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

Athens, 7-11 September 1987

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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## Introduction

The Fourth Ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution convened in Genoa, 9-13 September 1985, decided to convene the present meeting in Athens from 7 to 11 September 1987.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the meeting were prepared by the secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded by informal consultation of Heads of delegations on Monday, 7 September 1987 at 09.00 hours at Zappeion Conference Centre, Athens.

### Agenda Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 10.00 hours on Monday, 7 September 1987, at Zappeion Conference Centre by the President elected by the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties. The Minister of Environment of Greece will welcome the participants. The Executive Director of UNEP will deliver an opening statement.

### Agenda item 2. Rules of procedure

The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and its related protocols will apply for the meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

### Agenda item 3. Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the next ordinary meeting and shall serve in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meetings.

### Agenda item 4. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Director in agreement with the Bureau (Rule 10) has been distributed as UNEP/IG.74/1.

### Agenda item 5. Organization of work

It is proposed to establish under Rule 24 a Committee of the whole open to all delegations to consider agenda items 9 and 10 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-Presidents 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 6. Credentials of representatives

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 the 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 7. Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Action Plan and of the Genoa Declaration in 1986-1987 and recommendations for activities to be undertaken in 1988-1989 biennium with related budget proposals

The meeting will have before it document UNEP/IG.74/3. The report will be presented by the secretariat. The meeting will be invited to provide general comments on the report. The report will be considered in detail under the corresponding agenda items, and recommendations adopted in plenary or by the Committee of the whole for the items assigned to it.

The secretariat will introduce the information on the implementation of the Genoa Declaration (UNEP/IG.74/3, section I). The meeting will be invited to consider the secretariat's suggestions for reporting on the implementation. The meeting will have before it the document on Proposed 100 Coastal Historic Sites of Common Interest (UNEP/IG.74/4), with a view of its adoption. The meeting will also have before it the Programme Calendar 1986-1995, as reviewed by the Bureau and incorporating changes suggested by the Contracting Parties (UNEP/IG.74/Inf.7). The meeting will be asked to adopt the Programme Calendar.

Agenda item 8. Framework convention and related protocols with their technical annexes for the protection of the Mediterranean environment

Agenda item 8(a) Implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution

The meeting will be expected to consider those articles of the Convention that have been insufficiently acted upon (UNEP/IG.74/3, section II(a)).

The meeting will have as information documents UNEP/IG.74/Inf.5, UNEP/WG.155/1 and UNEP/WG.175/1.

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in UNEP/IG.74/3, section II(a), with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 8(b) Implementation of the Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft

The report on the implementation of the above protocol was reviewed by the meetings of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL and it will be considered under agenda item 10(c).

Agenda item 8(c) Implementation of the Protocol concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency

The report on the implementation of the emergency protocol was reviewed by the meetings of the Working Group on Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL, which decided to recommend to the present meeting that in the future technical matters related to oil pollution abatement within the framework of the emergency protocol would not be referred to WGSTC. Such matters should be considered and discussed by the ROCC National Focal Points meeting (UNEP/IG. 74/3, section II(c)).

As an information the meeting will have before it the Report on Alerts and Accidents (UNEP/IG.74/Inf.3).

The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations contained in UNEP/IG.74/3, section II(c), with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 8(d) Implementation of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-based Sources

Progress report on the general implementation of the protocol is presented in section II(d) of UNEP/IG.74/3 and it will be discussed under this agenda item.

Progress report on the technical/scientific implementation of the protocol is presented in section IV(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3 and it will be discussed under agenda item 10(c).

The meeting will have as information document reports of the Fourth and Fifth Working Group meetings (UNEP/WG.144/13 and UNEP/WG.160/13).

The meeting will be invited to consider under this agenda item the recommendations contained in section II(d) of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 8(e) Implementation of the Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas

Progress report on the implementation of the protocol is presented in section II(e) of UNEP/IG.74/3. Progress report on scientific/technical implementation of the protocol is presented in section III(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information document the report of the meeting of National Focal Points (UNEP/WG.163/9).

The meeting will be invited to consider under this agenda item the recommendations contained in section II(e) of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 8(f) Other legal matters

Information on other legal matters, which includes proposal for further development of the legal and policy components, is contained in section II(f) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have before it the Information Document on Interstate Guarantee Fund (UNEP/IG.74/Inf.6).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations contained in section II(f) of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 9. Integrated planning of the development and management of the resources of the Mediterranean Basin

Agenda item 9(a) Blue Plan (BP)

Progress report on the Blue Plan, with views on further development, is contained in section III(a) of UNEP/IG.74/3 as prepared prior to the National Focal Points meeting (Sophia Antipolis, 20-22 July 1987).

Recommendations concerning the Blue Plan, as adopted by the Focal Points meeting will be presented in the addendum to UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the National Focal Points meetings (UNEP/WG.143/8 and UNEP/WG.171/5) and the report of the Blue Plan (UNEP/WG.171/3).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning the Blue Plan contained in section III(a) and addendum of UNEP/IG.74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3.

Agenda item 9(b) Priority Actions Programme (PAP)

Progress report on the Priority Actions Programme, with views on further development, is contained in section III(b) of UNEP/IG.74/3 as prepared prior to the National Focal Points meeting (Split, 24-26 June 1987).

Recommendations concerning the Priority Actions Programme, as adopted by the Focal Points meeting will be presented in the addendum to UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the National Focal Points meetings (UNEP/WG.143/8 and UNEP/WG.170/9).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning the Priority Actions Programme contained in section III(b) and addendum of UNEP/IG.74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3.

Agenda item 9(c) Specially Protected Areas (SPA)

Progress report on Specially Protected Areas is contained in section III(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as an information document the report of the National Focal Points meeting (UNEP/WG.163/9).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning Specially Protected Areas contained in section III(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 10. Co-ordinated pollution monitoring and research programme for the Mediterranean (MED POL)

Agenda item 10(a) Monitoring

Progress report on the monitoring programme of MED POL is presented in section IV(a) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the Fourth and Fifth meetings of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL (UNEP/WG.144/13 and UNEP/WG.160/13).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning monitoring contained in section IV(a) of UNEP/IG. 74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 10(b) Research

Progress report on research component of MED POL is presented in section IV(b) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the Fourth and Fifth meetings of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL (UNEP/WG.144/13 and UNEP/WG.160/13).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning research contained in section IV(b) of UNEP/IG. 74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 10(c) Scientific/Technical implementation of the Land-based Sources and Dumping Protocols

Progress reports on the scientific/technical implementation of Land-based Sources and Dumping protocols are contained in section IV(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the Fourth and Fifth Working Group meetings for Scientific and Technical Cooperation for MED POL (UNEP/WG.144/13 and UNEP/WG.160/13), as well as the report on the status of organosilicon compounds in Land-based Sources and Dumping protocols (UNEP/WG.160/12).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations contained in section IV(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3, including proposal to delete organosilicon compounds from respective annexes of Land-based Sources and Dumping protocols, and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 10(d) Environmental quality criteria

Progress report on the preparation of the environmental quality criteria is contained in section IV(d) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents reports of the Fourth and Fifth meetings of the Working Group for Scientific and Technical cooperation for MED POL (UNEP/WG.144/13 and UNEP/WG.160/13) as well as documents on assessments of the state of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by mercury and mercury compounds (UNEP/WG.160/8), microbial pollution of shellfish waters (UNEP/WG.160/10) and petroleum hydrocarbons (UNEP/WG.160/11).

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations contained in section IV(d) of UNEP/IG.74/3, including measures to prevent pollution by mercury and environmental quality criteria for shellfish waters, and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG. 74/3.

Agenda item 11. Institutional and financial implications of the Action Plan

Institutional aspects

Agenda item 11(a) Co-ordination

Progress report and views for future development concerning co-ordination of work is contained in section V(a) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The secretariat will introduce the proposal for the programme orientation and streamlining of the institutional and administrative components contained in section V(a) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have before it as reference documents the reports of the four meetings of the Bureau which were held during 1986 and 1987 (UNEP/BUR/26, 27,28 and 29).

The meeting will be invited to comment and take a decision on the recommendations contained in section V(a) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

Agenda item 11(b) Meetings

Information on meetings organised by the Mediterranean Co-ordinating Unit is contained in section V(b) of UNEP/IG.74/3 and in UNEP/WG.165/4.

The meeting will have before it the list of meetings proposed for 1988-1989 with their related budget (UNEP/IG.74/3, section V(b)) with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11(c) Regional Oil Combating Centre (ROCC)

Progress report on the Regional Oil Combating Centre is contained in section V(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3.

The meeting will have as information documents the report of the meeting of National Focal Points (UNEP/WG.150/8) and UNEP/IG.74/Inf.3.

The meeting will be invited to consider recommendations concerning the Regional Oil Combating Centre contained in section V(c) of UNEP/IG.74/3 and proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in Annex IV of UNEP/IG.74/3, with a view to their approval.

Agenda item 11(d) Training and exchange of information

The meeting will be invited to take note of the activities in 1985-1987 described in document UNEP/IG.74/3, section V(d), of the Survey of training programmes (UNEP/IG.74/Inf.8) and of the report of the Training Course for Government Officials on MAP Activities (UNEP/WG.162/1).

The meeting will be invited to consider the proposed programme for 1988-1989 with their related budget contained in UNEP/IG.74/3, section V(d) and Annex IV, with a view to their approval.

Financial aspects

Agenda item 11(e) Status of the Mediterranean Trust Fund (MTF)

The meeting will be invited to take note of the status of the MTF contained in UNEP/IG.74/3, section V(e) and Annexes II and III.

Concerning the alternative methods of calculating contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund, the meeting will have before it the reports of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties (UNEP/BUR/26,27,28 and 29), as well as the report of the Meeting of Experts on the Contribution to the MTF, held in Madrid, Spain, 19-22 June 1987, contained in UNEP/IG. 74/Inf.11.

The meeting will be invited to consider and review the question with a view to take decision on the recommendations contained in UNEP/IG.74/3, section V(e).

Agenda item 11(f) Adoption of budget and pledges for the 1988-1989 biennium

The meeting will be invited to consider the proposed budget for 1988-1989 contained in document UNEP/IG.74/3, Annex IV, the cash flow (Annex V) and the apportionment of contributions (Annex VI), with a view to their approval.



Agenda item 12. Date and place of the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties

The meeting will be invited to consider the secretariat's proposal to convene the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Athens, Greece, from 2 to 5 October 1989.

Agenda item 13. Other business

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

Agenda item 14. Adoption of the Report

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

Agenda item 15. Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to close by 18.00 hours on Friday 11 September 1987.

ANNEX

Suggested Time-table

Date	Session	Plenary	Committee of the Whole
Monday, 7 Sept.	morning afternoon	items 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 item 7 (cont.)	-- item 10 (a)
Tuesday, 8 Sept.	morning afternoon	item 7 (cont.) item 8 (a),(b),(c), (d),(e),(f)	item 10 (b), (c) item 10 (d)
Wednesday, 9 Sept.	morning afternoon	item 11 (a),(b) item 11 (c),(d)	item 9 (a) item 9 (b)
Thursday, 10 Sept.	morning afternoon	item 11 (cont.),(e),(f) --	item 9 (c) Adoption of the report
Friday, 11 Sept.	morning afternoon	items 12, 13, 14 item 15	