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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA  
BY DUMPING FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT

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1. The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft was ratified by all Contracting Parties and entered into force on 12 February 1978.
2. Since the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (16-20 June 1986) the secretariat received information on the designation of "competent authorities" only from the EEC.
3. Since the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group the secretariat did not receive any information from the Contracting Parties on experts and institutions capable of providing technical assistance on matters of dumping of wastes at sea and on alternative methods for waste disposal.
4. Since the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group the secretariat received one annual report for 1986 from one Contracting Party (Israel) on dumping activities.
5. The secretariat received "nil report" from one Contracting Party (Malta) informing that no dumping took place in 1986.
6. In accordance with the decision of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group (UNEP/WG.144/13, para 67), the secretariat will recommend to the 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) that in the future, technical matters related to oil pollution abatement within the framework of implementation of the Emergency Protocol would not be referred to the Working Group for MED POL but it should be considered by the Group of ROCC Focal Points.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

7. The Contracting Parties should without delay implement the recommendations of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, in particular:
  - (a) to designate "competent authority", in accordance with article 10 of the Protocol;
  - (b) to inform the secretariat on experts and institutions capable of providing technical assistance on matters of dumping of wastes at sea and on alternative methods for waste disposal;
  - (c) to transmit to the secretariat "nil reports" when no dumping permits were issued and no dumping has taken place during the period for which reports on permits issued and on actual dumping have to be submitted.