).

A proposal to hold a meeting of experts on the possibility of establishing an Inter-state Guarantee Fund is submitted for consideration and approval.

Proposals for a preliminary meeting on the guidelines for a protocol on fisheries and for a meeting/consultations on pollution from ships are also submitted for consideration and approval.

Agenda item 6.2. Environmental assessment

10. The Meeting has before it the following documents :

- UNEP/IG.23/INF.10 : Meeting of experts to evaluate the pilot phase of MED POL and to develop a long-term monitoring and research programme for the Mediterranean Action Plan, Geneva, 12-16 January 1981
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.11 : Selected Bibliography on the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.12 : Draft reference methods for pollution studies in the Mediterranean
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.13 : Draft environmental quality criteria
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.16 : Draft long-term programme for pollution monitoring and research in the Mediterranean (MED POL - Phase II) UNEP/WG.46/4
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.18 : ICSEM/UNEP Workshop on pollution of the Mediterranean, Cagliari, 9-13 October 1980
- UNEP/IG.23/8 : Report of the use of data-processing.

The proposals for the long-term monitoring and research programme are contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

Agenda item 6.3. Environmental management

11. a) Blue Plan

The Meeting has before it the following documents :

- Report on the activities relating to the Blue Plan, 1980 (UNEP/IG.23/INF.20)
- Report of the Second Meeting of Blue Plan National Focal Points, Cannes, 1-5 October 1979 (UNEP/IG.23/INF.20).

The proposals for the Blue Plan are contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

b) Priority Actions Programme

The Meeting will have before it the following documents :

- UNEP/IG.23/INF.21 : Report on the activities of the Joint UNDP/UNEP Unit
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.22 : The Priority Actions Programme of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Progress report and proposed activities for 1981-1983
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.23 : Report of the Government Expert Meeting of Mediterranean States on the Feasibility study for the Development of a Regional Co-operative Project on Mediterranean Coastal Human settlements, Split, 22-24 September 1980
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.24 : UNDP projects in the Mediterranean Region
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.25 : World Bank projects in the Mediterranean Region

Proposals for the Priority Actions Programme are contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

c) Specially protected areas

The proposal for the establishment of a regional activity centre on specially protected areas, made by the Intergovernmental meeting in Athens, October 1980, is contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

Agenda item 6.4. Institutional and financial arrangements

12. a) Enlarged bureau and review of the Rules of Procedure.

The Meeting may wish to establish a working group to consider the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure (UNEP/IG.23/3) and report on it to plenary.

Proposals for the Priority Actions Programme are contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6 for the Meeting's consideration and approval.

b) Budget for the Mediterranean Action Plan for the period 1981-1982.

The Meeting has before it the following documents :

- UNEP/IG.23/9 : Trust Fund : Financial Report
- UNEP/IG.23/6 : Recommendations of the Executive Director concerning the activities of the Mediterranean Action Plan for the triennium 1981-1983 and costs of these activities

- UNEP/IG.23/INF.26 : Report of the Meeting of financial and programming experts of the Mediterranean Coastal States, Geneva, 26-30 January 1981
- UNEP/IG.23/INF.27 : Evaluation and general programme guidelines, including budgetary summary table, detailed organizational chart showing the duties of the staff assigned to MAP as a whole, list of experts and consultants.

The Meeting is expected to approve a detailed work programme and budget 1981-1983 and to give indications to the expected time-table for payment of contributions.

c) Arrangements for the management of the Trust Fund beyond July 1981

A study by a consultant on the Administration of the Trust Fund is submitted to the Meeting in document UNEP/IG.23/5.

As the alternative arrangements require further analysis, the Meeting may wish to request an extension of the Trust Fund arrangements and consider convening an expert committee to study alternative arrangements, as proposed in document UNEP/IG.23/6.

d) Location of the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

The Meeting has before it the following document :

- Draft Headquarters Agreement for the establishment of the Mediterranean Co-ordinating Unit in a Mediterranean country (Document UNEP/IG.23/7)

This constitutes the updated legal study indicated in document UNEP/IG.18/7 (Barcelona report). Revised estimates of expenditures, and the latest indications received from prospective host countries, are contained in document UNEP/IG.23/6.

Agenda item 7. Other business

13. The Meeting will decide on the opening date and the duration of the next ordinary meeting in accordance with Rule 4.3 of the Rules of Procedure.

Agenda item 8. Adoption of the report

14. A draft report of the Meeting will be submitted to participants for adoption.

Agenda item 9. Closure of the meeting

15. The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Saturday, 7 March 1981.

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

DATE	SITTING	PLENARY	COMMITTEE I	COMMITTEE II
Monday 2 March 1981	morning afternoon	Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Item 6 (general debate)	-- Item 6.2 (a)	-- Item 6.1 (a),(b)
Tuesday 3 March 1981	morning afternoon		Item 6.2 (a) Item 6.2 (b)	Item 6.1 (c),(d),(e),(f) and 6.3 (a) Item 6.3 (a) and (b)
Wednesday 4 March 1981	morning afternoon		Item 6.2 (c) Item 6.3 (c)	Item 6.4 (b) Item 6.4 (c)
Thursday 5 March 1981	morning afternoon evening		-- Adoption of the report	-- Adoption of the report
Friday 6 March 1981	morning afternoon	Item 6.4 (a) and (d) Item 6.4 (d), 7	-- --	-- --
Saturday 7 March 1981	morning afternoon	-- Item 8, 9	-- --	-- --