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## **Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting**

### **A. Introduction**

1. In accordance with the programme of work adopted by the 13th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols, held in Catania from 11 to 14 November 2003, the meeting of MAP Focal Points was held at the Holiday Inn, Athens (Greece) from 21 to 24 September 2005.

2. Mr Paul Mifsud, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), welcomed the participants and opened the Meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 21 September 2005. He thanked the current Bureau for its assistance to the Secretariat, and acknowledged the support of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

3. Mr Ellik Adler, Regional Seas Coordinator, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP, speaking on behalf of UNEP, emphasized that UNEP remained committed to the Regional Seas Programme and would continue to support MAP. He confirmed that UNEP would again make a contribution to the Mediterranean Trust Fund.

### **B. Attendance**

4. The following Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention were represented at the Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Community, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey.

5. The following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and Convention Secretariats were represented by observers: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (RAMSAR).

6. The following intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations were represented by observers: Arab Network for Environment and Development (AOYE/RAED), Association des Chambres de Commerce et d'Industrie Méditerranéens (ASCAME), Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE), Centre International de Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes (CIHEAM), Clean Up Greece (Ellada Kathari), ECAT Tirana, ENDA Maghreb, Friends of the Earth Europe, Greenpeace, Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMPEA), International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM), International Energy Foundation (IEF), International Maritime Centre (IMC), Institute for Sustainable Development and Management of Natural Resources (INARE), LEGAMBIENTE, MAREVIVO, Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet), Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET), Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture, and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), Mediterranean SOS Network, Mouvement Écologique Algérien (MEA), Organisation des Communicatrices Méditerranéennes (OCOME), Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece (ARCHELON), Society of Albanian Chemists (SAC), TEMA, Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV), Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association (TURMEPA), and Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

7. The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), the Regional Activity Centre for the Blue Plan (BP/RAC), the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC), the Regional Activity Centre for the Priority Actions Programme (PAP/RAC), the Regional Activity Centre for Specially-Protected Areas

(SPA/RAC), the Regional Activity Centre for Environment Remote Sensing (ERS/RAC) and the MAP Secretariat for 100 Mediterranean Historic Sites were also represented.

8. The full list of participants is attached as **Annex I** to the present report.

**Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure**

9. The Meeting agreed that the Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention would apply *mutatis mutandis* to its deliberations (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI, as amended by the Contracting Parties (documents UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.1/5 and UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.3/5)).

**Agenda item 3: Election of officers**

10. In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure and after informal consultations, the Meeting unanimously elected the following Bureau:

Chair:	Mr. N. Georgiades (Cyprus)
Vice-Chair:	Mr. M. Bricelj (Slovenia)
Vice-Chair	Mr. A. Watfa (Syrian Arab Republic)
Vice-Chair:	Mr. S. Kadioglu (Turkey)
Rapporteur:	Mr. A. Sahibi (Morocco)

**Agenda item 4 : Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

11. The Focal Points adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat contained in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/1 and the proposed timetable of work in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/2. The agenda is attached as **Annex II**.

**Agenda item 5: Report by the Coordinator on the activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium**

12. In discussing this item, the meeting had before it the progress report by the Coordinator on activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/3).

13. Introducing the item, Mr Mifsud welcomed the entry into force of the amended Barcelona Convention on 9 July 2004 and the new Prevention and Emergency Protocol on 17 March 2004. He also referred to the status of ratification of the Protocols. He drew attention in particular to the finalization of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) and the report on the external evaluation of MAP, as well as to the work for the development of a compliance mechanism for the Barcelona legal instruments.

14. The Meeting thanked the Secretariat for the preparation of the high-quality documents and the organization of the Meeting. It also welcomed the fact that MAP had been successful in enlarging the scope of its activities and its partnerships with the European Community, governmental institutions, non-governmental organizations and other partners.

15. The Meeting welcomed the coming into force of the amended Barcelona Convention and the Emergency and Prevention Protocol. However, further progress needed to be made urgently on the ratification and acceptance of the remaining Protocols. In particular, it was a matter of great concern that the amendments to the Land-based Sources (LBS) Protocol had not yet come into force. It was emphasized that the amended LBS Protocol formed the basis of a substantial part of MAP's work, including the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP). Following the recommendation made by the previous meeting of the Contracting Parties that the Secretariat, the President of the Bureau and the depositary country should

contact the countries concerned, further efforts should be made to encourage countries that had not yet ratified the various instruments to do so. In particular, the reasons for the non-ratification needed to be assessed carefully as they might be more of an administrative than of a political nature and the necessary assistance could be provided. In this respect, efforts should also be made by the Secretariat through diplomatic channels, by the depositary country and by the countries themselves to accelerate the process of ratification. Visits by the MAP Coordinator to the countries would also help. The issue should be examined carefully by the Bureau in order to motivate countries to ratify the legal instruments and acknowledge the efforts that they had made. Several Focal Points then provided an update on the status of ratification in their countries and the representative of Israel indicated that her country had now accepted the amendments to the Barcelona Convention.

16. It was emphasized that the EU initiative for the depollution of the Mediterranean by 2020 offered an important opportunity for synergy between MAP and the EC as their objectives were very similar. The 14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties should take the opportunity afforded by MAP's 30th Anniversary to make a strong political statement concerning the need for MAP's involvement in the proposed initiative to ensure that it builds upon MAP's work by creating additional impetus and opportunities for environmental cooperation in the Mediterranean. It was also recalled that the European Union's Barcelona Summit could represent a good opportunity for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to recognize and support the MSSD developed in the framework of MAP. The meeting highlighted the importance of the Coordinator's presence at the Summit. In response, the representative of the European Community said that they intended to propose that references would be made to MAP and the MSSD in the political statement to be adopted by the Barcelona Summit. It was stated that this would be a good basis for closer involvement of all the stakeholders, including MAP through the joint MAP/EC work programme, in the formulation of the subsequent work plan, including the proposed EC initiative.

17. In response, the MAP Coordinator indicated that he would continue to place emphasis on the need for countries to ratify the MAP legal instruments in his contacts with national authorities. Assistance could also be provided to countries if requested to help facilitate ratification. He added that the depositary country also needed to take steps to encourage the ratification process. He recalled that MAP's collaboration with the EC was being strengthened, as illustrated by the joint session held the previous day between MAP and SMAP focal points. The entry into force of the LBS Protocol was clearly essential if MAP was to play an even more significant role in EC initiatives for the benefit of the Mediterranean region.

18. Referring to the departure of personnel mentioned in the Coordinator's report, participants recognized and thanked Mr Arab Hoballah, Mr. Roberto Patruno and Mr Baher Kamal for their valuable contribution to MAP. Some participants suggested that the procedure already established within MAP should be used to give recognition to those persons who make an outstanding contribution to MAP.

*Land-based pollution*

19. Mr Civili, MED POL Coordinator, summarizing MED POL's activities during the 2004-2005 biennium, drew attention to the preparation of MED POL Phase IV. With regard to the implementation of the LBS Protocol, he remarked with satisfaction that all the Contracting Parties had finalized their national diagnostic analyses (NDAs) and national baseline budgets (NBBs). Most Parties had also prepared their National Action Plans (NAPs). Of particular relevance had been the preparation of a database with the information provided by the countries for the preparation of the NBBs. He added that elements had been identified to facilitate transfer of technology, which was the basis for pollution reduction. A policy document would be presented to the Contracting Parties. Eleven Contracting Parties had now set up national monitoring programmes while other countries were providing data from existing programmes; a web version of the monitoring database was also available. Finally, he recalled that the GEF project would be closed on 31 October 2005. It had supported the preparation of NDAs, NBBs and NAPs in GEF-eligible countries. Pre-investment studies were also being completed. A meeting for donors was planned for the end of 2005 in order to invite them to participate in specific projects.

20. Responding to questions from the floor, the MED POL Coordinator said that financial assistance for reporting on the SAP would be provided at a later stage since the reporting system was still being tested and was being implemented on a voluntary basis. He confirmed that the pilot project for litter management in the Syrian Arab Republic was in the pipeline and that the preparation of National Action Plans was subject to close monitoring and evaluation by the Secretariat, which would endeavour to assist the implementation of such plans following their final preparation and endorsement by national authorities. As for the delicate issue of the donors' meeting, he said that efforts were being made to identify potential donors to support financially the projects for the reduction of land-based pollution. He confirmed that work for the creation of a MEDPOL website, in cooperation with ERS/RAC, was under way in order to increase the visibility of the SAP and its pollution reduction initiatives. The immediate objective was to ensure that National Action Plans received political endorsement at the forthcoming Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

*Sea-based pollution*

21. Mr Roberto Patrino, Director of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), outlined the general framework of the Centre's activities in the 2004-2005 biennium and the main objectives of the REMPEC programme. He indicated that, in two years' time, REMPEC would be moving to new premises made available by the Government of Malta and that a host agreement between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Malta was in the process of being concluded.

22. Several representatives welcomed the work done by REMPEC and, in particular, acknowledged Mr Patrino's contribution to MAP's achievements over the years. Responding to a question about coordination among the national authorities responsible for the environment and for maritime affairs, with regard to reporting to REMPEC, the Director of REMPEC emphasized that it was for each individual country to address this issue. He added, in response to another point, that it was already planned to extend the subregional operational agreement for the Adriatic to all countries in the subregion. He also concurred with the need to achieve close cooperation between REMPEC and MED POL, wherever possible. While conceding that relatively small financial contributions had been received so far, he asserted that one of REMPEC's important achievements had been to attract funds from donors. It was suggested that the inclusion of issues related to maritime accidents should be proposed in the EU initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by 2020.



### *Cleaner production*

23. Mr Armand Vilaplana, Director of the Cleaner Production Regional Activity Centre (CP/RAC), outlined the activities of the Centre over the biennium, giving details of the publications produced and the training and project activities undertaken.

24. In answer to questions, the Director of CP/RAC said that in the future the Centre would focus on the countries' concerns with regard to cleaner production, in particular in areas such as energy production and waste treatment. He added that the Centre's publications were being translated into Arabic and that NGO representatives would be invited to its meetings. Note was taken of the request made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic for support for a cleaner production centre in her country and for the centre to play the role of intermediary between her country and potential donors.

### *Conservation of biological diversity*

25. Mr Abderrahmane Gannoun, Director of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC), outlined the achievements of the Centre in regard to implementation of the SPA Protocol. He also provided information on the action plans being implemented by the Centre in relation to protected areas and the safeguarding of biodiversity.

26. Participants welcomed Mr Gannoun following his appointment as the new Director of SPA/RAC. In response to questions raised, the Director of SPA/RAC said that the Centre would continue to give as much assistance as possible to countries on the basis of information received from Focal Points concerning specially-protected areas in consultation with concerned institutions. In spite of certain administrative difficulties, including changes in personnel, SPA/RAC had carried out several activities. It was now important for the Centre to remain focused on the future with a view to achieving its objectives. Other issues highlighted during the discussion were the links with various institutions, including organizations in charge of fisheries, in the interest of protecting species. Contacts with IMO for the purpose of studying the impact of maritime transport on the environment were encouraged. The role of SPA/RAC in the preparation of coastal zone management plans was also addressed. It was further emphasized that SPA/RAC should devote more attention to the growing problem of invasive species and the impact of climate change.

### *Sustainable management of coastal zones*

27. Mr Ivica Trumbic, Director of the Priority Action Programmes Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC), reviewed the activities undertaken by the Centre to promote sustainable management of coastal zones, drawing particular attention to the draft text of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Area Management, the various coastal area management projects (CAMPs) and the implementation of an operational strategic plan for integrated coastal area management, in close synergy with the MSSD.

28. The representative of the European Community spoke about the cooperation with MAP and PAP/RAC within the EuroMed partnership. Several speakers commended the usefulness of the work of PAP/RAC for their countries. In response to a query concerning follow-up of implementation of CAMPs results, the director of PAP/RAC said that, while this was primarily the responsibility of the countries themselves, there were several examples of successful follow-ups, in which countries had raised funds either domestically or externally for the implementation of CAMP projects.

*Integrating environment and development*

29. Mr Guillaume Benoit, Director of Blue Plan, presented a progress report on the activities of the BP/RAC during the biennium 2004-2005, with particular reference to the finalization of the *Environment and Development Report* and the preparation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).

30. Several speakers congratulated the Blue Plan on the high quality of the work done, especially on the MSSD. During the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that the information included in the *Environment and Development Report* be presented in such a way that it would enable countries to assess their progress at the national and regional level. As this Report was voluminous, it was proposed that a shorter, more reader-friendly version should be prepared. The EC agreed to assist in the promotion of the Report.

*Environment remote sensing*

31. Mr Sergio Illuminato, Director of ERS/RAC, presented a new vision and activities for the Centre, under the proposed name of INFO/RAC and focusing on: cooperation and partnerships with national, regional, subregional and other institutions, civil society and business; information and communication technologies; and public information and participation.

32. In the course of the discussion, concern was expressed at the lack of visibility of MAP. Therefore appreciation was expressed by several Parties on the importance of the activities proposed to transform the ERS/RAC into INFO/RAC in view of further strengthening the overall information and communication approach of MAP. One suggestion made was that MAP should participate at the forthcoming second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), to be held in Tunis. It was important to make the website available in Arabic, the language used by one third of the Contracting Parties, and it should include links to available sources of reliable information within ministries in Contracting Parties. Attention was also drawn by some representatives to the importance of remote sensing, which should remain one of the Centre's tools in the future.

**Agenda item 6: Financial implementation report of MAP Programme**

33. Mr Arab Hoballah, Deputy Coordinator, introduced document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.16 on implementation of the activities for the biennium 2004-2005 and project accounts for the biennium 2002-2003. He said that the ratio of income to expenditure during the biennium 2002-2003 had been excellent, with 99.7 per cent of funds having been spent on effective execution of MAP's programmes. With regard to implementation of the programme of work for the current biennium, he noted that 9 months remained for all activities to be completed, as long as committed funds were obligated before 31 December 2005. Some delays were being experienced in implementing the work programmes of SPA/RAC and ERS/RAC, owing to changes in personnel. He drew attention to a new column in the tables contained in the document, listing external resources. It was to be hoped that the entries in this column would encourage other Contracting Parties to make further contributions, in cash or in kind.

**Agenda item 7: Recommendations and programme budget for the 2006-2007 biennium**

34. The Focal Points considered the draft recommendations contained in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/4.

## I. COORDINATION

### A. Legal framework

#### 1. *Status of ratification of the Convention and Protocols*

35. Introducing the discussion, the Coordinator emphasized the importance of ensuring that the ratification process moved ahead. He encouraged the Contracting Parties to request the assistance of the Secretariat in that respect and called on the depositary country (Spain) together with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to play a more active role in encouraging further ratifications.

36. In discussing the proposed text of the recommendations to the Contracting Parties, the need to set priorities was mentioned, leading to a suggestion that the recommendations should focus on the ratification of the instruments in force rather than those not yet in force, although some mention should be made of the latter.

37. With regard to the draft recommendation to the Secretariat, the wording was sufficiently flexible to allow the Secretariat to make various efforts to push forward the ratification process, but it would be inappropriate to ask the Secretariat to contact Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Contracting Parties. It was suggested that the depositary country (Spain) and the Bureau might nevertheless undertake such an approach. As to the query on why the ratification process was proceeding so slowly, it was stated that this seemed to be more the result of bureaucratic procedures than lack of political will.

38. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

#### 2. *New legal instrument on integrated coastal area management (ICAM)*

39. The Coordinator, introducing the discussion, recalled that a draft text of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM) (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/5) had been developed through a wide-ranging process of consultation and participation over several years.

40. During the discussion, the Secretariat was commended for the work carried out to develop the draft text of the Protocol. Emphasis was placed on the importance of adopting a Protocol on ICAM, as the countries in the region needed an agreed approach to ICAM to develop their own policies and review the relevant national legal texts. It was generally agreed that the draft text was now approaching the stage at which it would provide a basis for a more formal negotiation process to be launched and that the preparatory process should not be prolonged indefinitely. It was therefore agreed that a working group of experts designated by the Parties should be established with a view to developing a draft text of the Protocol for consideration and possible approval by the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 and adoption by a diplomatic conference to be held immediately following the 15th Meeting. The relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations should be invited to participate in the working group as observers. It would also be useful if the Secretariat could produce a publication indicating the current state of the measures adopted at the national level with regard to ICAM as guidance for governments in the region.

41. The MAP Focal Points approved the recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

3. *Liability and compensation*

42. The Coordinator recalled that a feasibility study (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.4) had been prepared and its findings and recommendations discussed by a meeting of legal experts in June 2005. Such a mechanism was a legal obligation under Article 16 of the Barcelona Convention and had been adopted under similar instruments. In view of the complexity of the subject, it was proposed to continue discussion with no commitment as to the type of mechanism that would eventually be developed.

43. During the discussion, the information paper was welcomed and it was emphasized that liability and compensation was a very delicate and sensitive matter that went well beyond the mere implementation of Article 16 of the Protocol. It would therefore be necessary to proceed with great caution and to ensure that there was full harmony with other applicable mechanisms at the national, Community and international levels. In view of the work already carried out on the issue, the recommendations should make reference to the information document.

44. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

4. *Reporting system*

45. The Secretariat announced that 20 Contracting Parties had submitted their national reports on the implementation of the legal and administrative aspects of the Convention and invited the remaining two to do so. All Parties were urged to continue reporting on all instruments, regardless of whether or not they had ratified them. Attention was drawn to the different quality of the national reports and the missing information on certain aspects.

46. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

5. *Compliance mechanism*

47. In response to the Coordinator's request for clarification on the options regarding the issue of submission procedure set out in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/7, Mr Gerhard Loibl, MAP Consultant, explained that the "other sources" mentioned in the three options were intended to include other international organizations and civil society. The Compliance Committee would not actively seek information from those other sources but pertinent information received therefrom would be forwarded to the Committee by the Secretariat.

48. While it was agreed that the mandate of the Working Group on Implementation and Compliance should be extended, it was emphasized that the rules and procedures concerning compliance needed to be clearly defined in the interest of the efficient and credible implementation of the Convention.

49. Following discussion, it was agreed to add a new recommendation on technical and financial assistance to help the Contracting Parties, particularly the most vulnerable, in the implementation of the Convention.

50. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

6. *Assistance to countries in legal matters*

51. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report, without comment.

## **B. Institutional framework**

### *1. MAP evaluation*

52. The Coordinator drew attention to the final version of the report on the external evaluation of MAP (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.9), submitted to the Secretariat in July 2005, and to the executive summary of the same report (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/8). Some of the recommendations made in the report had far-reaching implications and therefore merited further consideration. It was therefore agreed that the Secretariat should seek a mandate from the Contracting Parties to convene an extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points during the next biennium to prepare proposals for submission to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 for adoption.

53. During the discussion, the recommendation to convene an extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points was broadly welcomed. It was pointed out that past evaluations could also be considered.

### *2. Evaluation of MED POL*

54. The Coordinator drew attention to the report of the evaluation of MED POL Phase III, prepared by three independent experts and submitted to the Secretariat in April 2005 (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.10). He added that the recommendations contained in the report had been reviewed and used, as appropriate, to prepare MED POL Phase IV and the MED POL programme of work for the next biennium.

### *3. Evaluation of CP/RAC*

55. The Coordinator referred to the report of the evaluation of CP/RAC (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.11) and to the four main recommendations.

### *4. Evaluation of ERS/RAC*

56. The Coordinator made reference to the report of the evaluation of ERS/RAC (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.12), on which basis it was recommended that ERS/RAC should refocus its efforts towards information and communication, and be renamed INFO/RAC.

57. Several speakers felt that the mandate and future work of the proposed INFO/RAC, particularly in regard to environmental remote-sensing activities, should be further clarified, while others considered that it was already clear. The Focal Points for Egypt and Spain each made a clarification concerning the purpose of the proposed name change of ERS/RAC to INFO/RAC because of the remote-sensing activities within its new mandate. The MAP Focal Point of the Syrian Arab Republic welcomed the extension of the Centre's mandate, but did not wish to see the original remote sensing task cancelled or deleted. In response to their concerns, it was recalled that, following lengthy discussion, the Joint Focal Points Meeting of BP/RAC, PAP/RAC and ERS/RAC in May 2005 had decided that further work on remote sensing technology and capacity building was no longer a priority for work by a specialized MAP Regional Activity Centre. Moreover, the mission statement of INFO/RAC had not yet been considered and approved. It was announced, however, that it would be circulated to participants for clarification purposes.

58. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations proposed in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/4, as amended, which are contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

5. *Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)*

59. Mr Arab Hoballah, Deputy Coordinator, introducing the discussion, highlighted the non-binding character of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.13). The Strategy identified seven priority fields of action that constituted the background for the new MCSD programme of work (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG270/Inf.14). Consideration should also be given to the draft input on the MSSD for the Portoroz Declaration (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/18).

60. During the discussion, MCSD was commended for its work in producing the MSSD; if adopted at the Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the MSSD would send a strong signal to the meeting of the tenth anniversary of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Efforts would continue to be made to ensure that a suitable reference to the MSSD was included in the final declaration of the Barcelona Summit.

61. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations proposed in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/4, as amended, which are contained in **Annex III** to the present report. The draft input on the MSSD for the Portoroz Declaration was also approved.

6. *Cooperation with United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other partners*

62. Introducing the item, the Coordinator emphasized the good relations between MAP and a number of NGOs. The proposed recommendations sought to strengthen relations between Contracting Parties, intergovernmental organizations and regional initiatives, as well as the cooperation of the Secretariat with a range of different bodies.

63. In the ensuing discussion, representatives suggested the inclusion in the recommendations of the names of other organizations and programmes. The importance of action in respect of ballast waters was underlined. The Secretariat was requested to ensure that the information contained in the report regarding which non-governmental organizations received financial assistance from MAP was accurate.

64. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

7. *Cooperation with the European Union*

65. The Coordinator, introducing the item, drew attention to document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.30, which contained a draft joint work programme for cooperation between the MAP Coordinating Unit and the European Commission. The document would be signed shortly. The proposed work programme was intended to strengthen cooperation in specific areas, including the proposed European Union initiative to "depollute" the Mediterranean by 2020.

66. The amendments to the draft recommendations proposed in the subsequent discussion sought to clarify the contributions of the European Union. Reference to sub-regional activities was also emphasized.

67. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

8. *Cooperation with civil society and public participation*

68. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

## 9. Meetings

69. In the discussion on the issue of holding joint meetings of RAC Focal Points, particularly for Blue Plan, PAP/RAC and ERS/RAC Focal Points, it was pointed out that the inclusion of ERS/RAC in such meetings would depend on that Centre's new mandate. It was agreed that the overriding goal for such joint meetings should be operational and budgetary efficiency. In the specific case of meetings of MED POL and CP/RAC, it might prove useful to hold parallel meetings, followed by a common session. The final decision on whether or not to hold joint meetings of the various RACs should be taken at the extraordinary meeting of MAP Focal Points, to be held in 2006.

## 10. Information, public awareness and public participation

70. During the discussion on MAP's information strategy, it was agreed that the website should be made more interactive and that media coverage of MAP activities should be more actively encouraged. It was also agreed to include further recommendations referring to United Nations initiatives concerning education on sustainable development. It was proposed that ERS/RAC (INFO/RAC) should consider also participating in the Ministerial Conference Environment for Europe to be held in Serbia & Montenegro in 2007.

71. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

## C. Financial issues and personnel matters

72. The Coordinator, introducing the discussion, indicated that the situation with regard to the payment of contributions was better than at the same stage in previous biennia, for which he thanked the Contracting Parties. With regard to personnel, several proposals were made, including: the recruitment of an IT engineer to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat in the area of IT infrastructure; the upgrading of the post of MED POL Coordinator to D1, in view of the importance of the MED POL Programme; and the extension of the post of security assistant for one year until appropriate financing arrangements could be finalized with UNEP for security issues.

73. During the discussion, calls were reiterated from previous meetings for a more transparent presentation of the budget so that it would be possible to identify the sources of financing used for the various programme components and the related salaries. Some participants requested that the post of Deputy Coordinator should be filled without delay in line with United Nations rules and procedures. It was also emphasized that the post of security assistant should only be financed on a temporary basis until the necessary arrangements could be made with UNEP in line with the overall policy for the security of United Nations premises. The representative of Monaco expressed scepticism regarding the need to create the post of Information and Communication Technology Officer, what was more at P4 level, at a time when a specialized centre had been established and the post of Computer Operations Assistant already existed within the Coordinating Unit.

74. In response to the comment by the MAP Focal Point for Serbia & Montenegro that the country's contribution had almost doubled from the previous biennium, the Deputy Coordinator indicated that the arrangement for the previous biennium had been transitional and that the official Contracting Party was Serbia and Montenegro, not just Montenegro.

75. The Coordinator agreed that the presentation of the budget should be improved and undertook to do this in the future. In response to a request for clarification, he indicated that one of the reasons why MAP could function with a zero growth budget for the next biennium was that the transition to the euro had proven beneficial for MAP.

76. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.



## II. COMPONENTS

### A. Pollution prevention and control

#### 1. *Pollution from land-based sources (MED POL)*

77. During the discussion, the representative of Monaco said that his Government would be willing to continue to contribute financially to the successful coastal litter management programme of MED POL, which had given good results.

78. The representative of France expressed a reservation concerning the proposal to create a regional task force for transfer of technology related to pollution reduction, pending the provision of information on the modalities of work and the expected outputs of such a task force. The representative also expressed a reservation with regard to the reference to energy, which was not considered a high priority in MED POL's work; it would be more appropriate to include it under cleaner production. Other representatives disagreed, adding that climate change and energy use were also important sources of pollution and should be included in the programme of work. The representative of Italy said that her Government would be willing to provide human resources for work on energy-related issues.

79. The representative of France also expressed a reservation concerning a number of recommendations on monitoring, public participation, indicators and environmental inspections, on the grounds that they had not been discussed at the meeting of MED POL coordinators. Other representatives said that the Secretariat could propose additional recommendations provided that they were based on clear decisions made by the National Coordinators.

80. The MED POL Programme and RACs were invited to contact the EC and other partners in order to include the Contracting Parties in any international and, in particular, European programmes relating to the elimination of PCBs and, above all, mercury from old enterprises.

81. Several speakers emphasized the importance of cooperation with GEF and suggested that there should be a recommendation on the subject.

82. The representative of UNEP/GPA announced the organization of the second Inter-governmental Review Meeting of the GPA in Beijing in October 2006. He distributed written information regarding the meeting and encouraged representatives of the Contracting Parties to send their comments and suggestions on the information provided to the GPA Secretariat.

83. Finally, it was suggested that an ad hoc meeting of MED POL National Coordinators be organized to review and discuss the elements that could form the basis of a future legally-binding text containing measures and time-tables referred to in Article 15 of the amended LBS Protocol.

84. The representative of Croatia stressed the importance of the eco-system approach, which should be applied not only by MED POL but also by other MAP components whenever appropriate. It was also suggested that the Adriatic could serve as a test region where all Mediterranean countries could work on implementing the eco-system approach in a hands-on manner.

85. The representative of Israel suggested two amendments to be included in the text of MED POL Phase IV Programme to be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption, which were accepted by the Meeting.

86. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

2. *Marine pollution prevention and control (REMPEC)*

87. In the discussion, emphasis was placed on the need to strengthen REMPEC in order to allow it to carry out its important work of preventing pollution, and in particular to provide assistance to countries, upon request, in updating their emergency plans.

88. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

3. *Cleaner production*

89. During the discussion, emphasis was laid on the need to ensure strong support for CP/RAC so that it could focus on linking industrial development with environmental protection. The need to strengthen links between regional centres and institutions was highlighted. Technical and financial support should also be encouraged.

90. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

4. *Biological diversity and specially protected areas*

91. Responding to issues raised, the Director of SPA/RAC, confirmed that there would be full cooperation with all relevant non-governmental organizations and other bodies concerned with the Centre's areas of work. He agreed that it was essential to ensure that all Specially-Protected Areas of Mediterranean Interest (SPAMIs) fulfilled the criteria. The Parties emphasized the need for measures to be taken with respect to the management of all specially protected areas in general and not only SPAMIs.

92. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

5. *Sustainable management of coastal zones*

93. During the discussion, a new recommendation for the establishment of a "one-stop shop" in each country was proposed with a view to facilitating licensing, implementation control and management procedures in order to promote inter-ministerial coordination. In that context, the Director of PAP/RAC, confirmed that efforts to establish such institutions were already under way but difficulties were being faced owing to the various interests involved. He hoped, however, to replicate the encouraging experience of the number of coastal agencies and commissions that had already been established in the region. A further point raised was the need for follow-up based on the outcomes of completed CAMP projects. The Meeting agreed that the relevant document to be put before the Contracting Parties should be entitled "Operational Action Plan for ICAM in the Mediterranean".

94. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

6. *Environment and development*

95. The Director of Blue Plan, said that the main orientations for the future activities of the Blue Plan would include efforts to ensure the broad dissemination of the *Environment and Development Report* through the website, policy briefs, Powerpoint presentations in partnership with INFO/RAC. Blue Plan would also focus on the follow up of progress in the

implementation of the MSSD (indicators and good practices) in collaboration with the network of countries and other regional partners, with a view to assisting countries in the formulation of their national sustainable development plans.

96. Blue Plan was congratulated on its achievements in finalizing the *Environment and Development Report* and the preparation of the MSSD. It was encouraged to focus more in its future programme of work on disseminating the findings of its analyses and providing more assistance to countries for the implementation of the MSSD. Several speakers asked for the translation into Arabic and other languages of the *Environment and Development Report*.

97. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

#### 7. *Information and communication (ERS/RAC)*

98. During the discussion, it was emphasized that a horizontal focus on information management and dissemination was very much needed for MAP as a whole, particularly as a tool for disseminating information and increasing public awareness. It was necessary for MAP to become more interactive in the management and dissemination of the mass of environmental information available. It was proposed that an annual report could be produced on the environmental situation in the Mediterranean. Several observers representing NGOs welcomed the new objectives of the Centre and offered to collaborate with ERS/RAC with regard to information and awareness-raising activities. It was also emphasized that increased support should be provided to Arab countries in the field of information communication and management.

99. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft recommendations contained in **Annex III** to the present report.

### III. BUDGET

100. Introducing the discussion on the budget for the 2006-2007 biennium, the Deputy Coordinator recalled that when the last meeting of the Contracting Parties had agreed to the conversion of the MAP budget to the euro, it had called for MAP to maintain its budget at zero growth for the following biennium. As a result, the budgetary allocations had been maintained very much in line with the previous biennium. The prompt payment of contributions by the Contracting Parties meant that the interest earned on the funds made available could be used as an input to the budget of the biennium. Finally, he indicated that the contribution of Serbia and Montenegro would be maintained as for the present biennium keeping in mind that it would have to be reassessed for the next meeting of the Parties.

101. The MAP Focal Points approved the draft budget contained in **Annex IV** to the present report.

#### **Agenda item 8: Review of the draft agenda for the 14th ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties (Portoroz, 2005)**

102. The Coordinator drew attention to the provisional agenda for the 14th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Portoroz, which had been circulated to participants. In addition to the recommendations and programme budget for 2006-07, there would be a ministerial segment which would focus on five important topics: the future orientation of MAP, based on the MAP evaluation; the MSSD; National Action Plans within the framework of the SAP-MED; the conservation of the monk seal; and the Portoroz Declaration. He indicated that a draft of the Portoroz Declaration would be circulated within the next few days so that countries would have an opportunity to review it before the meeting in Slovenia. Finally, he encouraged as many ministers as possible to attend the meeting of the Contracting Parties in Portoroz. He also informed the meeting that the venue for the meeting in 2007 had not yet been decided.

103. The representative of France announced that the Minister for Ecology and Sustainable Development of France would be attending the ministerial segment.

104. The Focal Point for the Syrian Arab Republic requested that documents be finalized and circulated in Arabic in good time for the meeting.

105. Mr Mitja Bricelj, Focal Point for Slovenia, extended a warm welcome to all those who would be attending the meeting in Portoroz and explained the arrangements that had been made to facilitate travel and the organization of the meeting. He noted that there would be a number of side events on subjects including so far: the EC initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by 2020, the EU Marine Strategy and an event organized by IMO. An effort would also be made to reach out to local NGOs and organizations. He added that every effort would be made for visas to be available upon arrival for participants from countries where Slovenia did not have an embassy.

106. Several focal points suggested the presentation of the *Environment and Development Report* at the ministerial segment. Mr Mifsud agreed that the 30th anniversary of MAP would be a good opportunity to reflect on the orientations of MAP for the next 10 years.

107. The MAP Focal Points approved the provisional agenda for the 14th Meeting of the Contracting Parties contained in **Annex V** to the present report.

**Agenda item 9: Any other business**

*Merit awards*

108. Following a suggestion that certain staff members other than the former Coordinator, Mr Lucien Chabason, should also be honoured at Portoroz, the Coordinator said that such a decision would have to be taken by the Contracting Parties. The need for criteria as a basis for making such awards was recognized. The representative of Algeria emphasized the importance of setting up such an award.

*100 Historic Sites Programme*

109. The representative of France said that, in view of a number of unexpected events, a proposal to reorient the programme towards cultural heritage and sustainable development could not be prepared for the meeting. France would present a proposal in that respect at Portoroz, and would go ahead with the planned report, as agreed.

*Documentation*

110. The Coordinator proposed that, in order to reduce the cost of future meetings, working documents should be produced in hard copy and information documents should be available only on CD or for downloading from the Internet. Following various suggestions for limiting the number of hard copies of the documents it was agreed that the Secretariat would decide on the most appropriate approach for the production and distribution of both working and information documents.

**Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report of the meeting**

111. The meeting adopted its report, on the basis of the draft report contained in document UNEP(DEC)MED WG.270/L.1, at its meeting held on Saturday, 24 September 2005.

**Agenda item 11: Closure of the meeting**

112. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the Chair declared the meeting closed on Saturday, 24 September 2005 at 6.15 p.m.



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3. Election of officers
4. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work
5. Report by the Coordinator on the activities carried out during the 2004-2005 biennium
6. Financial implementation report of MAP Programme
7. Recommendations and Programme Budget for 2006-2007 biennium:

**I. COORDINATION****I.A Legal framework**

- I.A.1 Entry into force of the amendments to the Convention and the new Prevention and Emergency Protocol;
- I.A.2 Status of ratification of other related protocols;
- I.A.3 Draft protocol on the Integrated Management of Mediterranean Coastal zones; reporting,
- I.A.4 Compliance mechanism,
- I.A.5 Liability and compensation

**I.B Institutional matters**

- I.B.1 External evaluation of MAP; MED POL, CP/RAC and ERS/RAC evaluations.

**I.C Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development:**

- I.C.1 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development, including Draft Declaration, and MCSD programme of work

**I.D Cooperation and partnership****I.E Information and awareness****I.G Financial, Personnel and Administrative Matters**

## **II. COMPONENTS**

### **II.A Pollution Prevention and Control**

- II.A.1 Activities related to land-based pollution assessment and control (MED POL)
- Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), Dumping Protocol, Hazardous Wastes Protocol.
- II.A.2 Activities related to sea-based pollution prevention and control (REMPEC),
- Strategy for the implementation of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol,
  - Resolution for the Sustainable, Development and Respect of the Marine Environment by Pleasure Craft, Activities in the Mediterranean Sea,
  - Project on Euromed cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships (SAFEMED),
  - CLEANMED Project
- II.A.3 Cleaner production
- Capacity Building, Sustainable Development and Enterprise; Studies and Publications, Training Activities.

### **II.B Conservation of Biological Diversity and Specially Protected Areas**

- II.B.1 Implementation of the Actions Plans,  
II.B.2 Proposal for inclusion on the SPAMI list  
II.B.3 SAP BIO  
II.B.4 Draft Declaration on the Monk seal

### **II.C Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones**

- II.C.1 Sustainable management of coastal zones  
II.C.2 Operational strategic action plan for ICAM in the Mediterranean  
II.C.3 Coastal areas management programme (CAMP).

### **II.D Integrating Environment and Development**

- II.D.1 Strategies, Policies, Indicators and Statistics.  
II.D.2 Financing and cooperation for sustainable development  
II.D.3 Thematic areas  
II.D.4 Environment and Development Report

### **II.E Information, Communication and Environmental Remote Sensing**

- II.E.1 Information and Communication  
II.E.2 New MAP Website-Info System  
II.E.3 Promotion and Events-30 Years of MAP  
II.E.4 Cooperation & Partnerships



**III. BUDGET**

8. Review of the draft agenda for the XIV<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties (Portoroz, 2005)
9. Any other business
10. Adoption of the report of the meeting
11. Closure of the meeting



**ANNEX III**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### I.A COORDINATION

#### I.A.1 Legal framework

##### ***I.A.1.1 Status of ratification of the Convention and the Protocols***

###### *Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:*

1. In view of the particular threat to the marine and coastal environment by dumping and land-based sources and activities, to accept urgently the amendments to the:
  - Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (the Barcelona Convention);
  - Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (the Dumping Protocol);
  - Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (the LBS Protocol).
2. To ratify, accept, approve or accede as soon as possible to other Protocols, and in particular the Protocol concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (the Prevention and Emergency Protocol) and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol), which are in force.
3. To request the depositary country (Spain) together with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, to take a more active role for the Parties to speed up the process of the acceptance of amendments and ratification.
4. To ensure the implementation of the recommendations made by the 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties, held in Catania, in order to assist the Contracting Parties, especially the most vulnerable among them, to build their technical and logistical capacity within the framework of the Convention and, in particular, the Protocols on combating pollution, and to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

###### ***Request the Secretariat:***

To undertake the necessary actions to assist the Contracting Parties, at their request, in their efforts to accept the amendments to the revised instruments and/or ratify, accept, and adhere to the new MAP legal instruments.

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### ***I.A.1.2 Developments in the legal framework***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To affirm the urgent need to halt and reverse the continuing degradation of the Mediterranean coastal zone through a process of integrated management.
  2. To take note of the draft text of the Protocol on ICAM prepared by the Secretariat.
  3. To establish a working group of experts designated by the Contracting Parties to further develop the draft text of the Protocol on ICAM with a view to its consideration and possible approval by the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 and adoption by a diplomatic conference to be held immediately following the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties. International governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, the activities of which are related to the Convention, will be invited to participate in the process as observers.
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### ***I.A.1.3 Liability and compensation***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. In view of the legal complexity of implementing a liability and compensation mechanism, to establish an open-ended working group of legal and technical experts to propose appropriate rules and procedures pursuant to Article 16 (Liability and Compensation) of the amended Barcelona Convention. The working group should be composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties and one representative from MAP NGO Partners.
2. To take note of document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.4 as being of relevance to defining institutional responsibility and liability in a wide range of MAP activities

#### ***Request the Secretariat:***

To invite to the meetings of the working group all interested socio-economic actors and NGOs, at their own expense.

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### ***I.A.1.4 Reporting system***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To take note of the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the report "Regional assessment of the implementation of the Barcelona Convention for the biennium 2002-2003" (doc. UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/6), "Report of the Fifth Meeting on Reporting under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols" (doc. UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf .6) and "Comparative Analysis between MAP and other reporting systems" (doc. UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.7) .

2. To start preparing national reports on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for the 2004-2005 biennium on the basis of the updated reporting format, as indicated in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.228/9, with a view to their submission to the Secretariat by January 2007 at the latest. At their discretion, to include also any additional elements covered by the proposed new formats, as indicated in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.6.
3. To complete, where appropriate, national reports submitted on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for the 2002-2003 biennium by providing any information missing from the reports already submitted.
4. To start reporting on a voluntary basis on the implementation of the SAP MED in line with the results of the reporting format currently being tested by Croatia, Greece, Israel and Turkey.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To develop a new reporting format in the framework of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in close cooperation and consultation with the Contracting Parties and relevant organizations for consideration and adoption at the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 based on the following criteria:
    - (a) an integrated reporting system covering all MAP legal instruments;
    - (b) coherence in the timing of the reporting for all MAP legal instruments;
    - (c) the use of an indicator-based approach;
    - (d) harmonization with other reporting systems relevant to MAP in relation to timing and content; and
    - (e) inclusion of the decisions on which the Contracting Parties have to report within the framework of the legal instruments of MAP.
  2. To develop a list of indicators relevant to the practical implementation measures for the consideration by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.
  3. To establish an electronic database with the information provided by the Contracting Parties and introduce a system of electronic on-line reporting to be implemented by ERS/RAC (INFO/RAC) once it is refocused on information activities.
  4. To provide assistance to the Contracting Parties, at their request, for the preparation of national implementation reports for the 2004-2005 biennium and strengthen their reporting capacities and systems.
  5. To prepare a regional report on the implementation of the Barcelona Convention in the 2004-2005 biennium for submission to the Meeting of MAP Focal Points and of the Contracting Parties in 2007.
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### ***I.A.1.5 Compliance mechanism under the Barcelona Convention***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To extend the mandate of the working group on implementation and compliance and its membership to include all Contracting Parties with a view to developing a full compliance mechanism for adoption by the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007. The working group should develop the compliance mechanism on the basis of the principles, findings, recommendations and deliberations set out in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/7.
  2. To encourage action by all bilateral and multilateral donors at the regional level for assisting the Contracting Parties, particularly the most vulnerable of them, in the implementation of the Convention, through programmes of technical and financial assistance
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### ***I.A.1.6 Assistance to countries in legal matters***

#### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To ensure the incorporation of the provisions of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols into national law taking into account the analysis provided in the regional assessment of the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for the 2002-2003 biennium.

#### ***Request the Secretariat:***

To strengthen the support provided to countries on legal matters related to the protection of the marine and coastal zones of the Mediterranean with a view to implementing the provisions of Article 14, paragraph 2, of the amended Barcelona Convention.

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## **I.A.2 Institutional framework**

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To take note of the the report UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/8 on the external evaluation of MAP.
2. To approve the convening by the Secretariat of an extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points to discuss the evaluation report (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/8) and a draft Vision and Strategic Statement prepared by the MAP Secretariat for future MAP orientation for consideration by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.
3. To approve the participation of representatives of MAP Partners in the above-mentioned extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points.
4. To take note of the reports on the MED POL evaluation (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.10), on the CP/RAC evaluation (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.11), and on the ERS/RAC evaluation (UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.12) .



5. To refocus the activities of ERS/RAC towards information and communication, and rename it INFO/RAC

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To convene an extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the external evaluation of MAP and to discuss a draft Vision and Strategic Statement, prepared by the MAP Secretariat, and to make recommendations to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.
  2. To invite a representative of the MAP Partners to participate in the extraordinary meeting of the MAP Focal Points to consider the evaluation report.
  3. To take the necessary steps for the renaming of ERS/RAC as INFO/RAC and to redefine the mandate and mission statement of the future INFO/RAC in order to support MAP and its components in the field of information and communication.
  4. To modify the host country agreement in respect of ERS/RAC in cooperation with the concerned Italian authorities, so as to define the Centre's regional and international role in the field of information and communication.
  5. To prepare a document to be submitted for approval to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 formalizing:
    - a) The mission statement of CP/RAC and its rules of operation.
    - b) The role and ordinary tasks of the CP/RAC National Focal Points.
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**I.A.3 Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)**

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the MSSD, on the basis of the Declaration of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
2. To provide the necessary support for the implementation and follow-up of the MSSD at the regional, subregional and national levels.
3. To integrate, as appropriate, the objectives, orientations and actions set out in the MSSD in National Strategies for Sustainable Development (NSSD) that are being prepared or have been prepared.
4. To identify specific commitments and projects as a contribution to the implementation of the MSSD.
5. To define and launch partnership initiatives for the implementation of the MSSD and strengthen existing Mediterranean Type II Initiatives.
6. To carry out information and communication campaigns on the MSSD and specific NSSDs.
7. To adopt the MCSD programme of work and provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the MCSD's activities at the regional and national levels.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To monitor the implementation of the MSSD at the regional and national levels.
  2. To define, launch and strengthen pilot actions as a contribution to the implementation of the MSSD.
  3. To promote and, as appropriate, provide support for the preparation of NSSDs.
  4. To encourage Contracting Parties and Partners to carry out and, as appropriate, provide support for information and communication campaigns on the MSSD and NSSDs.
  5. To launch and coordinate the implementation of the programme of work and activities of the MCSD.
  6. To issue information regularly, through the web and direct communications, on progress in the implementation of the MSSD and NSSDs, MCSD activities and Mediterranean Partnership Initiatives; to improve the visibility of the MCSD at the national, regional and international levels
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**I.A.4 Cooperation and partnership**

***I.A.4.1 Cooperation with UN Agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other partners***

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To support the development and strengthening of cooperation between MAP and international organizations, United Nations agencies, other conventions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
2. To support the achievement of greater visibility for MAP and the Barcelona Convention at the forthcoming ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" to be held in Serbia and Montenegro in 2007.
3. To strengthen national coordination mechanisms among the focal points of the various conventions and organizations relevant to the objectives of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To participate in the GEF/IMO project to assist developing countries to address the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms in ships' ballast water.
2. To strengthen cooperation with the Secretariats of environmental conventions, relevant United Nations agencies, United Nations Regional Economic Commission offices and other intergovernmental organizations with a view to ensuring synergy on issues of common interest.
3. To further develop cooperation in the Arab region, in particular through the Arab Region Cooperation Programme, the League of Arab States, the United Nations Economic Commission for West Asia, UNEP/ROWA and CEDARE, through the implementation of joint activities, preferably in the context of a memorandum of understanding.

4. To strengthen cooperation between MAP and the European Environment Agency (EEA) by establishing a joint work programme in line with the proposed MAP/European Commission joint work programme.
  5. To strengthen cooperation between MAP and regional environmental centres such as the Regional Environment Centre for East and Central Europe (REC).
  6. To establish a working relationship with, *inter alia*, the secretariats of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention for Biological Diversity, the Basel Convention, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and other regional seas programmes, all of which are directly relevant to the Barcelona Convention.
  7. To promote cooperation with the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, the Trilateral Commission of Croatia, Italy and Slovenia and other regional initiatives.
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#### ***I.A.4.2 Cooperation with the European Union***

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To take note of and support the implementation of the Joint Work Programme between MAP and the European Commission to:
  - a. Strengthen cooperation at the institutional level by facilitating meetings between the two sides at the highest level possible to achieve synergy on strategic matters of common interest;
  - b. Increase cooperation between the EC and the MAP coordinating Unit, the Regional Activity Centres (RACs) and MED POL so that the experience and expertise of the RACs and MED POL can support EC activities in the implementation of environmental policy in the region;
  - c. Strengthen the environmental dimension of public policy and the promotion of sustainable development policies in the countries bordering the Mediterranean.
2. To continue cooperation with the European Commission to further develop the proposed European marine strategy.
3. To approve the participation of MAP in the initiative that is being launched by the European Commission to develop a maritime policy.
4. To support the involvement of MAP in the EU initiative proposed to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to “depollute” the Mediterranean by 2020 in view of the important role that MAP already plays through its components in eliminating pollution in the Mediterranean from land- and sea-based activities.
5. To promote the Barcelona Convention and MAP as a privileged regional mechanism for the implementation of EC activities in the region at the forthcoming Barcelona Summit to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.
6. To take note of the contribution of the SMAP Programme and of the Mediterranean component to the EU Water Initiative for the improvement of the environment in the Mediterranean. Increased support from the European Union would help to assist countries address pollution problems in the Mediterranean.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To implement the Joint Work Programme with the EC on the basis of the activities outlined in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG 270/Inf.30.
  2. To submit an assessment of the implementation of the Joint Work Programme to the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
  3. To take an active part in the implementation of the European Marine Strategy and the consultation process launched by the EC for the development of the EU Maritime Policy in order to ensure that Mediterranean specificities and needs are duly taken into account in further developments of these initiatives so that the environmental policies of MAP and of the European Community are implemented in a mutually supportive way.
  4. To take an active part in the EC initiative to “depollute” the Mediterranean by 2020 by contributing the experience and expertise acquired by MAP over the years and thus avoiding any duplication of activities or the wasteful use of resources.
  5. To work closely with the European Commission on the issue of adequate financing for implementation of those MAP activities in the Mediterranean that are also of relevance to the EC.
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***I.A.4.3 Cooperation with civil society and public participation***

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To promote public participation in all MAP-related activities carried out at the national level and to encourage and strengthen cooperation with MAP Partners representing civil society.
2. To approve the updated list of MAP Partners contained in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/Inf.15.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To further strengthen cooperation and assistance to Mediterranean NGOs included in the list of MAP Partners, giving priority to those active in the East and South of the Mediterranean.
  2. To further consolidate MAP activities in the field of public participation and awareness-raising focusing on environmental issues in general and MAP activities in particular, by providing assistance to countries for such activities.
  3. To involve non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in MAP activities, and at the same time support their initiatives in favour of Mediterranean environmental issues, and encourage other NGOs to become MAP Partners
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### **I.A.5 Energy Issues**

#### ***Request the Secretariat:***

To encourage the Regional Activity Centres and MED POL to cover energy issues in the framework designed by MSSD.

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### **I.A.6 Information, public awareness and public participation**

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To help give a higher profile and visibility at the national level to the Barcelona Convention, the activities of MAP and the Regional Activity Centres.
2. To approve the redesign of *MedWaves* and its publication as a quarterly magazine featuring reports about the various activities of MAP and its components.
3. To promote access to information on environment and sustainable development issues in general, and on MAP activities in particular.
4. To become actively involved in the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

#### ***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To embark on a publicity and public relations exercise to enhance the profile of the Barcelona Convention and the Mediterranean Action Plan through the publication of press releases and feature articles on a more regular basis on Mediterranean environmental issues in general and MAP activities in particular.
  2. To update the MAP Information Strategy in order to introduce a more innovative approach to the dissemination of information and the organization of public awareness campaigns about the Barcelona Convention, MAP and its components, through the use of the latest information and communication tools.
  3. To establish and maintain close contacts with journalists from Mediterranean print and broadcast media and to provide them with a regular flow of information.
  4. To assist countries to organize events to promote public participation in environmental issues and disseminate information about MAP in order to increase public awareness.
  5. To participate in activities related to environmental education and sustainable development in the framework of the regional implementation of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
  6. To ensure close coordination between MEDU and ERS/RAC (INFO/RAC), once it is refocused towards information and communication activities, for the implementation of the above activities.
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**I.A.7 Financial issues and personnel matters**

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the 2006-2007 budget version in euro currency.
2. To take note of the 2006-2007 budget version in US dollar currency.
3. To call on those Contracting Parties which are in arrears in their contributions to make every effort to settle their pledges so that the MAP Secretariat would be in a position to finance its activities, especially in the next biennium, when no increases in voluntary contributions are envisaged.
4. To approve the upgrading of the post of MED POL Coordinator to D 1.
5. To approve the creation of the post of Information Technology Officer at the Professional level.
6. To approve the retention of the post of Security Assistant on a temporary basis for one year (2006) until all administrative issues are resolved with DSS and UNEP and, in addition to the funds being made available by UNHCR, to use the MTF revolving fund to make up the balance

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To make every effort to collect the arrears of the ordinary contributions.
  2. To continue to provide details in the budget of the in cash and in kind contributions.
  3. To seek ways and means to resolve the issue of pending payments of the former Yugoslavia.
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## II. COMPONENTS

### II.A POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

#### II.A.1 Pollution from land-based sources (MED POL)

##### *II.A.1.1 Policy and coordination*

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To approve the visions, principles, objectives, content and modalities of implementation of the MED POL Phase IV Programme (2006-2013) as contained in document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.270/9, and to ask the Secretariat to prepare, in cooperation with the Contracting Parties, the operational details of the Programme during 2006-2007, taking into account the results of the evaluation of MED POL Phase III and developments in related international and regional programmes and initiatives.
2. To welcome the initiative by the European Union to prepare and implement a marine thematic strategy that will share the principles and objectives of MAP and its components and to recommend that MEDPOL continues to be a major partner within MAP to assure that common objectives for preventing and abating pollution are achieved.

##### ***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To follow the initiative of the European Commission relating to the project to be implemented by MED POL to review the implications of applying the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities in the Mediterranean region; the project should be implemented in cooperation with all Regional Activity Centres, with a view to the possible application of the ecosystem approach by the whole MAP system.
  2. To work in cooperation with ERS/RAC (INFO/RAC) and in consultation with the MED POL National Coordinators on the preparation of an information system and on the international and European initiatives covering data on pollution sources, levels and effects, based on existing national and international information systems as a platform for the establishment in future of a wider system for all MAP data and information
  3. To organize a meeting of *ad hoc* MED POL National Coordinators specifically devoted to the examination of the operational aspects of MED POL Phase IV, the preparation of an information system and the draft elements which could form the basis for the legally binding text containing the measures and timetables for implementation required under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol.
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## ***II.A.1.2 Implementation of the LBS Protocol and the SAP MED***

### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To endorse, support and mobilize the necessary resources for the implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) to address pollution from land-based activities and to ensure their integration into existing national strategies and pollution control plans.
2. To take note of the paper prepared by the Secretariat on the transfer of technology and knowledge within the framework of the SAP MED and the NAPs and to consider it as a guide for future initiatives in the region.
3. To approve and facilitate the creation by the Secretariat of a regional task force for the development of regional arrangements to facilitate cooperation for the transfer of technology related to pollution reduction within the framework of the SAP MED and the NAPs; CP/RAC will assist the Secretariat in this task.

### ***Request the Secretariat:***

To catalyze and facilitate the mobilization of external funds to assist Mediterranean countries in the implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs).

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#### Municipal sewage

### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To take note of the proposed Guidelines for municipal water reuse in Mediterranean countries prepared following a thorough analysis of Mediterranean conditions, which are intended to assist countries in achieving the targets of the SAP MED and the NAPs related to the appropriate management of municipal sewage.

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#### Air pollution

### ***Request the Secretariat:***

In accordance with section I.A.5, to include in the MED POL work programme for 2006-2007, depending on the availability of funds, energy-related activities and to start work, on the impact of the energy sector on the Mediterranean marine environment; Life Cycle assessment of fossil fuels in the Mediterranean basin and a mechanism for the development of energy efficiency (EE), renewable energy (RE) and cleaner or less polluting energy in the Mediterranean basin in its respective sphere of competence.

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#### Industrial pollution

### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To provide the Secretariat with all available data and information related to inputs of nutrients and mercury from industrial installations and on national management systems for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), obsolete chemicals, lubricating oil, used batteries and hazardous substances, so as to allow the preparation of up-to-date regional plans for pollution reduction within the framework of the SAP MED.



**Request the Secretariat:**

1. To prepare regional plans for the reduction of nutrients and mercury from industrial installations, for the management and disposal of stockpiles of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (avoiding duplication with the work undertaken by the Stockholm Convention) and obsolete chemicals, used lubricating oils, used batteries and hazardous substances. The plans should be prepared on the basis of the recent data and information gathered through the preparation of Baseline Budgets (BBs), National Diagnostic Analyses (NDAs), Sectoral Plans (SPs) and National Action Plans (NAPs), and should contain realistic targets and deadlines based on those indicated in the Strategic Action Programme (SAP MED), taking into account relevant international developments.
  2. To start working on the formulation of elements which would in future be included in the legally-binding measures and timetables referred to in Article 15 of the amended LBS Protocol, on the basis of the present SAP MED and taking into account any relevant international developments.
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Monitoring**Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:**

1. To formulate and implement marine pollution monitoring programmes pursuant to Articles 7 and 8 of the LBS Protocol as indispensable tools for the proper implementation of the SAP MED, particularly for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the pollution reduction measures adopted.
2. To facilitate the planning and organization of subregional surveys to improve the knowledge of the contamination level of the Mediterranean coastal waters.
3. To initiate the process of revision of ongoing monitoring activities on the basis of the objectives of SAP MED and the NAPs and ensure the provisions of the missing monitoring data and information as part of MED POL Phase III.

**Request the Secretariat:**

To plan and launch subregional surveys and initiate the process of revising the monitoring programme according to the SAP objectives, including the assessment of the quality of marine and coastal environment.

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Public participation**Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:**

To support and facilitate the involvement of civil society, NGOs, industry associations and local authorities in the process of the implementation of NAPs in the framework of the Strategic Action Programme, *inter alia*, through the organization of relevant workshops.

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Reporting

***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To consider the PRTR system, or other appropriate systems, such as EPER and marine pollution indicators, as important tools for the preparation of national and regional environmental assessment.

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Environmental inspections

***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To strengthen the capabilities of national inspection systems to facilitate the implementation of compliance monitoring and the NAPs in the framework of the Strategic Action Programme.

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Cooperation with GEF

***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

Those Contracting Parties which are GEF Members should undertake to ensure that their efforts and support, within the GEF Council, are further harmonized and coordinated in order to increase the Fund's interest in, and funding for, the Mediterranean region and MAP.

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***II.A.1.3 Implementation of the Dumping Protocol***

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the guidelines prepared by the Secretariat in close cooperation with national authorities and experts on the placement at sea of matter for purposes other than mere disposal (construction of artificial reefs) (doc. UNEP(DEC)MED WG.270/10).
2. To adopt the guidelines prepared by the Secretariat in close cooperation with national authorities and experts on dumping of inert uncontaminated geological materials (doc.UNEP(DEC)MED WG.270/11).
3. To facilitate the collection by the Secretariat of data and information for the preparation of a review/assessment of historical dumping sites of ordnance in the Mediterranean.

***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To assess country needs (legal, technical and institutional aspects) and prepare and implement a programme of assistance for the proper application of the Dumping Protocol and its guidelines, and to provide assistance as appropriate.
  2. To strengthen cooperation with the London Convention Secretariat, continue to exchange data and information and ensure the harmonization of the respective reporting systems.
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## **II.A.2 Marine pollution prevention and control (REMPEC)**

### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships as endorsed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points (Malta, 25-28 April 2005), to implement the Strategy, to provide information to the Secretariat on the actions being taken at the national level for its implementation and to consider, at their Fifteenth Meeting, the possibility of strengthening the human resources of the Centre starting from the biennium 2008-2009.
2. To adopt the set of Principles agreed upon during the Meeting of National Experts on the Feasibility of a Legal Regional Instrument on Prevention of Pollution from Pleasure Craft Activities in the Mediterranean (Monaco, 8-10 December 2004) and endorsed by the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Focal Points of REMPEC (Malta, 25-28 April 2005).
3. To support the implementation by REMPEC of the project on Euromed cooperation on maritime safety and prevention of pollution from ships (SAFEMED) financed by the European Community (EC) under the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership MEDA financial mechanism, and involving ten Mediterranean partners.
4. To support REMPEC's efforts for the development of monitoring activities in the Mediterranean to detect, prevent and combat operational pollution in conformity with the relevant international Conventions, as defined in the three components of the CLEANMED project developed by REMPEC.
5. To provide REMPEC with the additional human resources necessary to fulfil its mandate, either by seconding professional officers to the Centre or by sponsoring their recruitment.

### ***Request the Secretariat:***

1. To support Mediterranean coastal States in their efforts to implement the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships.
  2. To prepare guidelines on pollution from pleasure craft activities, taking into consideration the Principles for the development and respect of the marine environment by pleasure craft activities in the Mediterranean Sea, and to present them to the next Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points for endorsement, prior to their submission for adoption to the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
  3. To extend, as far as possible, the activities included in the SAFEMED project to the other Mediterranean coastal States not covered by this project.
  4. To request, as necessary, the collaboration of other MAP components when addressing scientific aspects of regional issues related to Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs), sensitivity mapping and ballast water management; in this regard Contracting Parties that are member States of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Serbia and Montenegro and Slovenia) should seek assistance with the preparation of pilot projects concerning those issues mentioned above for the Adriatic Sea as a particularly sensitive sea area.
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### **II.A.3 Cleaner production**

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To submit information on:
  - a) The specific needs of countries to improve the application of cleaner production and complementary approaches (Life Cycle Assessment, eco-efficiency, eco-labelling, EMAS, etc.) in their industries and other sectors (agriculture, services).
  - b) The activities carried out to promote and implement cleaner production in the country, including the materials prepared by the Secretariat (CP/RAC).
  - c) The links existing between centres, institutes, universities and industry.
2. To promote the inclusion of environmental awareness programmes at all educational levels related in particular to cleaner production.
3. To promote research and development in cleaner production among universities in the region.
4. To include in environmental legislation mechanisms which allow industry to comply with the legislation through the implementation of cleaner production principles.
5. To encourage technical and financial support and, in particular, soft loans with low interest rates for companies and institutions wishing to introduce BATs and BEPs.

#### ***Request the Secretariat (CP/RAC):***

1. To continue holding seminars and preparing studies, guidelines and databases on issues of interest to the Mediterranean region regarding pollution prevention in economic activities.
  2. To broaden the current scope of the activities of CP/RAC to include other areas in relation to cleaner production.
  3. To involve academics and industrialists in CP/RAC activities wherever appropriate.
  4. To provide information on success stories and good practices in the field of cleaner production for dissemination to a wide range of stakeholders in Mediterranean countries and to assist countries in capacity building and the dissemination of success stories to the public and private sectors relating to the introduction of BATs and BEPs.
  5. To catalyse and facilitate the mobilization of funds to support specific cleaner production activities based on partnerships with countries.
  6. To facilitate communication between companies which have already experienced the benefits of cleaner production and those which have not.
  7. To promote more expertise on cleaner production in Mediterranean countries.
  8. To strengthen cooperation between NGOs, through the CP/RAC Focal Points and the Secretariat, for the dissemination of information on BATs and BEPs.
  9. To strengthen links and partnership with regional and, particularly, national centres and institutions.
  10. To work with the European Commission to strengthen cooperation, particularly with the countries of the South, in order to support them in their environmental upgrading strategies, especially the industrial and tourist sectors.
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## **II.B BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS**

### **II.B.1 Implementation of the action plans**

#### ***II.B.1.1 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Management of the Mediterranean Monk Seal***

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the draft Declaration on the conservation of the monk seal.
2. To address the problem of the deliberate killing of monk seals combined with habitat loss existing in areas of major importance for the species, targeting fishermen and other stakeholders, taking into account the most serious threat to the survival of this species, as noted in the assessment of the implementation of the action plan (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.146/5, Arta 1998).
3. To make the best possible use of the positive experiences in Alonissos (Greece) and Foça (Turkey) to extend protection and conservation actions to all the other known Mediterranean areas with critical habitats of monk seals.
4. To ensure that management plans for protected areas containing critical monk seal habitats, as well as legislative measures relevant to the conservation of monk seals, are developed and implemented.
5. To identify existing or potential critical habitats of monk seals.

##### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To assist countries in the implementation of the Action Plan for the Management of the Mediterranean Monk Seal through management plans, operational tools and capacity building; to this end, to make use of the report UNEP(DEC)/MED WG 232/Inf.6 of the group of experts convened by SPA/RAC in 2002, as already recommended by the Contracting Parties in 2003.
  2. To support countries in the identification of existing or potential critical habitats of monk seals.
  3. To assist countries in organizing awareness campaigns for target groups, with a view to ensuring their participation in efforts to reduce hostility and increase consensus for the implementation of conservation actions.
  4. To strengthen collaboration with relevant bodies, in particular FAO/GFCM, in order to address effectively the problem of the interaction of fisheries with monk seals.
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### ***II.B.1.2 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Mediterranean Marine Turtles***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To fulfil their obligations in relation to the implementation of the Action Plan, and particularly the recommended actions at national level for each country.
2. To ensure legal protection measures for known nesting sites (including adjacent waters) and other aggregation areas.
3. To encourage pilot studies on tested methods to reduce turtle by-catch and mortality in fisheries.
4. To take note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles.
5. To take note of the results of the Workshop on the Standardization of Tagging and Centralization of Information, and to promote tagging programmes that comply with the general recommendations and the principal guidelines of this Workshop.
6. To support participation in the 26<sup>th</sup> International Sea Turtle Symposium to be held on 3-8 April 2006 in Greece.

#### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To assist countries in fulfilling obligations pertaining to the implementation of the Action Plan, by supporting and/or coordinating actions where necessary.
  2. To support initiatives to improve knowledge of the distribution of populations of marine turtles at sea.
  3. To strengthen collaboration with FAO/GFCM to address the problem of the interaction of fisheries with marine turtles.
  4. To take into consideration the results of the Regional IUCN Red List Assessment of *Caretta caretta*, *Chelonia mydas* and *Dermochelys coriacea* which is being prepared by IUCN's Marine Turtle Specialist Group (MTSG), and all relevant inputs in order to propose, as appropriate, an update of the Action Plan at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/RAC National Focal Points.
  5. To support the organization of the 26<sup>th</sup> International Sea Turtle Symposium in Greece and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, to be held in Tunisia.
  6. To promote awareness measures and education for various target stakeholders (including fishermen, tourists and decision-makers).
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### ***II.B.1.3 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To join the ACCOBAMS Agreement, if they have not already done so, and to take note and implement as far as possible the pertinent resolutions and recommendations of the Meetings of its Contracting Parties.
2. To recognize that common obligations relating to cetaceans under the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol are fulfilled by the implementation of ACCOBAMS.
3. To promote the creation and extension of protected marine and coastal areas specifically for cetaceans.
4. To establish close cooperation at the national level between the SPA/RAC National Focal Points and the ACCOBAMS focal points.
5. To invite the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS to inform the Meeting of the SPA/RAC National Focal Points of the implementation of measures relevant to the conservation of cetaceans, in particular through the ACCOBAMS national reporting system, and to present the decisions of the Meetings of its Contracting Parties.
6. To support the implementation of the ban on driftnets proclaimed by ICCAT (2003) and GFCM (2005) by developing and executing specific reconversion plans.

#### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To implement the Memorandum of Cooperation between SPA/RAC and ACCOBAMS.
  2. To seek synergies with the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS in relation to any relevant activities to be implemented in countries that are not parties to ACCOBAMS.
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### ***II.B.1.4 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea***

#### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To adopt the updated activity programme for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation in the Mediterranean Sea.
2. To take the necessary steps to complete, within the prescribed time, the activities provided for by the updated activity programme for the implementation of the Action Plan.

#### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To assist countries in complying with their commitments under the updated programme for the implementation of the Action Plan.
2. To provide countries with the necessary support to make inventories and carry out mapping of marine meadows and marine vegetation formations and, in particular barrier reefs of Posidonia and organogenic surface formations, terraces (platforms with vermitids covered by soft algae) and certain Cystoseira belts.

3. To help countries that have already started activities in the framework of the Action Plan to set up monitoring networks.
  4. To strengthen collaboration with FAO/GFCM to address the problem of the interaction of fisheries with marine vegetation.
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#### ***II.B.1.5 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Cartilaginous Fishes (Chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean Sea***

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To contribute to the implementation of an international system of inspection and control that is consistent with the specific nature and needs of Mediterranean fisheries, within the framework of the relevant regional fisheries management organizations.
2. To take the necessary measures to complete the activities included in the Action Plan within the agreed time period.

##### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To ensure the implementation of the actions under its responsibility set out in the Action Plan in accordance with the timetable adopted in collaboration with FAO/GFCM.
  2. To encourage the strengthening of legal measures aimed at setting up systems to enforce inspections on fishing in international waters.
  3. To pursue collaboration to assist countries increase their national expertise on cartilaginous fish
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#### ***II.B.1.6 Implementation of the Action Plan for the Conservation of Bird Species Listed in Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean***

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To take the necessary steps to complete, within the prescribed time frames, the activities provided for in the Action Plan, and particularly to:
  - a) Guarantee procedures for the legal protection of species;
  - b) Set up research programmes to fill gaps in knowledge on threatened species;
  - c) Establish national action plans and implement existing plans;
  - d) Identify, map and protect areas at sea that are important for birds.
2. Join AEWA and subscribe to *ad hoc* Memoranda of Understanding if this has not been done already.



**Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):**

1. To collaborate closely with BirdLife International and other competent international organizations, such as the MedWet Initiative of the Ramsar Convention, for the implementation of the Action Plan on the Conservation of Bird Species Listed in Annex II to the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol.
  2. To prepare a report on the progress made so far in the implementation of the Action Plan for submission to the Meeting of the SPA/RAC National Focal Points in 2007
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**II.B.1.7 Implementation of the Action Plan concerning Species Introductions and Invasive Species in the Mediterranean Sea****Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:**

1. To take the necessary steps to complete the actions provided for at national level by the Action Plan in accordance with its implementation timetable.
2. To work at the regional level to assess impacts of invasive species on local marine biodiversity and different marine habitats.

**Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):**

1. To cooperate with competent institutions in this field at the Mediterranean level.
  2. To carry out the actions provided for by the Action Plan in accordance with its implementation timetable and in collaboration with the relevant organizations.
  3. To prepare an evaluation report of the implementation of the Action Plan, to be submitted to the Eighth Meeting of SPA/RAC National Focal Points.
  4. To provide assistance to countries to carry out the actions provided for in the Action Plan at the national level.
  5. To encourage regional cooperation to assess the impact of invasive species on local marine biodiversity and different marine habitats.
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**II.B.2 Selecting, establishing and managing specially protected areas****Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:**

1. To include in the SPAMI list the sites fulfilling the criteria for inclusion:
  - *the Banc des Kabyles Marine Reserve*
  - *the Cap de Garde Marine Reserve\**
  - *the Habibas Islands*
  - *Rachgoun Island\**
  - *the Portofino Marine Protected Area.*

\* *Provided the formal status of the protected area is given by the national authorities before the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties*

2. To support the extension and continuation of the MedMPA project at the national level, where appropriate.
3. To consider the establishment of new marine protected areas (MPAs) both in coastal waters and in the high seas, where appropriate, on the basis of existing scientific knowledge, in accordance with the commitments adopted at the Seventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. To assess and identify those SPAMIs which are exposed to environmental risks by international shipping activities and could be proposed for designation as PSSAs by the IMO.

***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To establish a programme of work for the development of protected areas based on the positive experience of the MedMPA project, with the aim of helping countries of the region to develop before 2012 a representative network of marine protected areas, in accordance with the recommendations of the SAP BIO and in close cooperation with WWF.
  2. To pursue its assessment of the procedure for the evaluation of SPAMIs and to proceed with a test to evaluate two voluntary SPAMIs using this procedure in collaboration with IUCN.
  3. To collaborate with ACCOBAMS, and in particular with its scientific committee, for the establishment of specially protected areas for the conservation of cetaceans.
  4. To assist countries, in close cooperation with REMPEC, to conduct the assessment of those SPAMIs that could be proposed for designation as PSSAs by IMO.
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**II.B.3 Activities linked to processing and managing biodiversity-related data**

***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To further inventory natural sites of conservation interest, using the Standard Data-entry Form (SDF) and other technical tools adopted by the Contracting Parties.
2. To develop national clearing-house mechanisms on marine and coastal biodiversity;
3. To use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as tools for the management and exchange of data on marine and coastal biodiversity.

***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To assist countries in inventorying natural sites of conservation interest.
2. To harmonize the inventory system using the Standard Date-entry Form with the Natura 2000, Emerald and MedWet systems.
3. To develop the use of Geographic Information Systems for managing and disseminating data on marine and coastal biodiversity in the Mediterranean.
4. To improve SPA/RAC's directories and databases and integrate them into a regional information system.
5. To help countries to attain a good qualitative and quantitative level of information on marine and coastal biodiversity in their national clearing-house mechanisms (CHMs).

6. To take account of the effects of climate change and the adjustment measures necessary to protect biodiversity in the region.
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#### **II.B.4 Strategic action programme for the conservation of biological diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAP BIO)**

##### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To ensure the involvement and coordination of competent national and regional institutions for the implementation of the SAP BIO.

##### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To further integrate the SAP BIO into its programme of activities.
  2. To prepare project proposals and seek funding for the implementation of the SAP BIO, also exploring possibilities with external donors.
  3. To seek financial support from GEF for the same purpose.
  4. To continue to cooperate with all relevant organizations, agencies and institutions for the implementation of SAP BIO
  5. To strengthen cooperation among the various Regional Activity Centres, particularly PAP/RAC, SPA/RAC and REMPEC, in order to carry out integrated projects for the protection of ecosystems against pollution and to promote marine biodiversity.
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#### **II.B.5 Common criteria for the choice of species that could be included in or excluded from Annexes II and III to the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol**

##### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To approve the principle of modifying the lists of species included in Annexes II and III to the SPA and Biodiversity Protocols on the basis of criteria to be established.

##### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To prepare guidelines for future amendments to Annexes II and III to the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol based on the contributions of all Parties, including the scientific, legal and procedural aspects.
  2. To take into consideration the results of the Regional IUCN Red List Assessment in order to update the Action Plans, and to propose criteria for the amendment of Annex II and III to the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol.
  3. To make a first set of proposals to test the validity of the procedure for submission to the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.
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## **II.B.6 Mediterranean initiative on taxonomy**

### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To recognize the shortage of taxonomists and to encourage postgraduate specialization in taxonomy and national and/or bilateral cooperation to address this problem.

### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To cooperate more closely with other competent organizations to evaluate the taxonomic guides available for Mediterranean marine flora and fauna and to update them if necessary with the aim of providing tools for the Contracting Parties.
  2. To organize a Mediterranean workshop on reference collections of marine species in the Mediterranean in collaboration with the relevant institutions and experts.
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## **II.B.7 Capacity building**

### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To promote training courses in order to strengthen national capacities in the field of the conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity.

### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

1. To convene a training course on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for biodiversity conservation purposes.
  2. To convene a training course on mapping marine biotopes.
  3. To convene training courses and provide technical assistance on management tools and action plans for priority species and areas to be protected.
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## **II.B.8 Other priority Mediterranean habitats**

### ***Recommendation to the Contracting Parties:***

To promote training courses to strengthen national capacities in the field of the conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity with particular reference to coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions.

### ***Request the Secretariat (SPA/RAC):***

To formulate a programme of work on protecting the coralligenous and other calcareous bio-concretions in the Mediterranean and to submit it for adoption by the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties, after consulting the SPA/RAC National Focal Points.

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## **II.C SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL AREAS**

### **II.C.1 Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM)**

#### **II.C.2 CAMP projects**

##### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To continue efforts to implement the MCSD recommendations on the sustainable management of coastal areas as well as the components of the MSSD related to coastal management.
2. To adopt the Operational Action Plan for ICAM in the Mediterranean and support PAP/RAC in its implementation.
3. To continue efforts to create new institutional interministerial arrangements for ICAM and to adopt new and/or improve the implementation of existing national legislation for sustainable coastal management.
4. To invite countries where there have not yet been any CAMP projects to propose new projects. To invite countries that have already implemented CAMP projects to ensure appropriate follow-up based on the outcome of the CAMPs and to consider new projects in the light of the recommendations of the proposed Operational Action Plan for ICAM, and particularly new types of CAMP projects.
5. To support the implementation of activities related to the development and application of landscape management methodologies and tools.
6. To support the implementation of the EU/SMAP programme of activities related to Integrated Coastal Zone Management, to improve beach management and information sharing through the clearing-house mechanism.

##### ***Request the Secretariat (PAP/RAC):***

1. To assist countries in the implementation of the Operational Action Plan for ICAM, including efforts to develop new types of CAMP projects.
2. To pursue the development and implementation of ICAM tools and instruments, with particular reference to marine spatial planning, coastal information systems, environmental impact assessments and SEA in coastal environments, coastal erosion and risk management, economic instruments for coastal management, the assessment of carrying capacities for tourism, landscape management, beach management and integrated coastal area and river basin management (ICARM).
3. To support and assist the Contracting Parties in preparing their national and local ICAM strategies and programmes, in implementing ICAM tools, techniques and methodologies and in developing subregional ICAM initiatives.
4. To assist Albania, Algeria, Croatia and Egypt to prepare their national reports on integrated coastal management.
5. To coordinate MAP activities in relation to CAMP projects, under the overall coordinating responsibility of MEDU.
6. To prepare CAMP feasibility studies, CAMP programmes and agreements, to implement ongoing and planned MAP CAMP projects

7. To propose to countries where CAMP projects have been completed to introduce new and/or adapt existing instruments for environmental management and to assist those countries in preparing viable projects, which would enable the follow-up of CAMPs.
  8. To continue institutional strengthening and capacity building of national and local institutions by means of traditional and internet-based training courses (MedOpen), the exchange of information on ICAM through the clearing-house mechanism, the maintenance of the informative website, the publication and dissemination of guidelines, thematic papers, programme results and other achievements.
  9. To strengthen existing and seek new partnerships in the region and mobilize existing resources at the international level for the implementation of ICAM and sustainable development in coastal regions.
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***Request the Secretariat (BP/RAC):***

To help countries carry out prospective analyses in coastal areas and contribute to the implementation of CAMPs.

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**II.D. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**II.D.1 Integrating environment and development**

**PAP/RAC**

***Recommendations to Contracting Parties:***

1. To support activities on local management and sustainable development in the framework of the MCSD.
2. To urge municipal authorities to apply the recommendations of the MCSD on urban management and sustainable development.
3. To support efforts to introduce better practices for the management of water resources, and particularly the implementation of the relevant guidelines.
4. To encourage the relevant national and local authorities and concerned stakeholders to undertake carrying capacity assessment for tourism activities, taking into account their potential impact as a common tool for the sustainable development of this industry, nationally and locally.
5. To support activities and mobilize the pertinent means for combating land degradation and to support the partnership of PAP/RAC with relevant international organizations and institutions.

***Request the Secretariat (PAP/RAC):***

1. To support the MCSD working group on local management and sustainable development.
2. To assist the Contracting Parties in their endeavours to implement the MCSD's recommendations on urban management and sustainable development through the

development of appropriate urban management tools and instruments, further developing the methodology for urban regeneration.

3. To promote the use of carrying capacity assessment as a tool for the sustainable development of tourism, through the enhancement of the capacity of Mediterranean national and local institutions, and to continue providing technical assistance.
  4. To provide support to local authorities for the implementation of guidelines for the sustainable management of urban water resources.
  5. To continue activities related to land degradation management and to establish new partnerships with international and regional organizations and institutions in this field.
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## **BP/RAC**

### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To support the dissemination and promotion of the *Environment and Development Report's* findings in countries and at the Euro-Mediterranean level.
2. To support the implementation of the common PAP/BP/METAP project in support of the SMAP III programme so as to strengthen the integration of the environment into development strategies and policies.
3. To support Blue Plan's efforts to develop follow-up activities (sustainable development indicators, thematic follow-up) for the MSSD.
4. To support Blue Plan's efforts to conduct priority thematic activities by mobilizing qualified experts and other relevant ministries or agencies and by hosting and funding regional, subregional and national events (workshops).

### ***Request the Secretariat (BP/RAC):***

1. To increase its presence in individual countries to reach a wider public and contribute to the strengthening of environmental ministries' capacities to better integrate environmental concerns into sectoral policies.
2. To make the main findings of the *Environment and Development Report* available to countries and other users in an appropriate format (policy briefs, PowerPoint presentations, websites, participation in national and regional discussions).
3. To help the Contracting Parties to build up information that facilitates the follow up and implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development as well as National Strategies for Sustainable Development.
4. To document indicators, expand analyses and identify good practices with volunteer countries, EU bodies and partners and regional initiatives involved in the following fields: water demand management, energy and climate change, sustainable tourism, and sustainable rural development.
5. To focus thematic activities in areas where MAP can offer added value: sustainable development indicators and trend analysis, inventory of best practices and of policy tools for demand management and integrated development, sharing of Mediterranean experience.
6. To produce and disseminate a set of indicators to follow-up the MSSD and help countries develop indicators for their national strategies.
7. To strengthen technical partnerships with other MAP components and institutions.

8. To develop, in particular with ERS/RAC (INFO/RAC) and concerned Contracting Parties, the translation of the Environment and Development Report into Arabic and other languages and its dissemination.
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## **II.E INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION - ERS/RAC**

### ***Recommendations to the Contracting Parties:***

1. To approve and support the Centre in its new mandate, which provides support to MAP and its components in addressing priority information and communication requirements in the implementation of their programme of work.
2. To support the Centre in the establishment of links with national authorities and organizations in the field of information and communication to enable the Centre to develop a MAP information system.
3. To support the dissemination of the video produced for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Barcelona Convention on national television in Mediterranean countries.

### ***Request the Secretariat (ERS/RAC) / (INFO/RAC):***

1. To develop a process for the establishment of a common information management infrastructure (MAP Info) that facilitates and supports IC activities across MAP, including the management and periodic upgrading of the UNEP/MAP website, and the MED POL Info System, and the MAP reporting system.
  2. To establish bilateral partnerships with non-governmental organizations and other actors concerned with promoting public participation and raising awareness of the objectives and activities of MAP and the Barcelona Convention.
  3. To organize the Mediterranean Environmental Award as an annual event, ensuring maximum positive media/public exposure for the Award, MAP and the priority environmental concerns of the Mediterranean basin.
  4. To facilitate workshops and related activities for the preparation of a strategic information and communication strategy in the context of MSSD, ensuring convergence with the MAP Info design process and related recommendations.
  5. To provide technical assistance in the drafting and implementation of an information and communication plan to the country selected to host the Meetings of the Contracting Parties to ensure the most effective use of available IC tools, information resources etc, including the implementation, management and promotion of an official Contracting Parties website.
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**ANNEX IV**  
**DRAFT PROGRAMME BUDGET**



### III. PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE 2006 - 2007 BIENNIUM

<b>SUMMARY OF BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS</b>
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	Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>I. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS</b>				
1. COORDINATING UNIT, Athens, Greece				
- Secretariat's Personnel and Operating Costs	683,351	651,616	639,087	639,088
- MEDPOL Personnel	374,496	381,657	396,349	398,993
- Operating Costs covered by the Greek Counterpart Contribution	440,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
2. MEDPOL COOPERATING AGENCIES	244,418	245,872	244,023	246,268
3. REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC)	650,148	640,227	727,631	688,050
4. BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)	551,100	557,700	551,235	585,635
5. PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)	422,400	433,400	452,800	467,600
6. SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)	360,000	360,000	373,825	388,481
7. ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)	0	0	0	0
8. CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	3,725,912	3,710,472	3,824,950	3,854,114
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS*	427,169	425,161	440,043	443,835
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>4,153,081</b>	<b>4,135,633</b>	<b>4,264,993</b>	<b>4,297,949</b>

\* The Programme Support Costs of 13% is not charged to the Greek Counterpart Contribution.

**ACTIVITIES:**

	Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>II. ACTIVITIES</b>				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	731,540	647,277	732,686	678,460
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	1,155,903	1,130,903	1,074,720	1,034,780
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	372,903	309,403	358,000	320,000
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	422,396	423,696	349,496	326,596
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	306,902	277,901	319,870	338,262
SUB-TOTAL	2,989,644	2,789,180	2,834,772	2,698,098
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (13%)	337,106	311,046	318,403	300,635
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES FUNDED</b>	<b>3,326,750</b>	<b>3,100,226</b>	<b>3,153,175</b>	<b>2,998,733</b>

	Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>A. ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE MTF (excluding the EC voluntary contribution)</b>				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	659,540	554,277	661,186	584,960
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	1,121,903	1,063,903	1,007,500	1,001,000
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	222,903	199,403	188,000	190,000
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	189,103	190,903	173,703	122,803
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	223,402	207,901	231,590	226,542
SUB-TOTAL	2,416,851	2,216,387	2,261,979	2,125,305
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (13%)	311,331	285,270	292,627	274,860
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES FUNDED THROUGH THE MTF</b>	<b>2,728,182</b>	<b>2,501,657</b>	<b>2,554,606</b>	<b>2,400,165</b>

	Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>B. ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE EC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION</b>				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	72,000	93,000	71,500	93,500
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	34,000	67,000	67,220	33,780
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	150,000	110,000	170,000	130,000
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	233,293	232,793	175,793	203,793
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	83,500	70,000	88,280	111,720
SUB-TOTAL	572,793	572,793	572,793	572,793
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (4.5%)	25,776	25,776	25,776	25,776
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE EC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>598,569</b>	<b>598,569</b>	<b>598,569</b>	<b>598,569</b>

**AGGREGATE BUDGET COVERING ACTIVITIES , ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS  
FOR THE COORDINATING UNIT AND THE CENTRES (in Euro):**

	Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
COORDINATING UNIT, Athens, Greece				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	731,540	647,277	732,686	678,460
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	1,497,846	1,473,273	1,475,436	1,478,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,229,386</b>	<b>2,120,550</b>	<b>2,208,122</b>	<b>2,156,540</b>
MEDPOL				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	815,000	820,000	861,220	763,780
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS MEDPOL COOPERATING AGENCIES	244,418	245,872	244,023	246,268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,059,418</b>	<b>1,065,872</b>	<b>1,105,243</b>	<b>1,010,048</b>
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	320,903	290,903	213,500	271,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	650,148	640,227	727,631	688,050
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>971,051</b>	<b>931,130</b>	<b>941,131</b>	<b>959,050</b>
BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	283,402	245,901	253,870	245,362
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	551,100	557,700	551,235	585,635
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>834,502</b>	<b>803,601</b>	<b>805,105</b>	<b>830,997</b>
PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	379,896	389,696	349,496	353,496
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	422,400	433,400	452,800	467,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>802,296</b>	<b>823,096</b>	<b>802,296</b>	<b>821,096</b>
SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	392,903	329,403	358,000	320,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	360,000	360,000	373,825	388,481
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>752,903</b>	<b>689,403</b>	<b>731,825</b>	<b>708,481</b>
ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>66,000</b>
CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS	764,275	736,207	758,446	744,470
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,479,831</b>	<b>7,235,859</b>	<b>7,418,168</b>	<b>7,296,682</b>

**SOURCES OF FINANCING (in Euro):**

<b>A. Income</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
MTF Contributions	5,557,277	5,557,277
Greek Counterpart Contribution	440,000	440,000
UNEP Counterpart Contribution	16,580	16,580
Total Contributions	6,013,857	6,013,857
Unpaid Pledges for 2004/05 and prior years (average estimate)	1,100,000	
Bank Interest 2005-2006 (estimate)	390,000	
<b>Total expected income</b>	<b>13,517,713</b>	
<b>B. Commitments</b>		
Commitments	6,086,929	5,979,419
Programme Support Costs	732,671	718,694
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>13,517,713</b>	

<b>A. Income</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Voluntary Contribution of EC	598,568	598,568
<b>B. Commitments</b>		
Activities funded through the EC Voluntary Contribution	572,793	572,793
Programme Support Costs (4.5 %)	25,776	25,776
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>598,569</b>	<b>598,569</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2006-2007:**

Contracting Parties	%	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2005 (in €)	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2006 (in €)	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2007 (in €)
Albania	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877
Algeria	1.05	58,163	58,163	58,163
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.30	16,619	16,619	16,619
Croatia	0.97	53,730	53,730	53,730
Cyprus	0.14	7,755	7,755	7,755
EC	2.49	138,483	138,483	138,483
Egypt	0.49	27,143	27,143	27,143
France	37.85	2,103,262	2,103,262	2,103,262
Greece	2.80	155,653	155,653	155,653
Israel	1.47	81,427	81,427	81,427
Italy	31.27	1,737,670	1,737,670	1,737,670
Lebanon	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877
Libya	1.96	109,124	109,124	109,124
Malta	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877
Monaco	0.07	3,877	3,877	3,877
Morocco	0.28	15,511	15,511	15,511
Serbia and Montenegro	0.32	18,000	18,000	18,000
Slovenia	0.67	37,113	37,113	37,113
Spain	14.94	830,337	830,337	830,337
Syria	0.28	15,511	15,511	15,511
Tunisia	0.21	11,632	11,632	11,632
Turkey	2.24	124,634	124,634	124,634
<b>Sub-total</b>	100.00	5,557,277	5,557,277	5,557,277
Host Country(Greece)		440,000	440,000	440,000
UNEP Environment Fund		22,000	16,580	16,580
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>6,019,277</b>	<b>6,013,857</b>	<b>6,013,857</b>

**Estimated Counterpart Contributions in Cash/Kind of Contracting Parties hosting Regional Activity Centres and of the U.N. Agencies participating in the MEDPOL Programme. The amounts have been provided to UNEP by the respective Centres and Agencies.**

<b>Countries</b>		2006 (,000 €)	2007 (,000 €)
Croatia	PAP/RAC	160	145
France	BP/RAC	718	718
Italy	ERS/RAC	1,000	1,000
Malta	REMPEC	70	70
Spain	CP/RAC	650 *	650 *
Tunisia	SPA/RAC	90	90
<b>U.N. Agencies</b>			
WHO	MED POL	90	90
IAEA	MED POL	200	200

\* Tentative figures, subjected to the approval of the Spanish Government that supports directly CP/RAC activities.



## I. COORDINATION

### I.A.1 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)							
		2006				2007			
		MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT	MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT
Legal Assistance to the Secretariat	MEDU	12,000				12,000			
Assistance to countries to develop their national legislation and national enforcement of control mechanisms in line with the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the adopted protection measures, and reporting	MEDU	20,000				20,000			
Implementation and Compliance Working Group/Working document	MEDU		11,000				11,000		
Liability and Compensation/Working document	MEDU	8,000				8,000			
Assistance to countries to develop their reporting system	MEDU	40,000		20,000		10,000			
Reporting System Working document and Database	MEDU	10,000				10,000			
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		90,000	11,000	20,000	0	60,000	11,000	0	0

### I.A.2 INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Evaluation of MAP and follow-up	MEDU	20,000		*	20,000		*
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		20,000	0	0	20,000	0	0

\* External funding to be sought.

### I.A.3 MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development: follow up, pilot actions and support to countries and partners	MEDU	20,000	30,000	100,000 *	20,000	30,000	40,000
Implementation of the MCSD "thematic" programme of work: follow up of recommendations and support to countries and partners	MEDU	19,965	10,500	30,000	19,965	10,500	30,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		39,965	40,500	130,000	39,965	40,500	70,000

\* Financial support expected from Spain/Azahar Cooperation Programme for the preparation of NSSD in four Mediterranean countries.

**I.A.4 COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Support to non-governmental organisations and other major actors	MEDU	50,000	11,000		33,000	33,000	
Promotion of regional cooperation	MEDU	10,000			10,000		
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		60,000	11,000	0	43,000	33,000	0

**I.A.5 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED WITHIN THE MAP FRAMEWORK**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Regional Workshop and working sessions on the preparation and implementation of the NSSDs and follow up of MSSD implementation	MEDU	30,000		50,000 *		20,000	40,000
Meetings of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)-one per year	MEDU	40,000		60,000 **	45,000		50,000 **
Meetings of the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (one per year)	MEDU	20,000		10,000	20,000		10,000
Meetings of the Bureau (two per year) to review the progress of the Action Plan, advise the Secretariat on matters arisen since the meeting of Contracting Parties, and decide on programme/ budget adjustments	MEDU	50,000			30,000		
Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points to consider the progress of the Action Plan and the 2008-9 programme budget followed by the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to review and approve the 2008-9 programme budget	MEDU				100,000		***
Meeting of the Regional Activity Centres' Directors and the Coordinating Unit for programming and coordination of MAP activities (two per year)	MEDU	10,000			10,000		
Consultation meetings of experts on Liability and Compensation	MEDU	20,000			30,000		
Meetings of the working group on implementation and compliance	MEDU	20,000			20,000		
Meeting on reporting system	MEDU	30,000			30,000		
Presentation Conferences for CAMP projects (participation of RACs)	MEDU	10,000			10,000		
Provision for unforeseen costs related to the organisation of Meetings	MEDU	10,000			10,000		
Extraordinary Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	MEDU			100,000			
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	MEDU	240,000	0	220,000	305,000	20,000	100,000

\* Financial support expected from Spain/Azahar Cooperation Programme for a Regional Workshop on NSSDs.

\*\* Financial support expected from Host Country (at least two-thirds of MCSD meeting cost from EU countries and one-third from other countries).

\*\*\* The host country of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties is expected to provide the overall cost.

**I.A.6 INFORMATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Preparation, editing, translation, printing and dissemination of MAP reports, including the upgrading of the MAP website	MEDU	55,000			55,000		
Preparation and printing of information material for the public and the press	MEDU	23,321			15,000		
Preparation, translation, printing and dissemination of the MAP magazine MedWaves (Arabic, English and French)	MEDU	35,000			25,000		
Workshops for Mediterranean Communication Professionals on MAP fields of activity	MEDU	30,000					
Events and material to promote MAP visibility and to commemorate the 30 year Anniversary of the adoption of the Barcelona Convention	MEDU	10,000					
Support to Information and Communication Activities and Public Awareness through the Media	MEDU	30,000					
Assistance to countries for the promotion of Public Participation (implementation of Article 15 of the Barcelona Convention)	MEDU	5,000			2,995		
Preparation and printing of MAP Technical Reports Series (MTS)	MEDU	7,000			3,000		
Library Services	MEDU	5,000			5,000		
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		200,211	0	0	105,995	0	0

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)							
		2006				2007			
		MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT	MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION</b>		650,186	11,000	71,500	350,000	573,960	11,000	93,500	170,000

**II. COMPONENTS****II.A POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<b>A. LAND BASED POLLUTION:</b> <b>Implementation of SAP/LBS Protocol</b>							
Assistance to countries for the implementation of NAPs including capacity building	MEDPOL	35,000	33,220	10,000 (a)		21,780	10,000 (a)
Assistance to countries to facilitate transfer of technology for the implementation of NAPs	MEDPOL	20,000		5,000 (a)	20,000		
Feasibility study of the application of the principle of burden sharing in pollution reduction	MEDPOL	10,000		5,000 (a)	10,000		20,000 (a)
Preparation and implementation of mechanisms for the financial sustainability of SAP	MEDPOL	10,000		20,000 (a)			
Preparation of Regional Plans for pollution reduction	MEDPOL	40,000			10,000		
Preparation of documents/guides for the appropriate management of municipal waste water (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	30,000		8,000 (b)	30,000		
Assistance to countries for the environmentally sound management of municipal sewage (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	14,000			20,000		
Assistance to countries for the implementation of marine litter management Guidelines	MEDPOL	10,000		10,000 (a)	10,000		10,000 (a)
Pilot projects on energy efficiency and renewable energy in the framework of SAP	MEDPOL	10,000		20,000 (c)	10,000		
Review and assessment of the monitoring programme as tool for the SAP implementation	MEDPOL	10,000		5,000 (a)			
Assistance to countries for the formulation/implementation of national monitoring programmes	MEDPOL	130,000			130,000		
Assistance to countries for formulation and implementation of Eutrophication monitoring programmes	MEDPOL	20,000			20,000		
Preparation of updated assessment of eutrophication	MEDPOL	10,000					
Launch of baseline surveys at the sub-regional scale	MEDPOL	25,000		40,000 (c)	25,000		40,000 (c)
Data Quality Assurance (chemical parameters) (IAEA/MEL)	MEDPOL	110,000			110,000		
Data Quality Assurance (Bio-monitoring)	MEDPOL	15,000			15,000		
Assistance to countries for the preparation of beach profiles and other activities related to bathing water criteria (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	20,000		10,000 (b)	30,000		10,000 (b)
Preparation of updated assessment of shellfish growing waters (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	12,000					

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Assessment of health-related risks associated to tourist establishments (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	12,000			20,000		7,000 (b)
Maintenance of MED POL database and preparation of Information System	MEDPOL	15,000		30,000 (d)	10,000		20,000 (d)
Studies and research on emerging issues related to marine pollution	MEDPOL	30,000			20,000		
Assistance to countries for environmental inspection systems (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	25,000		10,000 (a)	15,000		
Finalization of SAP Reporting System	MEDPOL	10,000			10,000		
Assistance to countries for the launch of PRTRs	MEDPOL	20,000			10,000		
Training and Fellowships	MEDPOL	20,000			20,000		
Development of marine pollution indicators	MEDPOL	18,000	22,000				
<b>Dumping Protocol</b> Preparation of assessment of dumping of ordonance	MEDPOL	10,000					
Assistance to countries for the implementation of Dumping Protocol & its guidelines	MEDPOL	25,000			7,000		
<b>Hazardous Wastes Protocol</b> Launching of pilot projects for the management of hazardous wastes	MEDPOL	20,000			20,000		
<b>Coordination and policy</b> MED POL National Coordinators Meeting	MEDPOL				40,000		10,000 (c)
Preparation of operational details of MED POL Phase IV	MEDPOL	20,000			20,000		
Ad hoc Meeting of MEDPOL National Coordinators to discuss MED POL Phase IV operational aspects, information system and elements for future legally-binding text on measures and timetables	MEDPOL						60,000
Project on the application of the ecosystem approach	MEDPOL	10,000		60,000 (e)	10,000		20,000 (e)
Preparation of elements for the future legally binding SAP	MEDPOL	10,000			10,000		
Government-designated Meeting of Experts to review implementation of monitoring activities	MEDPOL				40,000		10,000 (c)
Meeting of Network on compliance & enforcement (WHO/MEDPOL)	MEDPOL				40,000		10,000 (c)
Regional Workshop on marine litter management	MEDPOL	10,000		40,000 (f)			
Regional Workshop on financial sustainability of SAP	MEDPOL	10,000		40,000 (f)			
Assistance to countries to facilitate ratification of LBS, Dumping and Hazardous Waste Protocols	MEDPOL	10,000			10,000		

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<b>B. SEA BASED POLLUTION</b> <b>Pollution Prevention/Control</b> Preparation by consultants of a study concerning the level of enforcement in the Mediterranean region of international regulations concerning prevention and control of operational pollution (Complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	16,000					
Development of comprehensive guidelines for the application of principles underlying the sustainable development and respect for the environment by pleasure craft activities in the Mediterranean Sea	REMPEC	14,000					
Assistance to individual countries on specific issues (Ballast water, AFS, PSSAs, etc.), upon their request	REMPEC	10,000			10,000		
Preparation by consultants or consultancy firms of national legal acts, contingency plans, equipment lists, proposals for national spill response centres, training programmes, and other related technical or legal documents	REMPEC	23,000			20,000		
Provision by consultants or consultancy firms of requested advisory services to individual countries or groups of countries, aimed at development, improving and maintaining their local, national and sub-regional systems and operational agreements for prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents	REMPEC	20,000			13,000	12,000	
Development and upgrading of technical and decision support tools, in particular sensitivity maps, spill forecasting models and databases	REMPEC	3,000	12,000				
Maintaining the level of preparedness of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU), for assisting the CPs in case of emergency	REMPEC	1,000					
Development of REMPEC information system (website, interactive databases)	REMPEC	13,500			12,000		
Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on places of refuge for ships in distress (Complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	40,000					
Organization and delivery of a regional training activity on 2001 Bunker Convention (Complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	40,000					
Organization and delivery of a regional training course / exercise (MEDIPOL/MEDEXPOL)	REMPEC				75,000		

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on regional partnership for enforcement of maritime regulations on operational pollution (Complementing CLEANMED)	REMPEC				30,000		
Support to the organization and delivery of a national training courses on oil spill response	REMPEC	8,000			7,000		
Support to the organization and delivery of national training courses on prevention of pollution from ships	REMPEC	8,000			7,000		
Participation in a full scale exercise involving deployment of equipment	REMPEC			*			*
Support to the organisation and delivery of a seminar for presentation of the results of the project on Arial and Satellite Surveillance of operational pollution in the Adriatic Sea (ASEOP)	REMPEC			*			
8th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points	REMPEC				80,000		
Meeting on guidelines for pleasure craft activities	REMPEC			*			
Meeting of Contracting Parties' representatives and potential donors to identify possible external sources of financing for the implementation of the Regional Strategy	REMPEC						*
Supporting the organization of joint activities aimed at revision, completion or updating of sub-regional operational agreements in the Mediterranean (Meeting of National Operational Authorities)	REMPEC	5,000			5,000		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		1,007,500	67,220	313,000	1,001,000	33,780	227,000

**Note:** (a) = GEF; (b) = WHO; (c) = Host country; (d) = ERS/RAC; (e) = EC;  
(f) = GEF and host country

\* External sources/ additional donors to be identified

**II.B BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND SPECIALLY-PROTECTED AREAS**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<u>Implementation of Action Plans</u> Monk seal, Marine Turtles, Cetaceans, Marine vegetation, Cartilaginous fishes, Birds, Invasive species	SPA/RAC	35,000	105,000		10,000	95,000	
<u>Marine Protected Areas</u> Support to the countries for strengthening existing MPAs and creation of new MPAs Preparation of an "evaluation procedure" of the SPAMIs and evaluation test on two voluntary SPAMIs	SPA/RAC	53,000			35,000		
<u>Biodiversity Data Management:</u> Data collection : inventory of sites of conservation interest using the FSD and GIS Data management : improvement and development of RAC/SPA's directories and databases Data circulation : (i) Development of MedGIS for the management and exchange of data, and as a link in between the RACs of MAP (ii) Implement the regional Clearing House Mechanism and assist countries to develop their national CHM	SPA/RAC	40,000			35,000		
<u>SAP BIO</u> Implementation of the SAP BIO in the frame of PDF B Support countries to start the implementation of NAPs	SPA/RAC	30,000			40,000		
<u>Amendment of the Annex II and III of SPA Protocol</u> Finalize the criteria for adoption by the Contracting Parties and prepare an annotated format for proposal of amendments <u>Taxonomy:</u> (i) Support the preparation of new guides and/or update of existing guides (ii) Support the training in taxonomy (iii) Organize a Mediterranean workshop <u>Capacity Building:</u> Support training courses on the scientific and technical aspects of conservation of the natural heritage <u>Protection of coralligenous, other calcareous bio-concretions and corals:</u> (i) Identify the priorities with a group of experts (ii) Elaborate a work programme with concrete actions to be submitted to the next NFP meeting	SPA/RAC	30,000	65,000		10,000	35,000	
Meeting of SPAs National Focal Points	SPA/RAC				60,000		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		188,000	170,000	0	190,000	130,000	0



## II.C SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Systemic and prospective analysis of the coastal regions and the connected information systems. Contribution to the CAP of the MAP	BP/RAC		30,000			30,000	
<u>MAP CAMPs:</u> Co-ordinating role; implementation of ICAM activities in Cyprus, Slovenia and Spain; natural resources management; participatory programmes; data management; capacity building; environmental assessment; sustainable urban management; CCA for tourism; preparation of ICAM strategies, programmes and plans; implementation of economic instruments for coastal zone management as a follow-up to SAP MED; integration of activities; preparation of final integrated reports; preparation of bankable projects as a follow-up of CAMP activities; preparatory activities for CAMP projects in Morocco, and Serbia and Montenegro	PAP/RAC	14,207	115,793	600,000	6,207	123,793	600,000
Capacity building of stakeholders in CAMPs	PAP/RAC		20,000			20,000	
<u>ICAM:</u> Improvement and implementation of the internet-based open training course on ICAM (MedOpen); training documents, case studies, selection of candidates, helpdesk, discussion groups, basic and advanced courses, examinations; implementation of the Educom@Med master's degree course on integrated coastal area management	PAP/RAC	3,000			3,000		
Regional workshop to discuss and adopt the good practices guidelines on beach management in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC				23,000		
Regional workshop to propose measures to improve spatial planning in Mediterranean coastal areas	PAP/RAC				25,596		
Implementation of the Strategy on integrated coastal management and CAMPs in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC		10,000		10,000		
Preparation of the final text of the Protocol for ICAM through a series of expert meetings and stakeholder forums	PAP/RAC	40,000		60,000		30,000	70,000
Assistance to Mediterranean countries in application of ICAM and ICARM methodologies: application/development of tools and instruments for ICAM - marine spatial planning, SEA, coastal hazard assessment and risk management, coastal information systems, land and sea use planning systems, vulnerability studies	PAP/RAC	20,000		30,000	20,000		30,000
Preparation of the good practices guidelines for beach management in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC	10,000					

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Preparation of the analysis of the spatial planning systems in Mediterranean coastal regions	PAP/RAC	15,000					
Assistance to Mediterranean countries in preparing their national reports on coastal management (Albania, Croatia, Egypt)	PAP/RAC	5,000			5,000		
Implementation of SMAP (EU project on ICZM); raising awareness, enabling implementation of activities*	PAP/RAC	25,300	*	300,000			
Implementation of thematic studies with a view to development and application of landscape management methodologies and tools in Mediterranean coastal areas	PAP/RAC	15,000					
Update and improvement of the Regional clearing house mechanism for documentation, information dissemination and awareness on coastal area management initiatives in the Mediterranean countries	PAP/RAC	5,000			5,000		
Regional training to introduce methodologies and tools for landscape management; landscape planning, vulnerability studies, landscape typology	PAP/RAC	21,196		15,000			
National Focal Points Meeting of PAP/RAC (jointly with ERS/RAC and BP/RAC)	PAP/RAC				25,000		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>173,703</b>	<b>175,793</b>	<b>1,005,000</b>	<b>122,803</b>	<b>203,793</b>	<b>700,000</b>

\* Pending decision EU.

**II.D INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<u>Integrating Environment and Development. Indicators and Policies</u> Training courses and support mission / Training in the countries	BP/RAC	62,000			20,000		
<u>National evaluations (indicators and policies)</u> In the priority themes (Water, Energy, Rural Development) and Regional expertise	BP/RAC	36,000	36,000	36,242	30,000	30,000	
Experts meeting on the priority themes	BP/RAC	36,000				36,000	
<u>Regional Workshop</u> on water demand management	BP/RAC				5,700	25,720	60,000
SilvaMediterranea programme for the FAO	BP/RAC			45,000			45,000
<u>Indicators and Statistics</u> Coastal zones indicators selection and research. Coastal zones indicators selection and research in connection with the other components of the MAP. Experts meeting.	BP/RAC		18,000		18,000		
Euro-Mediterranean project MEDSTAT Environment	BP/RAC			125,000			*
Feasibility study of a Maritime Transport Statistics Observatory in collaboration with REMPEC.	BP/RAC	5,000					
Contribution to the Safe Med project head by REMPEC	BP/RAC			*			*
<u>Communication, translation and valorisation of the by-products</u> Conception, translation and publishing of communication supports (policy briefs, dossier, web sites) and dissemination	BP/RAC	16,590	14,280	20,000	14,942		
BP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	BP/RAC				35,000		
Implementation of the recommendations of the MCSD Working Group on Urban Management and SD: awareness raising, regional exchange of experience	PAP/RAC	5,000			5,000		
Assistance to countries in implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)	PAP/RAC	5,000			5,000		
Assistance to countries in development and preparation of strategies and management plans to combat land degradation (e.g. soil erosion/desertification control)	PAP/RAC		20,000			20,000	
Regional TC on application of guidelines for sustainable urban water resources management in French	PAP/RAC				13,900		5,000

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in €)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Regional TC to implement the Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Assessment for Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC				13,000		5,000
Workshop and activities for the identification of Mediterranean Community user-segments and needs and information retrieval from the "MAP Info System". Identification of a management system for the integration of environmental data collected through advanced GIS and remote sensing techniques	ERS/RAC	10,000		70,000 **	20,000		60,000 **
Execute a system design process to establish a common information management infrastructure (MAP Info) to facilitate and supports IC activities across MAP	ERS/RAC	10,000		80,000 **	16,000		40,000 **
Enhance and strengthen partnerships for promoting public participation and raising awareness of the objectives and activities of MAP and the Barcelona Convention	ERS/RAC	16,000		50,000 **	20,000		30,000 **
Execute and promote the Mediterranean Environmental Award as an annual event and ensure maximum and positive media/public exposure for the Award, MAP and the priority environmental concerns of the Mediterranean basin	ERS/RAC	20,000		250,000 **	10,000		250,000 **
Workshop and activities for the preparation of a strategic information and communication strategy for the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development-MSSD. To support Blu Plan's effort for the dissemination of RED (translations, audiovisual products...)	ERS/RAC	10,000		50,000 **			20,000 **
Organise the National Focal Points Meeting of INFORAC (Italy) ***	ERS/RAC						50,000 **
Provide assistance to the Secretariat and to the country selected to host the COPs in the drafting and implementation of an information and communication plan; including the implementation, the management and promotion of the official Contracting Parties website	ERS/RAC						50,000 **
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		231,590	88,280	726,242	226,542	111,720	615,000

\* Pending financing decision.

\*\* Funds to be provided by the Italian Government.

\*\*\* The Joint FP meeting, to be cost-shared by the 3 RACs, is expected to be organized in Italy by ERS/RAC on behalf of the three RACs; however, the organization of such meeting depends on the relevant decision of the MAP FP.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS****1. COORDINATING UNIT (including MED POL), Athens, Greece**

	Approved Budget (in €)			Proposed Budget (in €)			
		2005		2006		2007	
		MTF	GREEK CP	MTF	GREEK CP	MTF	GREEK CP
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m						
Coordinator - D.2	12	135,052		135,052		135,052	
Deputy Coordinator - D.1	12	136,007		136,007		136,007	
Programme Officer - P.4	12	96,528		96,528		96,528	
Admin/Fund Management Officer - P.4	12	*		*		*	
MEDPOL Coordinator - P.5/D1	12	120,921		129,405		129,405	
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	98,652		98,652		98,652	
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	90,156		90,156		90,156	
Information Officer - P.3	12	92,279		83,000		83,000	
ICT Officer - P.4	12	-		**		**	
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>769,594</b>		<b>768,800</b>		<b>768,800</b>	
<b>Administrative Support (b)</b>							
Meeting Services Assistant - G.7	12			*	*	*	
Senior Secretary - G.5	12		28,952		29,743		30,821
Administrative Clerk - G.5/G.6	12	*		*		*	
Computer Operations Assistant - G.6	12	*		*		*	
Budget Assistant - G.6 /G.7	12	*		*		*	
Administrative Assistant - G.6	12	*		*		*	
Library Assistant - G.6	12		32,556		37,046		37,557
Administrative Assistant - G.6	12		32,001	***		***	
Programme Assistant- G.5	12		26,521		31,539		32,617
Secretary - G.4/G.5	12		23,556		27,587		28,665
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.5	12	28,926		33,335		34,054	
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4	12	23,556		24,125		25,087	
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4	12	19,447		20,676		21,639	
Administrative Clerk - G.4/ G.5	12	*		*		*	
Administrative Clerk - G.4	12	*		*		*	
Information Assistant - G.5	12		24,116		27,138		28,216
Administrative Clerk - G.5	12	*		*		*	
Temporary Assistance****		10,000		10,000		10,000	
Training of MEDU Staff		10,500		10,000		10,000	
Overtime		8,750		8,000		8,000	
Hospitality		12,500		10,500		10,500	
<b>Total Administrative support</b>		<b>113,679</b>	<b>167,702</b>	<b>116,636</b>	<b>153,053</b>	<b>119,280</b>	<b>157,876</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		150,000		150,000		150,000	
<b>Office Costs</b>							
Rental			155,100		155,000		155,000
Other Office costs (including sundry)			117,198		131,947		127,124
<b>Total Office costs</b>		0	272,298	0	286,947	0	282,124
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>1,033,273</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>1,035,436</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>1,038,080</b>	<b>440,000</b>

\* Paid under Programme Support Costs.

\*\* Funded through MTF contingency fund.

\*\*\* To be paid from Programme Support Costs.

\*\*\*\* For 2006, the post of Security Assistant will be funded with Euro 27,700 from the MTF revolving fund. UNHCR will contribute to the cost.

## 2. MED POL COOPERATING AGENCIES

		Approved Budget (in €)	Proposed Budget (in €)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
WHO Programme Officer/Senior Scientist, MAP Coordinating Unit (Athens) P.5	12	120,921	120,921	120,921
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>120,921</b>	<b>120,921</b>	<b>120,921</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
WHO Secretary MAP Coordinating Unit (Athens) G.5	12	28,926	33,760	34,389
IAEA Laboratory Assistant MEL (Monaco) G.6	12	57,225	59,342	60,958
IOC Temporary Assistance - IOC/HQ (Paris)		5,500		
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>91,651</b>	<b>93,102</b>	<b>95,347</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>				
WHO (Athens)		15,000	15,000	15,000
IAEA (Monaco)		15,000	15,000	15,000
IOC of UNESCO (Paris)		3,300		
<b>Total Travel</b>		<b>33,300</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Office costs</b>		*	*	*
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>245,872</b>	<b>244,023</b>	<b>246,268</b>

\* Office costs incurred by WHO staff stationed in the Coordinating Unit in Athens are covered by the MED Unit office costs. Office costs incurred by all agencies at their own Headquarters or Regional Offices are covered by the respective agencies as part of their counterpart contributions.

**3. REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC) Valletta, Malta**  
Cooperating Agency IMO

		Approved Budget (in €)	Proposed Budget (in €)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director - D.1	12	133,420	143,625	125,678
Programme Officer (OPRC) – P5	12	120,921	124,669	105,169
Programme Officer (MEP) - P4	12	88,031	87,051	88,887
Programme Officer (PREV) - P4	12	85,998	92,894	94,730
Programme Officer - P3 (1)	12	-	23,500	25,000
Administrative Officer (P.1) (2)	12	22,166	-	-
Programme Officer - L4 (3)	12	-	-	-
Programme Officer - L3 (3)	12	-	-	-
Administrator - L3 (3)	12	-	-	-
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>450,536</b>	<b>471,739</b>	<b>439,464</b>
<b>Administrative Support (4)</b>				
Administrative Assistant - G.7	*	-	9,283	9,750
Information Assistant - G.7	12	19,834	23,193	23,193
Assistant to the Director - G.7	12	16,320	19,467	19,937
Clerk/Secretary - G.4	12	16,186	16,338	16,702
Secretary - G.5	12	14,858	19,304	19,697
Technical Assistant/Logistics - G.4	12	16,186	15,972	16,338
Administrative Assistant - G.6 (3)	12	-	-	-
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>83,384</b>	<b>103,557</b>	<b>105,617</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		40,000	60,000	50,000
<b>Office costs</b>		66,307	92,335	92,969
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>640,227</b>	<b>727,631</b>	<b>688,050</b>

- (1) Position financed by the Italian Ministry of the Environment, from its voluntary contribution to MTF for REMPEC (Euro 60,000/ year for three (3) years (2006-2008) with a possibility of extension on the condition that it would be utilised for the recruitment of a Programme Officer of Italian nationality. The difference which is required to cover the balance on salary for a P3 Officer is financed by MTF.
- (2) Although the post of Administrator will be financed from SAFEMED project in the years 2006-2008, the post of Administrative Officer (P1) as adopted by the 13th Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be retained "per memory" and the amount which was provided by MTF in 2004-2005 is utilized to cover the balance on salary for the P3 level post.
- (3) Post totally covered by the EC-SAFEMED project (2006-2008)
- (4) At the time the proposed budget was prepared a "salary survey" carried out by IMO and HR-UN NY was in progress. The outcome is expected to be presented to REMPEC in the third quarter of 2005. However, it is envisaged that the outcome might effect the general service staff salaries by +7% +8%.

**4. BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)**  
**Sophia Antipolis, France**

		Approved Budget (in €)		Proposed Budget (in €)	
		2005		2006	2007
		MTF		MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m				
Director (a)	12	-			
Deputy Director (a)	12	-			
Environmental Economist	12	114,400	96,000	98,400	
Territorial Analysis and Prospective Expert	12	93,500	77,100	79,000	
Statistics and Indicators Expert (b)	12	61,600	66,700	91,100	
Institutions and Environment Expert (b)	12	5,500	25,400	26,000	
GIS, Data Base and Computing Expert (c)	12	-	-	-	
Environment, Transport and Energy Expert (a)	12	-	-	-	
Administrative and Finance Officer (b)	12	66,000	69,000	70,800	
Cartography and computing Expert (c)	12	-	-	-	
Water Expert (d)	12	-	-	-	
Statistician, Project Manager (c)	12	-	-	-	
Statistician, Deputy Project Manager (c)	12	-	-	-	
Senior Expert, Project Manager for "Mediterranean Forests and Sustainable Development" project (a)	12	-	-	-	
FAO Expert for "Mediterranean Forests and Sustainable Development" project (e)	12	-	-	-	
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>341,000</b>	<b>334,200</b>	<b>365,300</b>	
<b>Administrative Support</b>					
Data Collection Assistant/Senior Secretary	12	56,100	42,500	43,600	
Bilingual Secretary/ Assistant to Head of office	12	56,100	49,000	50,100	
Bilingual Secretary	12	-	39,300	40,400	
Project Secretary (b)	12	-	-	-	
Documentation Officer (a)	12	-	-	-	
Temporary Assistance		17,600	4,000	4,000	
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>129,800</b>	<b>134,800</b>	<b>138,100</b>	
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		37,400	31,486	31,485	
<b>Office and Operating costs</b>		49,500	50,750	50,750	
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>557,700</b>	<b>551,236</b>	<b>585,635</b>	

(a) Seconded or financed by the French Government

(b) Covered by other projects and funds

(c) Covered by other projects for 2006-2007

(d) Seconded by the Kingdom of Morocco

(e) Seconded by the FAO



5. **PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)**  
**Split, Croatia**

		Approved Budget (in €)	Proposed Budget (in €)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director	12	60,500	63,500	66,500
Deputy Director	12	45,100	47,300	49,600
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>105,600</b>	<b>110,800</b>	<b>116,100</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
Senior Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	31,900	33,500	35,000
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	30,800	32,300	33,900
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	30,800	32,300	33,900
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	30,800	32,300	33,900
Administrative Assistant	12	30,800	32,300	33,900
Financial Assistant	12	30,800	32,300	33,900
Temporary Assistance		16,500	17,000	17,000
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>202,400</b>	<b>212,000</b>	<b>221,500</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		<b>44,400</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Office costs</b>		<b>81,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>433,400</b>	<b>452,800</b>	<b>467,600</b>

**6. SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)  
Tunis, Tunisia**

		Approved Budget (in €)	Proposed Budget (in €)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director	12	37,950	39,847	41,839
Scientific Director	12	50,600	53,130	55,787
Expert	12	19,250	20,213	21,223
Expert	12	71,500	68,000	71,400
Expert	12		15,000	15,750
Expert	12		14,000	14,700
Administrative Officer	12	27,000	28,350	29,768
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>206,300</b>	<b>238,540</b>	<b>250,467</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
Administrative Assistant	12	-	12,000	12,600
Bilingual Secretary	12	13,750	12,600	13,230
Bilingual Secretary	12	13,750	12,600	13,230
Driver	12	7,700	8,085	8,489
Finance Officer	12	2,200	3,000	3,000
Cleaner	12			
Caretaker	12			
Temporary Assistance		25,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>62,400</b>	<b>58,285</b>	<b>60,549</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		31,900	36,000	36,000
<b>Office costs</b>		59,400	41,000	41,465
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>360,000</b>	<b>373,825</b>	<b>388,481</b>

**7. ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)  
Palermo, Italy**

	Proposed Budget (in €)			
	2006		2007	
	MTF	ITALY	MTF	ITALY
Director General		90,000		90,000
Employees and Consultants		280,000		280,000
Legal and Administrative costs		40,000		40,000
Office costs		40,000		40,000
Travel on Official Business		50,000		50,000
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>500,000</b>		<b>500,000</b>

\* Personnel and Operating Costs are fully funded under the counterpart contribution of Italy.

**8. CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)  
Barcelona, Spain**

	Proposed Budget (in €)	
	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>	*	*

\* Personnel and Operating Costs are fully funded by the Spanish Government.

**APPENDIX I**

**BUDGET FOR 2006 –2007 IN U S DOLLARS**



**SUMMARY OF BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS (in USD\*)**

	Approved Budget (in USD)		Proposed Budget (in USD)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>I. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS</b>				
1. COORDINATING UNIT, Athens, Greece				
- Secretariat's Personnel and Operating Costs	780,972	744,704	770,913	770,914
- MEDPOL Personnel	427,995	436,180	478,105	481,294
- Operating Costs covered by the Greek Counterpart Contribution	502,857	502,857	530,760	530,760
2. MEDPOL COOPERATING AGENCIES	279,335	280,997	294,358	297,066
3. REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC)	743,026	731,688	877,721	829,976
4. BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)	629,829	637,371	664,940	706,435
5. PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)	482,743	495,314	546,200	564,053
6. SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE SPA/RAC)	411,429	411,429	450,935	468,614
7. ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)	0	0	0	0
8. CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	4,258,185	4,240,539	4,613,932	4,649,112
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS**	488,193	485,899	530,812	535,386
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>4,746,378</b>	<b>4,726,438</b>	<b>5,144,744</b>	<b>5,184,498</b>

\* The exchange rate used in this Annex 1 USD = 0.829 € the Official U.N exchange rate as at July 2005.

\*\* The Programme Support Costs of 13% is not charged to the Greek Counterpart Contribution.

**ACTIVITIES (in USD\*):**

	Approved Budget (in USD)		Proposed Budget (in USD)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>II. ACTIVITIES</b>				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	836,046	739,745	883,819	818,408
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	1,321,032	1,292,461	1,296,405	1,248,227
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	426,175	353,603	431,846	386,007
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	482,738	484,224	421,587	393,964
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	350,745	317,601	385,850	408,036
SUB-TOTAL	3,416,736	3,187,634	3,419,508	3,254,642
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (13%)	385,264	355,481	384,081	362,648
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES FUNDED</b>	<b>3,802,000</b>	<b>3,543,115</b>	<b>3,803,589</b>	<b>3,617,290</b>

	Approved Budget (in USD)		Proposed Budget (in USD)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
A. ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE MTF (excluding the EC voluntary contribution)				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	753,760	633,459	797,571	705,621
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	1,282,175	1,215,889	1,215,320	1,207,479
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	254,746	227,889	226,779	229,192
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	216,118	218,175	209,533	148,134
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	255,317	237,601	279,361	273,271
SUB-TOTAL	2,762,115	2,533,014	2,728,563	2,563,697
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (13%)	355,806	326,023	352,988	331,556
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES FUNDED THROUGH THE MTF</b>	<b>3,117,922</b>	<b>2,859,037</b>	<b>3,081,552</b>	<b>2,895,253</b>

	Approved Budget (in USD)		Proposed Budget (in USD)	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
B. ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE EC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION				
1. PROGRAMME COORDINATION	82,286	106,286	86,248	112,786
2. POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL	38,857	76,571	81,086	40,748
3. PROTECTION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	171,429	125,714	205,066	156,815
4. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES	266,621	266,049	212,054	245,830
5. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT	95,429	80,000	106,490	134,765
SUB-TOTAL	654,621	654,621	690,945	690,945
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (4.5%)	29,458	29,458	31,093	31,093
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE EC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>684,078</b>	<b>684,078</b>	<b>722,037</b>	<b>722,037</b>

\* The exchange rate used in this Annex 1 USD = 0.829 € the Official U.N exchange rate as at July 2005.



**AGGREGATE BUDGET COVERING ACTIVITIES , ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS  
FOR THE COORDINATING UNIT AND THE CENTRES (in USD):**

	Approved Budget (in US \$ )		Proposed Budget (in US \$ )	
	2004	2005	2006	2007
COORDINATING UNIT, Athens, Greece				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	836,046	739,745	883,819	818,408
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	1,711,824	1,683,741	1,779,778	1,782,968
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547,870</b>	<b>2,423,486</b>	<b>2,663,597</b>	<b>2,601,375</b>
MEDPOL				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	931,429	937,143	1,038,866	921,327
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS MEDPOL COOPERATING AGENCIES	279,335	280,997	294,358	297,066
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,210,763</b>	<b>1,218,140</b>	<b>1,333,224</b>	<b>1,218,393</b>
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	366,746	332,461	257,539	326,900
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	743,026	731,688	877,721	829,976
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,109,772</b>	<b>1,064,148</b>	<b>1,135,261</b>	<b>1,156,876</b>
BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	323,888	281,030	306,236	295,973
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	629,829	637,371	664,940	706,435
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953,717</b>	<b>918,401</b>	<b>971,176</b>	<b>1,002,409</b>
PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	434,167	445,367	421,587	426,413
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	482,743	495,314	546,200	564,053
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>916,910</b>	<b>940,681</b>	<b>967,788</b>	<b>990,466</b>
SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	449,032	376,461	431,846	386,007
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	411,429	411,429	450,935	468,614
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>860,461</b>	<b>787,889</b>	<b>882,780</b>	<b>854,621</b>
ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	75,429	75,429	79,614	79,614
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,429</b>	<b>75,429</b>	<b>79,614</b>	<b>79,614</b>
CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)				
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS	873,457	841,380	914,893	898,034
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,548,378</b>	<b>8,269,554</b>	<b>8,948,333</b>	<b>8,801,788</b>

**SOURCES OF FINANCING (in USD):**

<b>A. Income</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
MTF Contributions	6,703,591	6,703,591
Greek Counterpart Contribution	530,760	530,760
UNEP Counterpart Contribution	20,000	20,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>7,254,350</b>	<b>7,254,350</b>
Unpaid Pledges for 2004/05 and prior years (average estimate)	1,326,900	
Bank Interest 2005-2006 (estimate)	470,446	
<b>Total expected income</b>	<b>16,306,047</b>	
<b>B. Commitments</b>		
Commitments	7,342,495	7,212,809
Programme Support Costs	883,801	866,941
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>16,306,046</b>	

<b>A. Income</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Voluntary Contribution of EC	722,037	722,037
<b>B. Commitments</b>		
Activities funded through the EC Voluntary Contribution	690,945	690,945
Programme Support Costs (4.5 %)	31,093	31,093
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>722,037</b>	<b>722,037</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2006-2007 (in USD):**

Contracting Parties	%	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2005 (in USD)	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2006 (in USD)	Ordinary Contributions to MTF for 2007 (in USD)
Albania	0.07	4,431	4,677	4,677
Algeria	1.05	66,472	70,161	70,161
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.30	18,993	20,047	20,047
Croatia	0.97	61,406	64,814	64,814
Cyprus	0.14	8,863	9,355	9,355
EC	2.49	158,267	167,049	167,049
Egypt	0.49	31,021	32,742	32,742
France	37.85	2,403,728	2,537,108	2,537,108
Greece	2.80	177,889	187,760	187,760
Israel	1.47	93,059	98,223	98,223
Italy	31.27	1,985,909	2,096,104	2,096,104
Lebanon	0.07	4,431	4,677	4,677
Libya	1.96	124,714	131,634	131,634
Malta	0.07	4,431	4,677	4,677
Monaco	0.07	4,431	4,677	4,677
Morocco	0.28	17,726	18,710	18,710
Serbia and Montenegro	0.32	20,571	21,713	21,713
Slovenia	0.67	42,415	44,768	44,768
Spain	14.94	948,957	1,001,613	1,001,613
Syria	0.28	17,726	18,710	18,710
Tunisia	0.21	13,294	14,032	14,032
Turkey	2.24	142,439	150,342	150,342
<b>Sub-total</b>	100.00	6,351,173	6,703,591	6,703,591
Host Country(Greece)		502,857	530,760	530,760
UNEP Environment Fund		20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>6,874,030</b>	<b>7,254,350</b>	<b>7,254,350</b>

**Estimated Counterpart Contributions in Cash/Kind of Contracting Parties hosting Regional Activity Centres and of the U.N. Agencies participating in the MEDPOL Programme. The amounts have been provided to UNEP by the respective Centres and Agencies.**

<b>Countries</b>		2006 (,000 USD)	2007 (,000 USD)
Croatia	PAP/RAC	193	175
France	BP/RAC	866	866
Italy	ERS/RAC	1,206	1,206
Malta	REMPEC	84	84
Spain	CP/RAC	784 *	784 *
Tunisia	SPA/RAC	109	109
<b>U.N. Agencies</b>			
WHO	MED POL	109	109
IAEA	MED POL	241	241

\* Tentative figures, subjected to the approval of the Spanish Government that supports directly CP/RAC activities.

## I. COORDINATION

### I.A.1 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)							
		2006				2007			
		MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT	MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT
Legal Assistance to the Secretariat	MEDU	14,475				14,475			
Assistance to countries to develop their national legislation and national enforcement of control mechanisms in line with the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the adopted protection measures, and reporting	MEDU	24,125				24,125			
Implementation and Compliance Working Group/Working document	MEDU		13,269				13,269		
Liability and Compensation/Working document	MEDU	9,650				9,650			
Assistance to countries to develop their reporting system	MEDU	48,251		24,125		12,063			
Reporting System Working document and Database	MEDU	12,063				12,063			
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		108,565	13,269	24,125	0	72,376	13,269	0	0

### I.A.2 INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Evaluation of MAP and follow-up	MEDU	24,125		*	24,125		*
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		24,125	0	0	24,125	0	0

\* External funding to be sought.

### I.A.3 MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development: follow up, pilot actions and support to countries and partners	MEDU	24,125	36,188	120,627 *	24,125	36,188	48,251
Implementation of the MCSD "thematic" programme of work: follow up of recommendations and support to countries and partners	MEDU	24,083	12,666	36,188	24,083	12,666	36,188
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		48,209	48,854	156,815	48,209	48,854	84,439

\* Financial support expected from Spain/Azahar Cooperation Programme for the preparation of NSSD in four Mediterranean countries.

#### I.A.4 COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Support to non-governmental organisations and other major actors	MEDU	60,314	13,269		39,807	39,807	
Promotion of regional cooperation	MEDU	12,063			12,063		
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>72,376</b>	<b>13,269</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,870</b>	<b>39,807</b>	<b>0</b>

#### I.A.5 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED WITHIN THE MAP FRAMEWORK

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Regional Workshop and working sessions on the preparation and implementation of the NSSDs and follow up of MSSD implementation	MEDU	36,188		60,314 *		24,125	48,251
Meetings of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)-one per year	MEDU	48,251		72,376 **	54,282		60,314 **
Meetings of the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (one per year)	MEDU	24,125		12,063	24,125		12,063
Meetings of the Bureau (two per year) to review the progress of the Action Plan, advise the Secretariat on matters arisen since the meeting of Contracting Parties, and decide on programme/ budget adjustments	MEDU	60,314			36,188		
Meeting of the MAP National Focal Points to consider the progress of the Action Plan and the 2008-9 programme budget followed by the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to review and approve the 2008-9 programme budget	MEDU				120,627		***
Meeting of the Regional Activity Centres' Directors and the Coordinating Unit for programming and coordination of MAP activities (two per year)	MEDU	12,063			12,063		
Consultation meetings of experts on Liability and Compensation	MEDU	24,125			36,188		
Meetings of the working group on implementation and compliance	MEDU	24,125			24,125		
Meeting on reporting system	MEDU	36,188			36,188		
Presentation Conferences for CAMP projects (participation of RACs)	MEDU	12,063			12,063		
Provision for unforeseen costs related to the organisation of Meetings	MEDU	12,063			12,063		
Extraordinary Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	MEDU			120,627			
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>MEDU</b>	<b>289,505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>265,380</b>	<b>367,913</b>	<b>24,125</b>	<b>120,627</b>

\* Financial support expected from Spain/Azahar Cooperation Programme for a Regional Workshop on NSSDs.

\*\* Financial support expected from Host Country (at least two-thirds of MCSD meeting cost from EU countries and one-third from other countries).

\*\*\* The host country of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties is expected to provide the overall cost.

**I.A.6 INFORMATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Preparation, editing, translation, printing and dissemination of MAP reports, including the upgrading of the MAP website	MEDU	66,345			66,345		
Preparation and printing of information material for the public and the press	MEDU	28,011			18,094		
Preparation, translation, printing and dissemination of the MAP magazine MedWaves (Arabic, English and French)	MEDU	42,220			30,157		
Workshops for Mediterranean Communication Professionals on MAP fields of activity	MEDU	36,188					
Events and material to promote MAP visibility and to commemorate the 30 year Anniversary of the adoption of the Barcelona Convention	MEDU	12,063					
Support to Information and Communication Activities and Public Awareness through the Media	MEDU	36,188					
Assistance to countries for the promotion of Public Participation (implementation of Article 15 of the Barcelona Convention)	MEDU	6,031			3,613		
Preparation and printing of MAP Technical Reports Series (MTS)	MEDU	8,444			3,619		
Library Services	MEDU	6,031			6,031		
<b>SUB-TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		241,521	0	0	127,859	0	0

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)							
		2006				2007			
		MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT	MTF	UNEP	EC	EXT
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION</b>		784,302	13,269	86,248	422,195	692,352	13,269	112,786	205,066

**II. COMPONENTS**

**II.A POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<b>A. LAND BASED POLLUTION: <u>Implementation of SAP/LBS Protocol</u></b>							
Assistance to countries for the implementation of NAPs including capacity building	MEDPOL	42,220	40,072	12,063 (a)		26,273	12,063 (a)
Assistance to countries to facilitate transfer of technology for the implementation of NAPs	MEDPOL	24,125		6,031 (a)	24,125		
Feasibility study of the application of the principle of burden sharing in pollution reduction	MEDPOL	12,063		6,031 (a)	12,063		24,125 (a)
Preparation and implementation of mechanisms for the financial sustainability of SAP	MEDPOL	12,063		24,125 (a)			
Preparation of Regional Plans for pollution reduction	MEDPOL	48,251			12,063		
Preparation of documents/guides for the appropriate management of municipal waste water (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	36,188		9,650 (b)	36,188		
Assistance to countries for the environmentally sound management of municipal sewage (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	16,888			24,125		
Assistance to countries for the implementation of marine litter management Guidelines	MEDPOL	12,063		12,063 (a)	12,063		12,063 (a)
Pilot projects on energy efficiency and renewable energy in the framework of SAP	MEDPOL	12,063		24,125 (c)	12,063		
Review and assessment of the monitoring programme as tool for the SAP implementation	MEDPOL	12,063		6,031 (a)			
Assistance to countries for the formulation/implementation of national monitoring programmes	MEDPOL	156,815			156,815		
Assistance to countries for formulation and implementation of Eutrophication monitoring programmes	MEDPOL	24,125			24,125		
Preparation of updated assessment of eutrophication	MEDPOL	12,063					
Launch of baseline surveys at the sub-regional scale	MEDPOL	30,157		48,251 (c)	30,157		48,251 (c)
Data Quality Assurance (chemical parameters) (IAEA/MEL)	MEDPOL	132,690			132,690		
Data Quality Assurance (Bio-monitoring)	MEDPOL	18,094			18,094		
Assistance to countries for the preparation of beach profiles and other activities related to bathing water criteria (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	24,125		12,063 (b)	36,188		12,063 (b)



ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Preparation of updated assessment of shellfish growing waters (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	14,475					
Assessment of health-related risks associated to tourist establishments (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	14,475			24,125		8,444 (b)
Maintenance of MED POL database and preparation of Information System	MEDPOL	18,094		36,188 (d)	12,063		24,125 (d)
Studies and research on emerging issues related to marine pollution	MEDPOL	36,188			24,125		
Assistance to countries for environmental inspection systems (WHO/MED POL)	MEDPOL	30,157		12,063 (a)	18,094		
Finalization of SAP Reporting System	MEDPOL	12,063			12,063		
Assistance to countries for the launch of PRTRs	MEDPOL	24,125			12,063		
Training and Fellowships	MEDPOL	24,125			24,125		
Development of marine pollution indicators	MEDPOL	21,713	26,538				
<b>Dumping Protocol</b> Preparation of assessment of dumping of ordonance	MEDPOL	12,063					
Assistance to countries for the implementation of Dumping Protocol & its guidelines	MEDPOL	30,157			8,444		
<b>Hazardous Wastes Protocol</b> Launching of pilot projects for the management of hazardous wastes	MEDPOL	24,125			24,125		
<b>Coordination and policy</b> MED POL National Coordinators Meeting	MEDPOL				48,251		12,063 (c)
Preparation of operational details of MED POL Phase IV	MEDPOL	24,125			24,125		
Ad hoc Meeting of MEDPOL National Coordinators to discuss MED POL Phase IV operational aspects, information system and elements for future legally-binding text on measures and timetables	MEDPOL						72,376
Project on the application of the ecosystem approach	MEDPOL	12,063		72,376 (e)	12,063		24,125 (e)
Preparation of elements for the future legally binding SAP	MEDPOL	12,063			12,063		
Government-designated Meeting of Experts to review implementation of monitoring activities	MEDPOL				48,251		12,063 (c)
Meeting of Network on compliance & enforcement (WHO/MEDPOL)	MEDPOL				48,251		12,063 (c)
Regional Workshop on marine litter management	MEDPOL	12,063		48,251 (f)			
Regional Workshop on financial sustainability of SAP	MEDPOL	12,063		48,251 (f)			
Assistance to countries to facilitate ratification of LBS, Dumping and Hazardous Waste Protocols	MEDPOL	12,063			12,063		

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<b>B. SEA BASED POLLUTION</b> <b>Pollution Prevention/Control</b> Preparation by consultants of a study concerning the level of enforcement in the Mediterranean region of international regulations concerning prevention and control of operational pollution complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	19,300					
Development of comprehensive guidelines for the application of principles underlying the sustainable development and respect for the environment by pleasure craft activities in the Mediterranean Sea	REMPEC	16,888					
Assistance to individual countries on specific issues, upon their request	REMPEC	12,063			12,063		
Preparation by consultants or consultancy firms of national legal acts, contingency plans, equipment lists, proposals for national spill response centres, training programmes, and other related technical or legal documents	REMPEC	27,744			24,125		
Provision by consultants or consultancy firms of requested advisory services to individual countries or groups of countries, aimed at development, improving and maintaining their local, national and sub-regional systems and operational agreements for prevention of, preparedness for and response to marine pollution incidents	REMPEC	24,125			15,682	14,475	
Development and upgrading of technical and decision support tools, in particular sensitivity maps, spill forecasting models and databases	REMPEC	3,619	14,475				
Maintaining the level of preparedness of the Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU), for assisting the CPs in case of emergency	REMPEC	1,206					
Development of REMPEC information system (website, interactive databases)	REMPEC	16,285			14,475		
Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on places of refuge for ships in distress (Complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	48,251					
Organization and delivery of a regional training activity on 2001 Bunker Convention (Complementing SAFEMED)	REMPEC	48,251					
Organization and delivery of a regional training course / exercise (MEDIPOL/MEDEXPOL)	REMPEC				90,470		

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Organization and delivery of a regional workshop on regional partnership for enforcement of maritime regulations on operational pollution (Complementing CLEANMED)	REMPEC				36,188		
Support to the organization and delivery of a national training courses on oil spill response	REMPEC	9,650			8,444		
Support to the organization and delivery of national training courses on prevention of pollution from ships	REMPEC	9,650			8,444		
Participation in a full scale exercise involving deployment of equipment	REMPEC			*			*
Support to the organisation and delivery of a seminar for presentation of the results of the project on Arial and Satellite Surveillance of operational pollution in the Adriatic Sea (ASEOP)	REMPEC			*			
8th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points	REMPEC				96,502		
Meeting on guidelines for pleasure craft activities	REMPEC			*			
Meeting of Contracting Parties' representatives and potential donors to identify possible external sources of financing for the implementation of the Regional Strategy	REMPEC						*
Supporting the organization of joint activities aimed at revision, completion or updating of sub-regional operational agreements in the Mediterranean (Meeting of National Operational Authorities)	REMPEC	6,031			6,031		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		1,215,320	81,086	377,563	1,207,479	40,748	273,824

**Note:** (a) = GEF; (b) = WHO; (c) = Host country; (d) = ERS/RAC; (e) = EC;  
(f) = GEF and host country

\* External sources/ additional donors to be identified

**II.B BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<u>Implementation of Action Plans</u> Monk seal, Marine Turtles, Cetaceans, Marine vegetation, Cartilaginous fishes, Birds, Invasive species	SPA/RAC	42,220	126,659		12,063	114,596	
<u>Marine Protected Areas</u> Support to the countries for strengthening existing MPAs and creation of new MPAs Preparation of an "evaluation procedure" of the SPAMIs and evaluation test on two voluntary SPAMIs	SPA/RAC	63,932			42,220		
<u>Biodiversity Data Management:</u> Data collection: inventory of sites of conservation interest using the FSD and GIS Data management : improvement and development of RAC/SPA's directories and databases Data circulation : (i) Development of MedGIS for the management and exchange of data, and as a link in between the RACs of MAP (ii) Implement the regional Clearing House Mechanism and assist countries to develop their national CHM	SPA/RAC	48,251			42,220		
<u>SAP BIO</u> Implementation of the SAP BIO in the frame of PDF B Support countries to start the implementation of NAPs	SPA/RAC	36,188			48,251		
<u>Amendment of the Annex II and III of SPA Protocol</u> Finalize the criteria for adoption by the Contracting Parties and prepare an annotated format for proposal of amendments <u>Taxonomy:</u> (i) Support the preparation of new guides and/or update of existing guides (ii) Support the training in taxonomy (iii) Organize a Mediterranean workshop <u>Capacity Building:</u> Support training courses on the scientific and technical aspects of conservation of the natural heritage <u>Protection of coralligenous, other calcareous bio-concretions and corals:</u> (i) Identify the priorities with a group of experts (ii) Elaborate a work programme with concrete actions to be submitted to the next NFP meeting	SPA/RAC	36,188	78,408		12,063	42,220	
Meeting of SPAs National Focal Points	SPA/RAC				72,376		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		226,779	205,066	0	229,192	156,815	0

## II.C SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL ZONES

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Systemic and prospective analysis of the coastal regions and the connected information systems. Contribution to the CAP of the MAP	BP/RAC		36,188			36,188	
<u>MAP CAMPs:</u> Co-ordinating role; implementation of ICAM activities in Cyprus, Slovenia and Spain; natural resources management; participatory programmes; data management; capacity building; environmental assessment; sustainable urban management; CCA for tourism; preparation of ICAM strategies, programmes and plans; implementation of economic instruments for coastal zone management as a follow-up to SAP MED; integration of activities; preparation of final integrated reports; preparation of bankable projects as a follow-up of CAMP activities; preparatory activities for CAMP projects in Morocco, and Serbia and Montenegro	PAP/RAC	17,138	139,678	723,764	7,487	149,328	723,764
Capacity building of stakeholders in CAMPs	PAP/RAC		24,125			24,125	
<u>ICAM:</u> Improvement and implementation of the internet-based open training course on ICAM (MedOpen); training documents, case studies, selection of candidates, helpdesk, discussion groups, basic and advanced courses, examinations; implementation of the Educom@Med master's degree course on integrated coastal area management	PAP/RAC	3,619			3,619		
Regional workshop to discuss and adopt the good practices guidelines on beach management in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC				27,744		
Regional workshop to propose measures to improve spatial planning in Mediterranean coastal areas	PAP/RAC				30,876		
Implementation of the Strategy on integrated coastal management and CAMPs in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC		12,063		12,063		
Preparation of the final text of the Protocol for ICAM through a series of expert meetings and stakeholder forums	PAP/RAC	48,251		72,376		36,188	84,439
Assistance to Mediterranean countries in application of ICAM and ICARM methodologies: application/development of tools and instruments for ICAM - marine spatial planning, SEA, coastal hazard assessment and risk management, coastal information systems, land and sea use planning systems, vulnerability studies	PAP/RAC	24,125		36,188	24,125		36,188
Preparation of the good practices guidelines for beach management in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC	12,063					

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Preparation of the analysis of the spatial planning systems in Mediterranean coastal regions	PAP/RAC	18,094					
Assistance to Mediterranean countries in preparing their national reports on coastal management (Albania, Egypt)	PAP/RAC	6,031			6,031		
Implementation of SMAP (EU project on ICZM); raising awareness, enabling implementation of activities*	PAP/RAC	30,519	*	361,882			
Implementation of thematic studies with a view to development and application of landscape management methodologies and tools in Mediterranean coastal areas	PAP/RAC	18,094					
Update and improvement of the Regional clearing house mechanism for documentation, information dissemination and awareness on coastal area management initiatives in the Mediterranean countries	PAP/RAC	6,031			6,031		
Regional training to introduce methodologies and tools for landscape management; landscape planning, vulnerability studies, landscape typology	PAP/RAC	25,568		18,094			
National Focal Points Meeting of PAP/RAC (jointly with ERS/RAC and BP/RAC)	PAP/RAC				30,157		
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>209,533</b>	<b>212,054</b>	<b>1,212,304</b>	<b>148,134</b>	<b>245,830</b>	<b>844,391</b>

\* Pending decision EU.

**II.D INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
<u>Integrating Environment and Development. Indicators and Policies</u> Training courses and support mission / Training in the countries	BP/RAC	74,789			24,125		
<u>National evaluations (indicators and policies)</u> In the priority themes (Water, Energy, Rural Development) and Regional expertise	BP/RAC	43,426	43,426	43,718	36,188	36,188	
Experts meeting on the priority themes	BP/RAC	43,426				43,426	
<u>Regional Workshop on water demand management</u>	BP/RAC				6,876	31,025	72,376
SilvaMediterranea programme for the FAO	BP/RAC			54,282			54,282
<u>Indicators and Statistics</u> Coastal zones indicators selection and research. Coastal zones indicators selection and research in connection with the other components of the MAP. Experts meeting.	BP/RAC		21,713		21,713		
Euro-Mediterranean project MEDSTAT Environment	BP/RAC			150,784			*
Feasibility study of a Maritime Transport Statistics Observatory in collaboration with REMPEC.	BP/RAC	6,031					
Contribution to the Safe Med project head by REMPEC	BP/RAC			*			*
<u>Communication, translation and valorisation of the by-products</u> Conception, translation and publishing of communication supports (policy briefs, dossier, web sites) and dissemination	BP/RAC	20,012	17,226	24,125	18,024		
BP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	BP/RAC				42,220		
Implementation of the recommendations of the MCSD Working Group on Urban Management and SD: awareness raising, regional exchange of experience	PAP/RAC	6,031			6,031		
Assistance to countries in implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)	PAP/RAC	6,031			6,031		
Assistance to countries in development and preparation of strategies and management plans to combat land degradation (e.g. soil erosion/desertification control)	PAP/RAC		24,125			24,125	

ACTIVITY	OFFICE	Proposed Budget (in USD)					
		2006			2007		
		MTF	EC	EXT	MTF	EC	EXT
Regional TC on application of guidelines for sustainable urban water resources management in French	PAP/RAC				16,767		6,031
Regional TC to implement the Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Assessment for Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean	PAP/RAC				15,682		6,031
Workshop and activities for the identification of Mediterranean Community user-segments and needs and information retrieval from the "MAP Info System". Identification of a management system for the integration of environmental data collected through advanced GIS and remote sensing techniques	ERS/RAC	12,063		84,439 **	24,125		72,376 **
Execute a system design process to establish a common information management infrastructure (MAP Info) to facilitate and supports IC activities across MAP	ERS/RAC	12,063		96,502 **	19,300		48,251 **
Enhance and strengthen partnerships for promoting public participation and raising awareness of the objectives and activities of MAP and the Barcelona Convention	ERS/RAC	19,300		60,314 **	24,125		36,188 **
Execute and promote the Mediterranean Environmental Award as an annual event and ensure maximum and positive media/public exposure for the Award, MAP and the priority environmental concerns of the Mediterranean basin	ERS/RAC	24,125		301,568 **	12,063		301,568 **
Workshop and activities for the preparation of a strategic information and communication strategy for the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development-MSSD. To support Blu Plan's effort for the dissemination of RED (translations, audiovisual products...)	ERS/RAC	12,063		60,314 **			24,125 **
Organise the National Focal Points Meeting of INFORAC (Italy) ***	ERS/RAC						60,314 **
Provide assistance to the Secretariat and to the country selected to host the COPs in the drafting and implementation of an information and communication plan; including the implementation, the management and promotion of the official Contracting Parties website	ERS/RAC						60,314 **
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>		279,361	106,490	876,046	273,271	134,765	741,858

\* Pending financing decision.

\*\* Funds to be provided by the Italian Government.

\*\*\* The Joint FP meeting, to be cost-shared by the 3 RACs, is expected to be organized in Italy by ERS/RAC on behalf of the three RACs; however, the organization of such meeting depends on the relevant decision of the MAP FP.



**III. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS**

**1. COORDINATING UNIT (including MED POL), Athens, Greece**

	Approved Budget (in USD)			Proposed Budget (in USD)			
		2005		2006		2007	
		MTF	GREEK CP	MTF	GREEK CP	MTF	GREEK CP
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m						
Coordinator - D.2	12	154,345		162,910		162,910	
Deputy Coordinator - D.1	12	155,437		164,062		164,062	
Programme Officer - P.4	12	110,317		116,439		116,439	
Admin/Fund Management Officer - P.4	12	*		*		*	
MEDPOL Coordinator - P.5/D1	12	138,195		156,098		156,098	
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	112,745		119,001		119,001	
MEDPOL Programme Officer - P.4	12	103,035		108,753		108,752	
Information Officer - P.3	12	105,462		100,121		100,121	
ICT Officer - P.4	12	-		**		**	
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>879,536</b>		<b>927,382</b>		<b>927,383</b>	
<b>Administrative Support (b)</b>							
Meeting Services Assistant - G.7	12			*	*	*	
Senior Secretary - G.5	12		33,088		35,878		37,179
Administrative Clerk - G.5/G.6	12	*		*		*	
Computer Operations Assistant - G.6	12	*		*		*	
Budget Assistant - G.6 /G.7	12	*		*		*	
Administrative Assistant - G.6	12	*		*		*	
Library Assistant - G.6	12		37,207		44,688		45,304
Administrative Assistant. G.6	12		36,572	***		***	
Programme Assistant- G.5	12		30,310		38,045		39,345
Secretary - G.4/G.5	12		26,921		33,277		34,578
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.5	12	33,058		40,211		41,078	
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4	12	26,921		29,101		30,262	
Secretary (MEDPOL) - G.4	12	22,225		24,941		26,103	
Administrative Clerk - G.4/ G.5	12	*		*		*	
Administrative Clerk - G.4	12	*		*		*	
Information Assistant - G.5	12		27,561		32,736		34,036
Administrative Clerk - G.5	12	*		*		*	
Temporary Assistance****		11,429		12,063		12,063	
Training of MEDU Staff		12,000		12,063		12,063	
Overtime		10,000		9,650		9,650	
Hospitality		14,286		12,666		12,666	
<b>Total Administrative support</b>		<b>129,919</b>	<b>191,659</b>	<b>140,695</b>	<b>184,623</b>	<b>143,884</b>	<b>190,441</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		171,429		180,941		180,941	
<b>Office Costs</b>							
Rental			177,257		186,972		186,972
Other Office costs (including sundry)			133,941		159,164		153,346
<b>Total Office costs</b>		0	311,198	0	346,136	0	340,318
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>1,180,884</b>	<b>502,857</b>	<b>1,249,018</b>	<b>530,760</b>	<b>1,252,208</b>	<b>530,760</b>

\* Paid under Programme Support Costs.

\*\* Funded through MTF contingency fund.

\*\*\* To be paid from Programme Support Costs.

\*\*\*\* For 2006, the post of Security Assistant will be funded with Euro 27,700 from the MTF revolving fund. UNHCR will contribute to the cost.

## 2. MED POL COOPERATING AGENCIES

		Approved Budget (in USD)	Proposed Budget (in USD)	
			2005	2006
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
WHO Programme Officer/Senior Scientist, MAP Coordinating Unit (Athens) P.5	12	138,195	145,864	145,864
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>138,195</b>	<b>145,864</b>	<b>145,864</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
WHO Secretary MAP Coordinating Unit (Athens) G.5	12	33,059	40,723	41,482
IAEA Laboratory Assistant MEL (Monaco) G.6	12	65,400	71,583	73,532
IOC Temporary Assistance - IOC/HQ (Paris)		6,286		
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>104,745</b>	<b>112,306</b>	<b>115,014</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>				
WHO (Athens)		17,143	18,094	18,094
IAEA (Monaco)		17,143	18,094	18,094
IOC of UNESCO (Paris)		3,771		
<b>Total Travel</b>		<b>38,057</b>	<b>36,188</b>	<b>36,188</b>
<b>Office costs</b>		*	*	*
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>280,997</b>	<b>294,358</b>	<b>297,066</b>

\* Office costs incurred by WHO staff stationed in the Coordinating Unit in Athens are covered by the MED Unit office costs. Office costs incurred by all agencies at their own Headquarters or Regional Offices are covered by the respective agencies as part of their counterpart contributions.

**3. REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (REMPEC) Valletta, Malta  
Cooperating Agency IMO**

		Approved Budget (in USD)	Proposed Budget (in USD)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director - D.1	12	152,480	173,251	151,602
Programme Officer (OPRC) – P5	12	138,195	150,385	126,862
Programme Officer (MEP) - P4	12	100,607	105,007	107,222
Programme Officer (PREV) - P4	12	98,284	112,055	114,270
Programme Officer - P3 (1)	12	-	28,347	30,157
Administrative Officer (P.1) (2)	12	25,333	-	-
Programme Officer - L4 (3)	12	-	-	-
Programme Officer - L3 (3)	12	-	-	-
Administrator - L3 (3)	12	-	-	-
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>514,898</b>	<b>569,046</b>	<b>530,113</b>
<b>Administrative Support (4)</b>				
Administrative Assistant - G.7	*	-	11,198	11,761
Information Assistant - G.7	12	22,667	27,977	27,977
Assistant to the Director - G.7	12	18,651	23,483	24,049
Clerk/Secretary - G.4	12	18,498	19,708	20,147
Secretary - G.5	12	16,981	23,286	23,760
Technical Assistant/Logistics - G.4	12	18,498	19,267	19,708
Administrative Assistant - G.6 (3)	12	-	-	-
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>95,296</b>	<b>124,918</b>	<b>127,403</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		<b>45,714</b>	<b>72,376</b>	<b>60,314</b>
<b>Office costs</b>		<b>75,779</b>	<b>111,381</b>	<b>112,146</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>731,688</b>	<b>877,721</b>	<b>829,976</b>

- (1) Position financed by the Italian Ministry of the Environment, from its voluntary contribution to MTF for REMPEC (Euro 60,000/ year for three (3) years (2006-2008) with a possibility of extension on the condition that it would be utilised for the recruitment of a Programme Officer of Italian nationality. The difference which is required to cover the balance on salary for a P3 Officer is financed by MTF.
- (2) Although the post of Administrator will be financed from SAFEMED project in the years 2006-2008, the post of Administrative Officer (P1) as adopted by the 13th Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be retained "per memory" and the amount which was provided by MTF in 2004-2005 is utilized to cover the balance on salary for the P3 level post.
- (3) Post totally covered by the EC-SAFEMED project (2006-2008)
- (4) At the time the proposed budget was prepared a "salary survey" carried out by IMO and HR-UN NY was in progress. The outcome is expected to be presented to REMPEC in the third quarter of 2005. However, it is envisaged that the outcome might effect the general service staff salaries by +7% +8%.

**4. BLUE PLAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (BP/RAC)  
Sophia Antipolis, France**

		Approved Budget (in USD)	Proposed Budget (in USD)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director (a)	12	-		
Deputy Director (a)	12	-		
Environmental Economist	12	130,743	115,802	118,697
Territorial Analysis and Prospective Expert	12	106,857	93,004	95,296
Statistics and Indicators Expert (b)	12	70,400	80,458	109,891
Institutions and Environment Expert (b)	12	6,286	30,639	31,363
GIS, Data Base and Computing Expert (c)	12	-	-	-
Environment, Transport and Energy Expert (a)	12	-	-	-
Administrative and Finance Officer (b)	12	75,429	83,233	85,404
Cartography and computing Expert (c)	12	-	-	-
Water Expert (d)	12	-	-	-
Statistician, Project Manager (c)	12	-	-	-
Statistician, Deputy Project Manager (c)	12	-	-	-
Senior Expert, Project Manager for « Mediterranean Forests and Sustainable Development » project (a)	12	-	-	-
FAO Expert for « Mediterranean Forests and Sustainable Development » project (e)	12	-	-	-
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>389,714</b>	<b>403,136</b>	<b>440,651</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
Data Collection Assistant/Senior Secretary	12	64,114	51,267	52,593
Bilingual Secretary/ Assistant to Head of office	12	64,114	59,107	60,434
Bilingual Secretary	12	-	47,407	48,733
Project Secretary (b)	12	-	-	-
Documentation Officer (a)	12	-	-	-
Temporary Assistance		20,114	4,825	4,825
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>148,343</b>	<b>162,606</b>	<b>166,586</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		<b>42,743</b>	<b>37,979</b>	<b>37,979</b>
<b>Office and Operating costs</b>		<b>56,571</b>	<b>61,218</b>	<b>61,218</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>637,371</b>	<b>664,940</b>	<b>706,435</b>

(a) Seconded or financed by the French Government

(b) Covered by other projects and funds

(c) Covered by other projects for 2006-2007

(d) Seconded by the Kingdom of Morocco

(e) Seconded by the FAO

5. PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (PAP/RAC)  
Split, Croatia

		Approved Budget (in USD)	Proposed Budget (in USD)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>	m/m			
Director	12	69,143	76,598	80,217
Deputy Director	12	51,543	57,057	59,831
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>120,686</b>	<b>133,655</b>	<b>140,048</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
Senior Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	36,457	40,410	42,220
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	35,200	38,963	40,893
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	35,200	38,963	40,893
Assistant to Projects/Translator	12	35,200	38,963	40,893
Administrative Assistant	12	35,200	38,963	40,893
Financial Assistant	12	35,200	38,963	40,893
Temporary Assistance		18,857	20,507	20,507
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>231,314</b>	<b>255,730</b>	<b>267,189</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		50,743	60,314	60,314
<b>Office costs</b>		92,571	96,502	96,502
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>495,314</b>	<b>546,200</b>	<b>564,053</b>

**6. SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (SPA/RAC)  
Tunis, Tunisia**

		Approved Budget (in USD)	Proposed Budget (in USD)	
		2005	2006	2007
		MTF	MTF	MTF
<b>Professional Staff</b>				
Director	m/m	43,371	48,066	50,469
Scientific Director	12	57,829	64,089	67,294
Expert	12	22,000	24,382	25,601
Expert	12	81,714	82,027	86,128
Expert	12		18,094	18,999
Expert	12		16,888	17,732
Administrative Officer	12	30,857	34,198	35,908
<b>Total Professional Staff</b>		<b>235,771</b>	<b>287,744</b>	<b>302,131</b>
<b>Administrative Support</b>				
Administrative Assistant	12	-	14,475	15,199
Bilingual Secretary	12	15,714	15,199	15,959
Bilingual Secretary	12	15,714	15,199	15,959
Driver	12	8,800	9,753	10,240
Finance Officer	12	2,514	3,619	3,619
Cleaner	12			
Caretaker	12			
Temporary Assistance		28,571	12,063	12,063
<b>Total Administrative Support</b>		<b>71,314</b>	<b>70,308</b>	<b>73,039</b>
<b>Travel on Official Business</b>		<b>36,457</b>	<b>43,426</b>	<b>43,426</b>
<b>Office costs</b>		<b>67,886</b>	<b>49,457</b>	<b>50,018</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>411,429</b>	<b>450,935</b>	<b>468,614</b>

**7. ENVIRONMENT REMOTE SENSING REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (ERS/RAC)  
Palermo, Italy**

	<b>Proposed Budget (in USD)</b>			
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2007</b>	
	<b>MTF</b>	<b>ITALY*</b>	<b>MTF</b>	<b>ITALY*</b>
Director General		108,565		108,565
Employees and Consultants		337,756		337,756
Legal and Administrative costs		48,251		48,251
Office costs		48,251		48,251
Travel on Official Business		60,314		60,314
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>		<b>603,136</b>		<b>603,136</b>

\* Personnel and Operating Costs are fully funded under the counterpart contribution of Italy.

**8. CLEANER PRODUCTION REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE (CP/RAC)  
Barcelona, Spain**

	<b>Proposed Budget (in USD)</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL AND OPERATING COSTS</b>	*	*

\* Personnel and Operating Costs are fully funded by the Spanish Government.



## **ANNEX V**

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 14<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA, 8-11 NOVEMBER 2005**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Election of officers
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
  - 2.3 Rules of procedure
  - 2.4 Credentials
3. Adoption of recommendations and the programme budget for 2006-2007
4. Topics for ministerial discussions:
  - 4.1 Report on Environment and Development
  - 4.2 Future orientation of MAP
  - 4.3 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development
  - 4.4 National Action Plans within the framework of the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-based Activities (SAP-MED)
  - 4.5 Conservation of the monk seal
  - 4.6 Portoroz Declaration
5. Date and place of the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure of the meeting