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Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols

Athens, 10 - 13 April 1984

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

The opening session will be preceded by informal consultations of Heads of delegations on Tuesday, 10 April 1984 at 9.00 hours at the Hotel Caravel in Athens.

Agenda item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 10 April 1984 at the Hotel Caravel by the President elected by the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The Executive Director will deliver an opening statement.

Agenda item 2 - Rules of procedure

The Rules of procedure appearing in document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI, will apply. In accordance with Rule 20.2 the Bureau elected at the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties will serve in that capacity at the Extraordinary meeting.

Agenda item 3 - Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional Agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau (Rule 10) has been distributed as document UNEP/IG.49/1.

Agenda item 4 - Organization of work

It is proposed to establish under Rule 24 a Committee of the Whole open to all delegations to consider Agenda items 7 and 8, as indicated in the suggested time-table appearing as an annex to this document. In line with past practice the meeting is expected to designate one of its Vice-Chairmen to chair the Committee of the Whole. The Committee should elect at its first sitting a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur. The remaining Agenda items will be considered in plenary. In accordance with Rule 9 plenary sittings shall be held in public and Committee sittings shall be held in private, unless the meeting decides otherwise.

Agenda item 5 - Credentials

Each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required (Rule 18). The credentials of the representatives and the names of alternate representatives should be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening sitting. In accordance with Rule 19, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda item 6 - Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan in 1983 and recommendations for activities to be undertaken in 1984 - 1985 biennium, with related budget proposals.

The meeting will have before it document UNEP/IG.49/3. The report will be presented by the secretariat. The meeting will be invited to provide general comments on the report. Recommendations and detailed analysis of the report including its budget proposals will be considered under the corresponding agenda items, and adopted in plenary or by the Committee of the Whole for the items assigned to it.

Agenda item 7 - Integrated planning of the development and management of the resources of the Mediterranean basin.

7. a) Blue Plan

The meeting will have before it for information the Report of the meeting of National Focal Points for the Blue Plan, Sophia Antipolis, 24-27 January 1984, (UNEP/WG.100/6). The Recommendations for the second Phase of the Blue Plan are contained in document UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I..

The meeting will be expected to take note of the Report and consider the workplan for the second phase of the Blue Plan with its 1984 - 1985 budget, with a view to its approval.

7. b) Priority Actions Programme

The meeting will have before it for information the following document:

- Report on the implementation of the Priority Actions Programme in 1983 (UNEP/IG.49/INF.3)

The meeting will be expected to take note of the Report, and to consider the proposed activities in 1984 and 1985, including their budgetary implications, contained in the Report of the Executive Director, with a view to their approval (UNEP/IG.49/3 Annex I).

7. c) Specially protected areas

The meeting will be expected to consider the proposed activities for Specially Protected Areas with their 1984 - 1985 budget, with a view to their approval (UNEP/IG.49/3 Annex I).

Agenda item 8 - Long-term Programme for pollution monitoring and research in the Mediterranean Sea. (MEDPOL Phase II)

8. a) Monitoring

The meeting will have before it for information the following documents:

- Report on the implementation of the monitoring activities during 1981-1983 and proposals for 1983-1985 (UNEP/WG.91/3).
- Report of the Second Meeting of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Co-operation for MED POL (UNEP/WG.91/12).

The meeting will be expected to take note of these documents and to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 with their related budget as contained in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I and Appendix I) with a view to their approval.

8. b) Research

The meeting will have before it for information the following documents:

- Report on the implementation of the research activities during 1981-1983 and planned activities for 1984 and 1985 (UNEP/WG.91/4/Rev.1).
- Report on the Workshop Jelly-fish blooms in the Mediterranean Sea (UNEP/WG.103/1).

The meeting will be expected to take note of the report on research activities and to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 with their related budget as contained in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I and Appendix II) with a view to their approval.

The meeting will be further expected to take note of the Workshop report and to consider the recommendations of the WGSTC concerning a Mediterranean Jelly-fish Programme as contained in the Executive Director's report (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I, Appendix III) as well as the proposed workplan for a Jelly-fish Programme with the related budget contained in UNEP/IG.49/INF. 5 with a view to their approval.

8. c) Scientific/technical implementation of the Land-based Sources and Dumping Protocols

The meeting will be expected to consider the recommendations concerning preparations for the scientific/technical implementation of the Protocols on Land-based Sources and on Dumping as contained in the Executive Director's report (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I, Appendix IV) with a view to their approval.

8. d) Environmental Quality Criteria

The meeting will have before it for information the following documents:

- Assessment of the present state of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by mercury and proposed control measures (UNEP/WG.91/5).
- Assessment of the present state of microbial pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and proposed control measures (UNEP/WG.91/6).
- Comments received from the Contracting Parties on the two assessment documents (UNEP/IG.49/INF.6).

The meeting will be expected to take note of these documents and to consider the recommendations concerning measures to be taken in connection with the microbial pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I, Appendix V) and measures to be taken in connection with the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by mercury (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I, Appendix VI) with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 9 - Framework Convention and related protocols with their technical annexes for the protection of the Mediterranean environment

The meeting is invited to take note of the status of signatures and ratifications of the Convention and related protocols which is contained in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex II).

9. a) Implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution

Information and recommendations relating to the implementation of articles 6, 7, 10.2, 10.3, 11.3, 12, 20, 21 and 22.3 are contained in the Report of the Executive Director. The meeting will be invited to take note and approve them, as appropriate.

b) Implementation of the Protocol on the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft.

The Contracting Parties to the present Protocol will be invited to take note of the following document, submitted for the purposes of Art. 14 of the Protocol:

- 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).

The Contracting Parties to the present Protocol will be invited to consider the recommendations concerning the implementation of the Protocol, contained in document UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex I, with a view to their approval.

9. c) Implementation of the Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean by oil and other harmful substances in case of emergency

The meeting will be invited to take note of the following document, submitted for the purposes of Article 12 of the Protocol:

- Report on the implementation of the Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean by oil and other harmful substances in case of emergency. (UNEP/IG.49/INF.7 and Add.1).

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations concerning the implementation of the Protocol, contained in the Report of the Executive Director with a view to their approval.

9. d) Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from Land-Based Sources

Information and recommendations relating to this Protocol are contained in the Report of the Executive Director. The meeting will be invited to take note and approve them, as appropriate.

9. e) Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

Information and recommendations concerning the above Protocol are contained in the Report of the Executive Director for information and approval, as appropriate.

9. f) Other legal matters

As recommended by the Third Ordinary Meeting, the meeting will be invited to decide whether to convene a group of experts to examine the possibility of establishing an Inter-State Guarantee Fund in the Mediterranean (document UNEP/IG.49/INF.9).

Agenda item 10 - Institutional and financial implications of the Action Plan

10.a) Co-ordination

The meeting will be invited to take note of the activities in 1983 and to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 contained in the Report of the Executive Director, with a view to their approval.

10.b) Meetings

The meeting will be invited to take note of the meetings held in 1983 and to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 contained in the Report of the Executive Director, with a view to their approval.

10.c) Regional Oil Combating Centre

The meeting will be invited to take note of the following documents:

- Report of the Seminar on assistance in combating oil pollution in the Mediterranean - ROCC Action Plan (MEDAS 83) (Malta, 27-30 June 1983) (MDS 8/1/Rev.1).
- Progress report of the Regional Oil Combating Centre in 1983 (UNEP/IG.49/INF.8).

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 contained in the Report of the Executive Director, UNEP/IG.49/3 Annex I and UNEP/IG.49/3 Add.2, with a view to their approval.

10.d) Training and exchange of information

The meeting will be invited to take note of the activities in 1983 and to consider the recommendations for 1984 and 1985 contained in the Report of the Executive Director with a view to their approval.

10.e) Review of the financial and budgetary situation of the 1984 and 1985 biennium

The meeting will be invited to take note of the status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund as at 31 December 1983 (UNEP/IG.49/4) and of the status of commitments for 1983 presented in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Add. 1).

The meeting will also be invited to take note of the commitments for 1984 approved by the Bureau as authorized by the Third Ordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties, presented in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex V).

The meeting will be invited to reconfirm the annual expenditures for 1984 and 1985 already adopted at the Third Ordinary Meeting (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex V) and to approve the estimated cash flow for 1984-1985 presented in the Report of the Executive Director (UNEP/IG.49/3, Annex VI).

10.f) Programming and budget cycle for the Action Plan

The meeting will be invited to consider the secretariat's proposals for steps to be taken in order to facilitate decisions relevant to the budget for the 1986-1987 biennium contained in the Report of the Executive Director with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11 - Other business

The meeting may consider any other matter relevant to the implementation of the Action Plan.

Agenda item 12 - Adoption of the report

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

Agenda item 13 - Closure of meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Friday, 13 April 1984.

ANNEX

SUGGESTED TIME-TABLE

DATE	SITTING	PLENARY	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, 10 April 1984	morning	items 1,2,3,4 6 (general debate)	-
	afternoon	item 6 concluded	item 8(a)
Wednesday, 11 April 1984	morning	item 9(a)(b)(c)	item 8(b)(c)
	afternoon	item 5, 9(d)(e)(f)	item 8(d)
Thursday, 12 April 1984	morning	item 10(a)(b)(c)	item 7(a)
	afternoon	item 10(d)(e)(f), 11	item 7(b)(c)
Friday, 13 April 1984	morning	-	Adoption of the Committee Report
	afternoon	item 12, 13	-