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objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

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Report of the meeting on the Contribution of Mediterranean  
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Mediterranean Action Plan

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## Introduction

1. The meeting was convened by the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan, pursuant to a decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of Contracting Parties (document UNEP/IG.49/5). At the kind invitation of the European Community, the meeting took place in Brussels from 23 to 26 October 1984.
2. Participants from 11 Mediterranean coastal States and from the European Community took part in the meeting.
3. Representatives of the United Nations and 4 specialized agencies of the United Nations, 2 intergovernmental and 2 non-governmental organizations also attended the meeting.
4. A complete list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

## Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

5. The meeting was opened by the Co-ordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan, on behalf of the Executive Director. He expressed UNEP's appreciation for the holding of a meeting of Mediterranean coastal States in Brussels and thanked the Community for its constant support for the Action Plan. Outlining the objectives of the meeting he noted that only action-oriented activities would visibly reduce pollution of the Mediterranean Sea. He invited the meeting to advise on ways in which bilateral and multilateral programmes could contribute to the realization of activities developed in the framework of the Action Plan.
6. On behalf of Mr. K.-H. Narjes, Member of the Commission of the European Community responsible for the Environment, his Chef de Cabinet, Mr. H. von Moltke welcomed the participants. In his statement he briefly described the Community's policies and programmes aimed at protecting the Mediterranean and promoting co-operation among coastal States non members of the Community. He noted that such programmes were on the increase and reflected the commitment of the Community, as a Contracting Party to the Barcelona Convention, to co-operate in the framework of the Action Plan and with the countries of the Mediterranean.

## Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

7. The meeting noted that the Rules of procedure contained in document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI applied.

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

8. The meeting unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman:	Mr. A.J. Fairclough	(Commission of EC)
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. D. Destremau	(France)
	Ms F. Sabah	(Morocco)
Rapporteur:	Ms S. Zaki	(Egypt)

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda

9. The meeting adopted, without change, the Agenda as contained in document UNEP/WG.104/1 proposed by the secretariat.

Agenda item 5: Organization of work

10. The meeting adopted the timetable proposed in document UNEP/WG.104/2.

Agenda item 6: Contributions of Mediterranean bilateral and multilateral programmes to the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan

11. The item was introduced by the Co-ordinator. He referred to the difficulties encountered by the secretariat and the consultant in preparing document UNEP/WG.104/INF.4 due to the fact that not all Contracting Parties had provided the information requested through the questionnaire. The report (UNEP/WG.104/INF.4) examines and analyses the contributions of bilateral and multilateral programmes to the objectives of the Action Plan, based on replies to the questionnaire received from the responding Contracting Parties and multilateral agencies.
12. The Co-ordinator introduced document UNEP/WG.104/INF.6 on the contribution of UNEP activities to the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan. He emphasized that closer co-ordination between MAP projects and UNEP activities could be achieved.
13. The Co-ordinator invited the participants to provide additional information as well as factual corrections. Document UNEP/WG.104/INF.4 Add.1 containing additional information submitted by the EEC was circulated.

14. The representative of the EEC, in presenting the Community's activities for the protection of the environment in the Mediterranean basin, stressed the existing bilateral co-operation agreements between the EEC and most of the coastal States. He underlined the possibilities offered by these agreements in the environmental field and appealed to the countries concerned, when selecting projects for financing under these agreements, to choose also projects concerning the protection of the environment.
15. During the debate on this item several participants took part. The document was found to be useful as a means of avoiding duplication of activities and as a guide for the Contracting Parties when initiating new projects in their respective countries. The need was felt to make the document more complete by updating it with additional information, with respect to both multilateral and bilateral programmes, while keeping it strictly within its objectives. In the course of the meeting other delegates and representatives of international organizations submitted information relevant to document UNEP/WG.104/INF.4. It was also suggested that the compiled document should be circulated, in order to enhance its usefulness for governments and organizations.
16. With respect to the conclusions of the report there were divergent opinions on whether an annual report on programmes relevant to the objectives of the Plan should be submitted to the secretariat or whether these programmes should be reported and updated as and when available.
17. In conclusion it was recommended that in future Contracting Parties submit an annual report on bilateral and multilateral co-operation to be supplemented by information notes to the secretariat, which will then circulate them to all Contracting Parties. It was also recommended that the secretariat obtain and circulate, information from International Organizations on relevant programmes being carried out.
18. It was noted in addition, that the Contracting Parties were to submit annual reports as requested by Article 20 of the Convention covering developments at the national level. The first report would cover the period June 84 - June 85.
19. The two documents referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 would, then, cover bilateral, multilateral and national activities relevant to the Action Plan. It was recommended that the Contracting Parties at their fourth ordinary meeting decide on the need to keep this information up to date and on its mode of dissemination.

Agenda item 7: Strengthening of co-operation in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan

Agenda item 7(a): bilateral co-operation

20. The Co-ordinator introduced document UNEP/WG.104/3 entitled "Recommendations by the secretariat on the strengthening of co-operation in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan". He outlined proposed recommendations to be discussed by the meeting contained in Annex I to the document and a check-list of MAP project titles contained in Annex II.
21. Representatives of UN Agencies outlined the difficulty in taking a more active part in MAP activities due to the lack of a specific mandate from their own governing bodies. They suggested that Mediterranean States raise the matter during meetings of governing bodies of these Agencies.
22. Some delegates expressed their belief that it is a national responsibility to enhance possibilities of involving UN Agencies and other financing bodies in MAP.
23. Recommendations proposed by the secretariat together with proposals made in the course of the meeting were thoroughly discussed. The recommendations of the meeting appear on page 9 of to this report.
24. The meeting discussed Annex II of document UNEP/WG.104/3 on the draft check-list of activities. It was agreed that the check-list is necessary as a guideline. The sixteen titles proposed were kept with minor amendments, while detailed elaboration pertaining to each item will be considered by Contracting Parties, who were requested to inform the secretariat of their comments before the end of January 1985.
25. The secretariat was asked to submit a report to the next meeting of the Contracting Parties on this matter, incorporating a revised draft of the check-list.

Agenda item 7(b): Support to projects: project outlines

26. The Co-ordinator introduced documents UNEP/WG.104/4 and Add.1 on the outlines of project proposals. He stated that the projects were directly related to MAP components or resulted from decisions made by Contracting Parties. They had been developed in consultation with specialized agencies and through country missions. Detailed information on each project proposal was available at the secretariat. The meeting was invited to express its views on the recommendations appearing in paragraph 6 of the document.
27. A delegation stated that it was premature to consider new projects while there was a lack of information on the ongoing activities at bilateral, multilateral and national levels. However, the majority of the participants felt that at present there is a need for delegates, agencies and financial institutions to point out those projects which might be of interest to them.

28. The representative of the European Investment Bank (EIB) informed the meeting on the Bank's requirements for providing support. He stressed the need for well-defined projects in which a promoter and the executing resources are specified, with details of the cost and the work programme. He stressed that projects must be environmentally sound. The Bank does not finance studies or research projects. Although there is no minimum figure, the Bank prefers granting loans for larger projects. Smaller projects could nevertheless be handled through the mechanism of global loans. The EIB representative pointed out that projects such as port reception facilities, energy and aquaculture were the most likely to meet Bank criteria for loans. Non-Community countries (associated members) could apply to the Bank for loans.
29. The IMO representative introduced document UNEP/WG.104/4/Add.1 on development of Port Reception Facilities in the Mediterranean. He stated that there was a requirement for Mediterranean States to provide port reception facilities for oil wastes from all ships and dirty ballast from oil tankers in accordance with Regulation 10 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 and Article 6 of Barcelona Convention. Bearing in mind that the MARPOL 73/78 Convention had entered into force on 2 October 1983, he stressed that need for new or improved port reception facilities identified in document UNEP/WG.104/4/Add.1 in respect of seventeen Mediterranean States covered by IMO/UNDP and Italy/EEC studies was extremely important. He indicated that the technical approach taken in the studies had been aimed at reaching cost-effective solutions and that cost estimates could be considered to be fairly reliable. He expressed IMO interest in any follow-up activities concerning development of port facilities.
30. The IMO representative referred to additional studies proposed by IMO for the Libyan National Academy for Scientific Research on the economic feasibility of fresh water tanker ballasting. This might be attractive to arid oil producing countries since the commodity value of the fresh water would contribute to the economic viability of deballasting facilities. In case of positive results it could be expanded to other Mediterranean countries and the Gulf area. A pilot scale project should be considered in the first instance.
31. The Representative of INTERTANKO made a statement stressing the need for ad hoc measures to facilitate tanker deballasting operations in the Mediterranean. As a cost-effective temporary contribution to solve the urgent need for reception facilities in the Mediterranean, he reiterated the proposal made by his Association during the IMO/UNDP Seminar in August 1984, namely that tankers should be strategically stationed in the Mediterranean to serve as floating deballasting facilities for oil tankers trading in the sea areas, thus facilitating compliance with MARPOL. He expressed the hope that this meeting would be able to allocate funds to implement the ad hoc measures.

32. The representative of PAP introduced papers prepared by PAP/RAC: on development of criteria for the selection of sites, capacity estimates and monitoring for aquaculture, on the implementation of the priority actions in the 1984-1985 period, and on water resources development for islands and isolated coastal areas. He elaborated on the aquaculture project as being complementary to the MEDRAP project which is financed by UNDP and executed by FAO. The new project would include all interested Mediterranean countries and is to be a continuous activity of MAP.
33. The Blue Plan representative stressed that Blue Plan and PAP work very closely and efforts and activities are being co-ordinated. Aquaculture is one of the most promising sectors in the Mediterranean, being productive and environmental at the same time.
34. At the end of the discussion of this item, the meeting considered the draft recommendations contained in document UNEP/WG.104/4, paragraph 6.
35. At the request of the Chairman, all the participants stated their views on the draft recommendations and on the six project proposals. Some of them indicated their willingness to participate in the projects without making any firm commitments.

Turkey: proposed cancellation of the proposal on pinnipedes, as it was of a global nature, which was accepted. Local currency would be available to finance marine research projects.

Yugoslavia: supported the proposals and stated it will consider participation and contribution to the proposed activities.

Morocco: supported assistance to national research centres and to the projects in aquaculture, energy and the hydrodynamic model of the western Mediterranean.

Monaco: supported the proposals.

Libya: expressed interest in projects on port reception facilities, solar energy and projects related to water and food, subject to receiving detailed information and study by the appropriate national authorities.

Tunisia: all projects and especially aquaculture and monk seals.

France: while considering the exercise as premature, supported two proposals: port facilities and aquaculture, and offered technical assistance.

Greece: Supports many of the projects, but prefers that all possibilities for their financing by non-governmental organizations, UNEP, UNESCO, etc. should be first exhausted before considering governmental finance of projects, which should be precisely defined. Priorities and proposals will be then discussed with the secretariat.



- Israel: supported many of these projects and offered to host seminars on matters such as aquaculture, solar energy and environmental assessment.
- Italy: supported port facilities and aquaculture and offered technical assistance for feasibility studies in these fields.
- Egypt: expressed interest in projects concerning national research centres, aquaculture, energy and port facilities, subject to further discussion at national level.
- EEC: supported port facilities, aquaculture and renewable sources of energy and offered to carry out studies and to assist with the provision of expertise.

One delegation insisted on the fact that the absence of agreement on the priority of the six proposals, does not imply an increase in staff for the Co-ordinating Unit nor recourse to external consultants.

36. Representatives of specialized Agencies stressed that they were not sources of capital financing, but could provide technical assistance insofar as funds permitted, and execute projects financed from other sources. The representatives of UNESCO and WHO pointed out that projects other than those listed in document UNEP/WG.104/4 could be considered for financing.
37. In this regards, the representative of UNESCO referred to the establishment of a Mediterranean ecological information network, or the establishment of biosphere reserves. He stressed the importance of assistance for national marine research centres, concerning which detailed proposals were available. He stated that UNESCO and its IOC were working on a study of dynamic processes in the eastern Mediterranean and so would be ready to participate in the construction of a hydrodynamic model of the western Mediterranean. Lastly, he referred to UNESCO's role in extending to all Mediterranean countries the activities of the solar energy centre set up in Malta with help from Austria, and laid emphasis on his organization's interest in proposals relating to energy.
38. In the same regard, the representative of WHO referred to water resources management and solid and liquid waste management and disposal, which were of extreme importance to several Mediterranean countries and on which a large amount of work had already been done by the Organization. With reference to the present list, WHO offered to participate in so far as health related activities were concerned.
39. WMO supported assistance to national research centres and offered training and expert services.
40. IMO supported port facilities and offered to provide technical expertise.
41. The recommendations adopted by the meeting appear on page 13 of the present report.

Agenda item 7 (c): Participation of voluntary organizations

42. The representative of the European Environmental Bureau made a statement on the conclusions and recommendations contained in document UNEP/WG.104/INF.5/Add.1 adopted by the meeting of non-governmental organizations on the protection of the Mediterranean held in Brussels from 19 to 21 October 1984, at which representatives of voluntary organizations from seventeen countries had taken part. The meeting thanked the representative of the NGOs for his statement and expressed the hope that the conclusions and the recommendations of the meeting would be heeded.

Agenda item 8 - Other matters

43. The PAP/RAC representative outlined the possibilities for PAP/RAC contributions to bilateral and multilateral activities especially in integrated planning and management of coastal zones; reconstruction and rehabilitation of historic settlements, water resources management, and solid and liquid waste management and disposal.
44. The representative of EEC made a presentation of a pilot project concerning the creation of a system of safe maritime traffic in European waters, including those of the Mediterranean region, which was therefore relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Agenda item 9 - Adoption of report

45. The meeting adopted its report.

Agenda item 10 - Closing of the meeting

46. In a closing statement, the Co-ordinator thanked again the EEC for its assistance and stressed the positive results achieved by the meeting. The Chairman, on his part, reconfirmed the EEC continued interest in the Mediterranean and declared the meeting closed on 26 October 1984 at 13.30 hours.

A. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STRENGTHENING OF CO-OPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

The Meeting,

having in mind the goals of protection and enhancement of the Mediterranean sea area embodied in the Action Plan, the Barcelona Convention and its related protocols;

recalling the concept of region-wide solidarity reflected in each of the above legal instruments;

reaffirming the urgency of promoting practical action based on the scientific, legal and socio-economic components of the Action Plan;

Recommends to the Contracting Parties;

1. to implement at national level strategies involving appropriate measures and to strengthen the specific projects aimed at the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and at the environmentally rational development of their coastal areas;
2. to increase mutual aid and co-operation in these fields, aiming at the best utilization and full use of available resources;
3. to endeavour to promote in their bilateral and multilateral co-operation the fields of activity aimed at carrying out the objectives of the MAP listed in the check-list;
4. to take active steps in international organizations, notably the United Nations specialized agencies, to stress the importance and the special nature of the problems relating to protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, and also the conservation of the Mediterranean environment as a whole and the environmentally rational development of its coastal areas, and to call for the setting-up or strengthening of activities directly related thereto in their respective programmes;
5. to examine the possibility of financing, individually or jointly, projects contained in document UNEP/WG.104/4 and Add.1 since they are directly relevant to the programme and have received contributions from inter alia UNEP and other UN Agencies for their development costs; and to support these projects in contacts with the relevant financing bodies approached on the matter;

6. to coordinate their activities concerning the Mediterranean and the allocation of their investment with those of other states and organizations in order to make them complementary, more effective and more cohesive;
7. to provide the secretariat with relevant information on projects financed as a result of such co-ordinated activities;
8. to welcome the support expressed for the Mediterranean programme by non-governmental organizations and to encourage their participation in practical activities relevant to the programme;
9. on the occasion of the Ministerial Conference scheduled to take place in Genoa in September 1985 marking the tenth anniversary of the Mediterranean Action Plan, to give a new political impulse to Mediterranean co-operation and to adopt a new package of concrete measures and projects to enable visible progress to be achieved towards improving the state of the Mediterranean;
10. to institute a Mediterranean Day to be observed annually;
11. to submit to the secretariat by 31 January 1985 any suggestions for the detailed elaboration of the items contained in the check-list and to consider at their next meeting a report by the secretariat on this matter.

#### CHECK LIST

of activities for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and for the rational development of its coastal areas

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#### Objectives

The check-list is to be used to identify projects that would contribute to the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and to the enhancement of its marine and coastal environment.

### Legal basis

The Mediterranean Action Plan adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting on the protection of the Mediterranean (Barcelona, 1975);

The Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona, 1976)<sup>1/</sup> and its related protocols;

The recommendations of the Meeting on the contribution of Mediterranean bilateral and multilateral programmes to the objectives of the Mediterranean Action Plan (Brussels, 1984);

Decision of the 4th Meeting of Contracting Parties (Genoa, 1985)

### Scope

Bilateral and multilateral programmes of the Contracting Parties, UNEP, UNDP; the regular programmes of the specialized agencies of the United Nations; other regional organizations; major lending institutions.

### Structure

Topics in the Check-list are arranged in accordance with the structure of the Mediterranean Action Plan budget, as approved by the Contracting Parties. Their order of presentation, therefore, does not convey any specific order of priority.

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<sup>1/</sup> The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention are: Algeria, EEC, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yugoslavia

- Item 1. LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT
- Item 2. MONITORING AND MARINE RESEARCH
- Item 3. COMBATING POLLUTION BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
- Item 4. PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR WASTES FROM SHIPS
- Item 5. TRAINING IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
- Item 6. DATA BANKS ON THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT
- Item 7. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT
- Item 8. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR ISLANDS AND WATER DEFICIENT COASTAL AREAS
- Item 9. REGIONAL PLANNING OF COASTAL AREAS
- Item 10. REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC SETTLEMENTS
- Item 11. LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL IN COASTAL TOWNS
- Item 12. AQUACULTURE PROJECTS
- Item 13. SOIL PROTECTION IN COASTAL AREAS
- Item 14. IMPACT OF TOURISM ON COASTAL AREAS
- Item 15. RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY
- Item 16. PROTECTION OF MARINE ANIMALS AND PLANTS

B. RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO SUPPORT TO PROJECTS PRESENTED IN DOCUMENT  
UNEP/WG.104/4 AND ADD.1

The Meeting,

- (i) Takes note of the projects developed within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan;
- (ii) Invites the secretariat to pursue the matter of their financing with the appropriate bilateral and multilateral programmes, taking into account the views expressed by participants on the question of priority;
- (iii) Notes with appreciation the expression of interest on the part of participants as reflected in the report.

Annex I

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